

NOW THAT TWO-BIT BLEACHERS HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED, LET'S ABOLISH TWO-BIT BASEBALL

PROHIBITION, WILL BE EASIER IN 1920; A'S WILL SUPPLY HELP

Straight Soda Water All That's Necessary for Green Elephants' Pictures 'n' Everything at Shibe Park. Mack Orders New Uniforms

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THE sacred elephant will be given another tryout at Shibe Park next season. That well-known animal, which has been sharing the joys and sorrows of our A's for many, MANY years, will have one last chance to show whether he is the goods or only unadulterated hokum.

Way back in 1914 our A's carried their own private elephants on the left sleeves of their shirts. Historians tell us that a pennant was won in that year, which proves that the tamed pachyderms were lucky or something.

For the benefit of those gentlemen who are confident the world came to an end on January 16 and are missing their little playmates which followed a losing battle with the flowing bob, there will be green elephants hung on each and every member of the Athletics.

But it will be a rare treat to fill up on soda water and then go out to Shibe Park and see green elephants. That will take a lot of sting out of prohibition. It also will be much cheaper than in the old days.

Our heroes will be all dolled up this year in new scenery. Connie and Jake got together and designed some entirely new stuff to spring on the natives. The uniforms will be white, with a thin green stripe; green stockings will be worn and also caps of the same color.

THE Mackereis will wear such a thorough, impenetrable disguise that the guardroom of the collar door is likely to think they are strangers and refuse to let them in. The boys will not be sore, because that is one collar they do not care to visit.

Hark Ye! Hark Ye! Connie Talks

CONNIE was in a talkative mood yesterday when seen at his office. He has been busy signing players and arranging games for the spring training trip and now most of the hard work is over.

"The training trip will be the best we ever have taken," he said, as he put away a bundle of railroad guides. "Everybody will be kept busy and each player will receive a thorough tryout. Many games will be played, and when those exhibitions start every day will be taken up. The squad, which will be divided into two teams, will play a total of thirty-four games—seventeen apiece."

"Will all of your men be signed up before you leave for the South?" we interrupted.

"Most of them are signed up now," he replied. "Only a few are left, and I expect them to fall in line in a short time."

"What men are under contract?" we asked.

"Well," retorted Connie with his customary frankness, as he cleared his throat, "the following have signed the papers:

"How many have not yet signed?"

"Not very many," answered the team leader. "Listen while I divulge their names:

This startling information was very refreshing, so we asked for further particulars about the training trip.

"As I said before," resumed Connie, "it will be the best trip we ever have taken. One team will go to Brownsville and play ten straight games with the St. Louis Cardinals. They will be in town nearby and we never will be more than a sleeper ride from Lake Charles. Therefore, I shall be able to send for new players and ship them back."

"There will be no first and second team. Both will be the same. I probably will have charge of the players in the St. Louis series, and either Harry Davis or Danny Murphy will remain in Lake Charles. Many games will be played in the Louisiana city. We will start the trip on March 16 and both teams will meet in Atlanta about April 1."

"WE ARE likely to remain in Atlanta for a week and then travel North by easy stages. We should be in good shape to open the season at Shibe Park."

Ray Puts Out Martin's Light

THE pugilistic aspirations of Bob Martin, heavyweight champion of the A. E. F., met with a severe setback in Cleveland Monday night when Sergeant Ray Smith, one of our local scrappers, knocked him for a goal. Smith copped the decision and, according to reports, outclassed him completely. This was not according to Hoyle, for Martin has been topping over an assortment of hand-picked opponents and gradually was making a big reputation for himself as a knock-outer. Now he will have to do some tall explaining or start all over again, for the victory scored by Smith does not make Bronson's boy look like a championship possibility.

The best-laid plans often become ruined in one evening, and such was the case in this recent scrap. Martin was being groomed as the coming hope of the heavyweights and his manager was ready to step in and claim a bout with Carpenter. Dempsey is in bad now, and as Martin was overseas and qualified as a regular soldier, it looked like a cinch to grab a battle with the Frenchman. All Bob had to do was to knock over a couple of dozen more set-ups and then step out. But he unfortunately mingled with Sergeant Smith and everything has gone fizzle.

There is another A. E. F. battler who looks good. His name is Gene Tunney, and in his bouts thus far showed promise of developing into a good heavyweight. Gene has met a lot of blinbos with much success and soon will be ready for a real scrap. It might be a good thing to get Tunney and Martin together to see which is the best—or worst.

YOUNG BOB FITZSIMMONS made his debut in Jersey City Monday night and his showing was not impressive. He won the bout when the other fellow quit, but those at ringside say he has a long way to go if he hopes to be even one-half as good as his illustrious dad.

Betting in Ball Parks Called Off

OFFICIALS and club owners of the Pacific Coast League have decided to stamp out betting in the ball parks next season, and decided on a unique way of doing it. According to a dispatch from the Far West, all of the well-known gamblers will be barred from the parks. A sort of "Rogues' Gallery" has been planned and the pictures of the betting gentlemen will be hung in conspicuous places near the entrances to the parks, so they can be handed at the gates.

The gambling situation is getting serious in the major leagues. Thousands of dollars are wagered on every game and there has been much scandal about players selling out. Of course, it will be impossible to stop the practice altogether, but something should be done to end the rumors such as were floating around at the last world series.

William Campbell, Jr., Enters Amateur Tourney

IN THE national amateur three-cushion billiard tournament which is being held at the Chicago Athletic Club this week Philadelphia has only one contestant, William Campbell, Jr. Mr. Campbell, who is president of William Campbell, Inc., represents the Union League and is the logical contestant from Philadelphia. He is one of the youngest participants in the tournament. New York has only two contestants, W. H. Flynn and P. M. Domsche. The largest representation is from the Middle West.

The tournament started Monday afternoon and will continue with sessions every afternoon and night, until Sat.

WONDER WHAT A 22-MONTH-OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT

Comic strip featuring a baby's thoughts. Panels include: 'Do you know what's happened to me? Nursery rhymes! Yessir I've got to say a lot of foolish rhymes for people now.' 'You don't know how sick I get when I think about it. A thousand times a day I have to repeat 'em—this little pig went to market and so on.' 'There comes some company now and of course I'll have to do the entertaining.' 'I don't mind doing it for my own folks but this foolish stuff in front of strangers is so humiliating.' 'By the way I have one that really is interesting—like to hear it? It's about three little kittens that lost their mittens.' 'Father says it has more of a plot to it than most books or shows he sees.' 'It seems these 3 little kittens they lost their mittens and then they began to cry—and their mother said they were naughty kittens and couldn't have any pie! Funny eh?' 'There's my mother calling me—now I've got to go and entertain.'

NORTHEAST FIELD TO BE IMPROVED

Fund to Be Raised for Purpose of Fixing Up Archives' Athletic Grounds

By PAUL PRYF It is planned to start a campaign for the purpose of raising a fund of \$2000 to be used in improving the Northeast High School Athletic Field. The grounds are located at Twenty-ninth and Somerset streets, where the Archives put on their baseball, football, soccer and track and field competition.

The field can be made one of the best athletic amphitheatres in Philadelphia. Most important of all is the necessity to fix up and make additions to the stands, which at the present time are in a dilapidated condition. The same condition exists at Houston Field, Central High's home grounds, and it would be a very good idea if the stands on this field also were to be improved.

The Alumni Association of Northeast High has entered the campaign to assist in putting the athletic field of the Red and Black in good shape. On the night of February 12 the alumni is to put on a public smoker at Turpin's Grand Hall, Broad street and Columbia avenue, with a miscellaneous program.

Boxing, wrestling, vaudeville numbers and movies are to be included in the alumni's show. One of the mat matches will have Mike Dorizas as a principal. "Made in the Movies" is the name of a skit which will be staged by J. Howard Henry, Lawson Robertson and a team of college athletes.

Coach Reicher had four veterans of last year's sports team. They are Captain Powell, who is captain of the present case season started. They are Captain Powell, who is captain of the present case season started. They are Captain Powell, who is captain of the present case season started.

Central High and Germantown High will play their interscholastic league game in the winter sports tomorrow. The other two weekly matches will be held on Friday afternoon.

Israel "Zam" Greenman has been shown in the basketball and track at South Philadelphia High. He gives promise in basketball, a star player in the 400-yard race. "Zam" played a guard job on the reserve five.

"But No Place to Go" Coach Irvin W. Anthony, of the West Philadelphia High School swimming team, has been forced to give up the proposed outdoor tank for his proteges, as no worthy opponent seems willing to meet the speedsters.

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EASTERN FIVES IN CLASH FOR LEAD

Germantown and Camden Meet on Latter's Floor for Possession of First Place

BEARS ARE BEATEN The Eastern League basketball game between Germantown and Camden at Reading, Saturday, was a close contest. Germantown won by a score of 26-20.

through with a couple of timely field goals and settled the issue. The final score was 26-20. One of the Reading mistakes was the fumbling of Cross for Brown with about five minutes to go.

Brugy was opposed by his teammate on Scranton, Ernie Reich. The latter was the show stopper for Reading and made four of their five field goals, also got five out of seven fouls, making a total of thirteen out of the team's twenty points. Brugy was away off at times. He is in bad shape, suffering at present with blood poisoning.

All told Germantown made eight field tenses, Holman and Frankle each landing a pair of shots. They were of the sensational variety and came at a time most needed. The game was rough at times, all the players getting into the mixup in lively fashion. Before the final bell sounded Ernie Reich was in bad shape.

The same five that worked against Scardthorn will begin the festivities tonight, with Sweeney and Rosenst, forwards; Grave, center, and McNiell and Peck, guards.

The only points of the first five minutes were two fouls by Reading. Then the G's added six on Frankle's great stab and four fouls. The Bears continued to press Germantown, and when Reich scored, followed by Morri's long stab, Reading was ahead at 7-6, with four and one-half minutes to go. A foul and two sensational one-handed stabs by Holman ended the half, with Germantown ahead at 11-8.

Bears Scare G's The Reading Bears threw a scare into Germantown last night, and for over thirty minutes the suburban fans were uneasy until Frank Brugy came

PENN WILL VISIT TIGERS TONIGHT

Great Game Is Expected at Princeton, Where Quaker Five Opens

The Intercollegiate Basketball League race will be opened this evening, so far as the University of Pennsylvania players are concerned, when Princeton is met on the home floor of the New Jersey university.

Many league contests have been played by the other colleges in the league, but the Pennsylvania talent has not. Penn's undoubted quietest availed itself of the opportunity to build up a machine-like combination before the big league program set in, and when the Princetonians face the Quakers tonight the trick of the game won't embody the close guard-

ing of any one or two Red and Blue stars, but an entire combination must be smashed to bring a victory to Old Nassau.

Penn's last two contests were of the speedy variety, and in recognition of the strain on the players and the coming contest with Yale on Saturday night, Coach Jourdet has confined his players to very light workouts, with a view to conservation of energy. The two vital games within so short a time puts Penn on the fence between flash and crash. A double victory would be a flame in the league dope, while the contrary would virtually spell ruination to trophy acquisition by the Quakers.

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BASKETBALL. YALE vs. PENNSYLVANIA Saturday, Jan. 31, 8:30 P. M. WIGHTMAN HALL, 324 & Locust Streets. FRESHMEN vs. TRIPLE FREE SCHOOL, 7:15 P. M. Reserved Seats \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1, on sale Gimbel's & A. A. Office. Dancing after game.

ED WALSH BASEBALL'S GREATEST CAN-TAKE-IT

White Sox Veteran Took Part in Sixty-five Ball Games in One Season—Eddie Collins Ranks as Best Second Baseman

By GRANTLAND RICE

In the spring a young man's fancy used to turn to thoughts of love; Now it turns to punts and volleys and the thud of bat and glove;

For when Tennyson was writing in a somewhat backward frame, Dempseys, Hagens, Cobbs and Johnsons did not rule the Hall of Fame.

Another Can-Take-It DEAR SIR—Among your lists of Can-Take-Its don't forget baseball's greatest entry. I refer here to Ed Walsh, the Connecticut Rosebud.

Walsh could take more work than any pitcher that ever lived. You will find in one season that he took part in sixty-five ball games, and this doesn't include the numerous hours he put in warming up to relieve some club-mate who was beginning to weaken.

Add this on and you will find that he did enough pitching to handle eighty ball games or a big share of this number. There have been slogans or famous lines from baseball, but none that surpassed the old White Sox standby, "Walsh won't pitching for the Sox."

A Few Standby Phrases "WALSH won't pitching for the Sox." Here are a few others, recalled from other and nearer days: "Crawford's triple drives in Cobb." "Tinker to Evers to Chance." (One of the greatest.) "Condit's hit Waddell."

"For Chicago, Brown and Kling; for New York, Mathewson and Bowerman." "Speaker's great catch broke up rally."

The Greatest Second Baseman "TO help settle an argument," con-tinued a bystander, "is Eddie Collins classed as the game's greatest second baseman, or does this honor go to some one else?"

The three greatest second basemen that we have ever seen operate were Collins, Lajoie and Evers. Of these, Lajoie was the most graceful and the better hitter over a long stretch. Evers was the most generally alert and the hardest fighter, day in and day out.

But for a general combination of field play, batting, base running and all that goes for complete effectiveness, we have never seen any second baseman superior to Eddie Collins.

At his best he was a brilliant infielder, a .310 hitter, a quick thinker and a rare base runner.

These three were the premiers of modern baseball, dating from 1900 or a bit before.

Caddock and Stecher T is an unusual turn in a wrestling I way to have a championship match on the menu where the average citizen can pronounce both names.

As a rule the combination is a name and a sneeze. Wrestling is a game where the Polish, Turkish and Russian element were extremely prevalent from the days of Yousouf to the latest Zehytsko. Most of the great matches or a great many of them have been between some ex-Iowa farmer and a massive Pole or Russian.

It was either Gotch against Hackenschmidt, or Stecher or Caddock against Zehytsko.

Just why Iowa should maintain a complete monopoly of the wrestling crop is still a mystery. Yet this lone commonwealth has produced four-fifths of all wrestling stars in the last twenty years.

An Iowa championship has begun to mean a world championship. Strangler Lewis was one of the few topnotchers who persisted in coming from another state.

THERE are at least fifteen or twenty-five gollers in existence who would like to be "all through" in the same way that Harry Vardon and John

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