

TRIS SPEAKER MAY BE SILENT, BUT THE CLEVELAND BATS SHOULD SING 1920 PENNANT SONG

CLEVELAND CLUB IS BIG FAVORITE FOR TITLE IN AMERICAN

Indians Loaded to Capacity With High-Class Playing Talent—Tris Speaker's Infield Is Class of Ban Johnson's League

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New Orleans, La., March 15.—The Cleveland ball club will start the season under a terrible handicap this year. Tris Speaker and his athletes already have been hoisted into first place by the wise persons throughout the country, and all they have to do between April 14 and October 3 is live up to the advance notices. The loyal boosters of the Tribe have won the pennant so often in the Winter League that they are confident the only thing which stands between Cleveland and the American League flag is a period of six months. "That's a tough break for the fans, as six months is a long time to wait.

Still, you can't take a slam at this early enthusiasm. If there ever was a favorite in the American League, Cleveland fits the bill this arid year of 1920. The team is just loaded to the water's edge with high-class playing talent, and it is mighty difficult to point out the weak spots. It is the same ball club which started the league last year and made the White Sox stagger over the finish line, winners by an eyelash. It still is an open question as to which was the better team, and many still believe Cleveland would have capped the gonfalon had the full 154-game schedule been played.

At any rate, the same vigor is back again, with a few additions. The players are working hard every day, for they realize the coming season will not be a cinch, and every game will be a hard one. Some thirty-five athletes of all descriptions can be seen at Heinemann Park performing every morning, and the practice is strenuous while it lasts. Speaker has impressed upon his men the necessity of getting into good physical shape for the opening game, and his orders are being carried out.

There is a feeling among the athletes that they are playing on the very best club in the Johnson circuit and several arguments are advanced to prove it. The first is the outfield, which consists of Speaker, Graney, Elmer Smith, Jamieson and Smokey Joe Wood. Then they point with pride to their infield, with Doc Johnson or Harris on first, Bill Wambaguss, second; Raymond Johnson Chapman, shortstop, and Larry Gardner, third base. It would be hard to improve on that infield.

The three catchers, Steve O'Neill, Les Nuunemaker and Chet Thomas, are the next exhibits, and the sixteen pitchers, some good and some bad, are put on as a final.

But there is even more than that. For instance, take a look over the records of these high-salaried gentlemen for last year. You'd be surprised.

Wambaguss, at .278, Is Weakest Hitter

The infield usually is not considered seriously as an attacking power, but such is not the case here. The weakest hitter in the bunch was Wambaguss and Bill eluded the sphere for an average of .278. If an infield is able to hit around .250 the manager is perfectly satisfied, announces to the world that he has a whale of a team and considers himself lucky. Of course, a star socker appears occasionally, but it is seldom that so many hard-hitting persons are guarding the bases on the same team.

Joe Harris, who alternated with Doc Johnson at first base, appeared in sixty-two games in 1919, and finished with a grand average of .375, which was nine points below Ty Cobb. Johnson hit for .305 in 102 conflicts. But here is the big surprise. Ray Chapman, who led the league with fifty sacrifice hits, hit an even .300, which is better than any other shortstop could do. Larry Gardner also earned the .300 average, topping the list of third sockers.

You can't pass up an infield like that, for defensively and offensively it looks like the class of the league. The men all are seasoned veterans, play a steady, brainy game, know the strength and weakness of the opposing batters, and work together like an order of ham and eggs, to say nothing of corn beef and cabbage. If they hit their stride early in the season Cleveland will gain a commanding lead, which will be difficult to overcome. The outfielders was another timely slugger. He only appeared in twenty-six games, but managed to wallop a .353 average. Even George Uble, the sandlot pitcher, finished with .302.

Then we have the outfield. Speaker, despite his managerial worries, came through with .296, and Elmer Smith had .278. Joe Wood came next with .255, and Jack Graney trailed along with only .234. Thus it can be seen that everybody was busting the old apple last year.

STEVE O'NEILL, regarded as the best receiver in the league, led the catchers with .288, and Nuunemaker and Thomas were close behind. There certainly are some lusty larrupers on the ball club this season.

Plenty of Opposition

There you have the figures which place the Tribe out in front as the hot favorite one month before the season begins. It couldn't be otherwise, because the Tribe never hit. However, the boys will soon learn they are not on a joy ride, for they will meet with the most bitter and stiffest kind of opposition in every game.

This is unusual under the Big Tent. In the olden days, the club which won the pennant the previous year was expected to repeat, and the other teams in the league furnished all kinds of opposition. Then, while the battle was on, some dark horse would step out in front and cap the bunting. It was seldom, indeed, when another club was selected for the honor.

Cleveland will be treated like a stepchild this year. Seven other clubs know the Tribe must be eliminated if they are to be considered pennant possibilities. The best pitchers will be saved up to be used against the men of Speaker and the opposing players will be on their toes. Nothing can be taken for granted, and as was said before, every game will be a hard one.

"I realize we are up against it this year," said Speaker, "but perhaps it won't be so bad, after all. We now have something on the other clubs. I am not boasting—don't get me wrong—but if the other guys are afraid of us, we have them on the defensive, and if we happen to step out in front, they are likely to blow up. A team that expects to be beaten does not feel sore over a defeat. The players congratulate themselves because the score was not larger.

"You must take into consideration the fact that we have an experienced ball club. The veteran infield and outfield will not go to pieces at critical times, no matter how rough the going becomes. Then take the catching staff. Some clubs say they have second and third string catchers. Perhaps they have, but I haven't. I have three first string catchers in O'Neill, Nuunemaker and Thomas, and you can't equal them in the league.

"I am not making any predictions, but take it from me, we will put up a stiff fight. If hard work means anything, Cleveland will fly its first pennant this fall. All we need is one good left-handed pitcher, and I think we have him."

Much Expected of Sandlotter

A PITCHING is only 85 per cent of a ball club, let's take a look at the hurling talent on exhibition down here. Speaker has sixteen throwers accumulating a coat of sunburn, and at least six are expected to come through. Last year only two were in first-class form when the season started, and that was a big handicap. Speaker is guarding against this, and believes he will have enough hurlers to take their regular turns beginning April 14.

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Caldwell was a big surprise when he joined the Cleveland club last year. He was considered all through, but he showed a startling reversal in form, and won five of his six games for the club. His most notable performance was in beating the Yankees, holding his former teammates to no runs and no hits. Slim will be in physical condition to repeat this year.

Guy Norton might come through, and if he does, Speaker should worry. His arm is not troubling him now, but you never can tell what will happen in baseball.

Strong in Substitutes

CLEVELAND is strong in substitutes. Joe Evans, who now is a full-fledged doctor, can fill in at third, and Harry Lunte is a good utility infielder. Otto Neu, who once played under the name of Nye in Omaha, has the appearance of a coming star. He played third base the day I visited the ball park and handled himself like a veteran. He is powerfully built, weighs 180 pounds and hits well. Frank Grabfelder, a Cleveland semipro, is working out, but will not make good this year.

But to return to the pitchers. In addition to those already named, there are Otis Lambert, Bob Clark, Tom Phillips, J. K. Lindsay, Tony Fauch and George Cynwyk. George is another sandlotter from Cleveland, and much is expected of him. He won twenty-two straight games last season, which can be considered a fair record, even on the back logs.

Jimmy Jamieson is the utility outfielder, for Wood and Smith will alternate against right and left handed pitchers. Larry Gilbert, the star of the New Orleans club, has been purchased by Speaker, but has not yet signed. Larry has an old station outside the ball park here, and says he does not want to leave his business. However, he is expected to sign.

RUSSO USES FOOT AGAINST WELLING

Jack is Outclassed So Much He Tries In Savate Stunt, and Is Disqualified

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Jack Russo started a campaign to win La Savate championship of America, and as nobody cares even a little bit about that particular pastime the title has been conceded to the former New Orleans lightweight. So far as boxing is concerned, it is probable that Russo will not have to worry about any more bouts in Philadelphia for a long time to come.

Russo kicked his way out of the glove game in this city on Saturday night by giving an exhibition of the European sport at the National Club against Joe Welling, of Chicago. Russo's endeavor in the savate art was so successful that before Joe Griffin left the ring and Jack was disqualified automatically in the second round.

It was a bad finish for a boxing match, as such an occurrence as that put on by Russo does no good to the game. It was a veritable black eye for boxing, and immediate steps should be taken to punish the offender.

It was announced today that Captain William J. McFadden had decided to bar Russo from boxing in his district in the future. Captain McFadden's territory takes in the National, Olympia and Auditorium.

From a Russo standpoint, it was a good thing the match ended as it did. We are sure that Russo would have been disgraced and it appeared as if it would be only another round before Russo would be listening to the tweeting of birds. Jack might have weathered the six rounds, but in this event he would have been a badly scarred scrapper.

During the first round Welling, who has started on the trail of Henry Leonard's scalp under the guidance of Sammy Hahn, of this city, handled Russo like a mere babe. Joe hit Jack where and when he pleased. Russo didn't have a chance of a chance against the rangy Chicagoan.

Battling Reddy, of New York, shaped up well against Bobby McCann, who administered a severe thrashing to the Gray's Ferry youth, who surprised and pleased the crowd by going the limit. Reddy walked Bobby with sufficient hard swallops to remind the crowd that McCann fought back as hard as he could under the circumstances. Reddy looked so well that he may be selected as opponent for Hughie Hutchinson some time in April.

Johnny Clark substituted for Young Robideau against Johnny Tyman, who took a beating after six rounds, even though the referee dropped the gloves in the third round. Tyman came back like a whirlwind in the last three sessions, making a chopping block of Clark in the final frames. Welling and Bobby Reddy's advice after the third round that enabled Tyman to beat Clark.

Young Tom Sharkey, a raw piece of boxing apparatus, showed promising form by boxing a draw with Jack Palmer. Young Tom has a lot to learn. Jimmy Austin won from White Langdon.

Scraps About Scrapppers

LEW TENDLER goes after his third consecutive knockout since resuming boxing, when he pushes punches in the general direction of Johnny Rose, of Milwaukee, at the Olympia tonight. After a few minutes of the sport, the bout this week, as he will be called. New York Johnny Martin on Saturday night at the National. Two days later he will fight with Charlie "Tits" McKeever of Jersey City and the following night, Shaver O'Brien, a Boston lightweight, will be pitted against Tandler here.

After a couple of days of training for a match with Tim Droney at Lancaster April 5, and then it is probable that Tandler's next opponent will be Willie Jackson. Dave Driscoll, of Jersey City, will be the challenger on May 15, and will be expected to draw a \$60,000 prize. He is trying his utmost to coax the New Yorker into a meeting with the Philadelphia southpaw. Lew is so confident he can stop Jackson that he has threatened to forfeit \$1000 to charity if Willie goes the limit.

Harry (Kid) Brown will be the other 50 per cent of the amateur scrap at the Olympia night. The second round will go to Chris Chener, of New Orleans, Johnny Lewis vs. Johnny Kelly, Eddie Ritchie vs. Eddie Fletcher and Frankie Murray vs. Charley Ray and other numbers.

Joe "Blitz" Shattered his right hand so severely against Ralph Bracy in Baltimore Friday night he was forced to cancel his fight with Jimmy Murray, which was scheduled for Monday night at the Olympia. Joe's substitute, Harry (Kid) Brown, is anxious to pinch punch for Joe.

Marcus Williams has a well-balanced bout for tomorrow night at the Auditorium show with Burrman and Baltimore Willie Allen. The program for the evening will include Jimmy Jordan vs. Johnny George Ward vs. Kid Patton, Harry (Kid) Brown vs. Frankie Murray and Eddie McCarthy vs. Charley Madden.

Bartley Vaughn, who boxes Fred Fulton in the Philadelphia Wednesday night show at the Olympia Wednesday night, was in the ring last night at the Philadelphia show. Bartley is a big, powerful fighter, and he is trying his utmost to coax the New Yorker into a meeting with the Philadelphia southpaw. Lew is so confident he can stop Jackson that he has threatened to forfeit \$1000 to charity if Willie goes the limit.

Knockout Bill Heppman is one of Dempsey's most persistent challengers. Bill went in with Larry Luns at the Olympia Wednesday night and was defeated by a knockout. Heppman will be in the ring with Paul Sansom, Dan O'Dowd and Harry Hutchinson and Carl LeBlanche vs. Fred Jordan.

Boxing bouts will be held in conjunction with the Wilmington Evening Association banquet at the Walton Hotel, Jimmy Jordan vs. Johnny Pizzi and Jimmy Lawrence vs. John Williams. The bouts will be contested with Johnny Williams as referee.

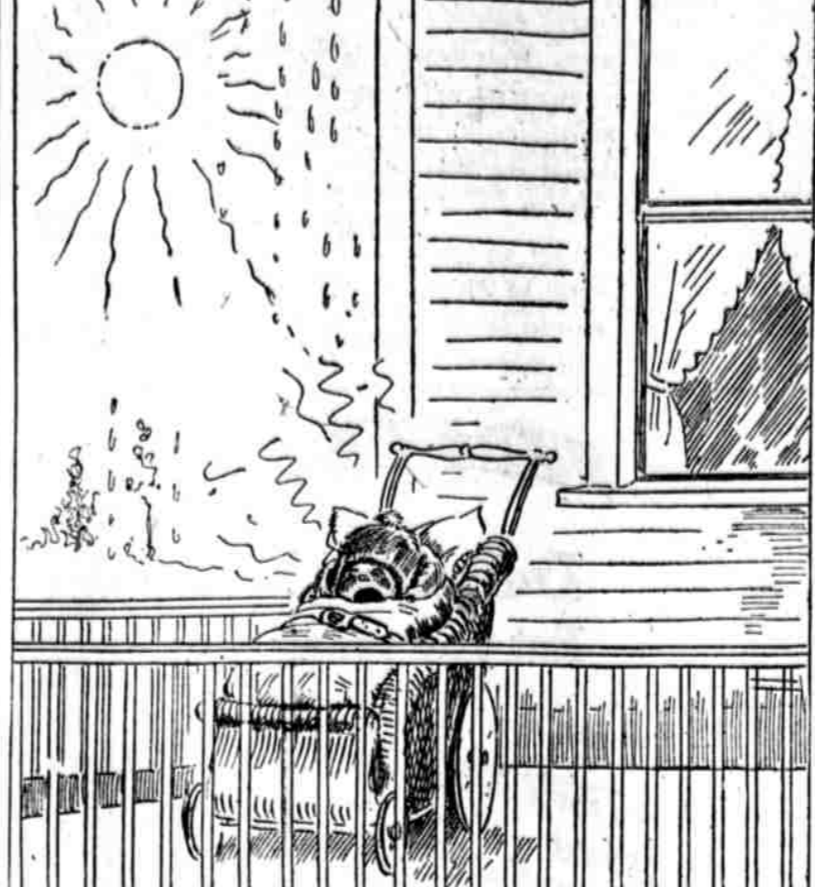
Danny Frush, a naturalized American citizen, who is a featherweight boxer, will be in the ring with a contender, who will be in the ring with a contender, who will be in the ring with a contender.

Yonnie McGovern wants to meet Jimmy Lewis at an amateur scrap. McGovern will take on Baitline Murray and Paty Wallace.

Eddie Joyce, of Port Richmond, is after 15-pound championship. He is a clever and hard puncher. He is a clever and hard puncher.

Amateur Sports

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



C. H. S. FAVORITE IN PHILLIES SCHEDULE 'QUADS' TOMORROW INITIAL EXHIBITION

Annual Blue-Ribbon Track Meet Will Face Birmingham Southern Leaguers Next Thursday—In Good Shape

By PAUL PREP

For the second consecutive year the annual blue-ribbon track event for Philadelphia schoolboys will be held on the Wanamaker roof, when the "quad" games are decided tomorrow afternoon. Central High, the champion; West Philadelphia High, South Philadelphia High, Northeast High, Frankford High and Germantown High have entered athletes.

The "quads" originally were scheduled to be held last week in the gymnasium at Central High School, but after a discussion it was decided to use the Meadowbrook Club track, on the roof of the Wanamaker store, the same place where the 1919 games were put on. This track is conceded to be one of the best in the country.

Tomorrow's meet will be the nineteenth "quads" held in Philadelphia. In several of these meets Central High has annexed the laurels. West Philly succeeded in trimming the Mirrors in 1917. C. H. S., of course, is placed the worst in the 1919 games, but the dope may go wrong. The Crimson and Gold may be surprised, and, again, the dope may run true to form.

The Central team is well balanced, including several veterans who were successful in different "quad" events last year. In the dashes Payitt and MacDonald are the stars. They will be supported by Ed Lazar and Danny Russell. Ford, Sol Belber, Schweitzerhoff and Lampe will be entered in the middle-distance runs.

The date for the local women's championship has been fixed to start the week of May 23, while the district championship will be held on the 29th of the month.

HAGEN FAVORITE IN GOLF

Leads Big Entry for Open Title by Eight Strokes

Belleair Heights, Fla., March 15.—With a lead of eight strokes over Jim Barnes, Walter Hagen will begin the second thirty-six holes of play today in the Longmuir Murphy arena today. Hagen leads by 16 strokes. He is a 1 and 2 favorite over the field. Hagen stands 143; Barnes, 151; Leo 153; Teller 155; Robertson and Diemel 156; McNamara and Hutchinson 157.

Thirty others are strung out behind the leaders. There will be no international match this summer unless arranged along the lines first suggested. The players who are interested want a straight American team which would include Barnes and Hutchinson to fight it out with straight English team. They insist that they will not play on any team where Scotch, English, American and Irish or some other combination is represented, as it would mean nothing.

New Jersey Boxing Profitable

Atlantic City, March 15.—Boxing bouts in New Jersey have proven profitable to the commonwealth, according to the State Athletic Commission, which has submitted a report to the Legislature.

It showed that since the organizing of the commission on April 9, 1918, to March 1, 1920, it had added to the state treasury \$87,084.66, while it is said to have paid out \$100,000 for the expenses of the commission since that date.

Frankie Murray vs. Charley Ray vs. Eddie Fletcher vs. Johnny Lewis vs. Johnny Kelly vs. Harry (Kid) Brown vs. Chris Chener vs. Lew Stockyard vs. Johnny Tandler vs. Rose vs. Dan O'Dowd vs. Harley Hutchinson vs. K. O. Sansom vs. Paul Sansom vs. K. O. Bill Brennan vs. Fred Lange vs. Fred Bartley vs. Fulton vs. Madden

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Merion Hockey TEAM TAKES LEAD

Pickering Hunt Club Loses Great Match, 3 to 0, and Aviators Beat Cynwyd Likewise

The Merion Cricket Club ice hockey team took first place in the Quaker City Amateur League yesterday by defeating Pickering Hunt Club in a score of three goals to nothing.

Captain Joe Dexter presented a well-balanced team, which broke into the scoring in the second period, when Alden Lee and Crawford each took successful shots at the Hunters' nets. Reds Newlin executed the cleverest shot of the match in the third period by lifting the puck while skating down his wing position.

The Cynwyd team played without three of its fastest skaters, and for this reason the match between this team and the Aviators was harder fought. Simon and Sam Huhn were responsible for the scoring of the birdmen; the former got two and Huhn one. Huhn collected his goal on a nice follow shot.

Captain Dan Newhall and Miller were again conspicuous in defending the Hunters' nets. They repeatedly intercepted passes from Merion players' sticks and dribbled up to shooting distance.

WRESTLING MATCHES HERE

Star Grapplers to Appear in Bouts at National March 24

A series of wrestling matches are to be staged in Philadelphia, the first of which will be put on Wednesday night, March 24. The contests will be held at the National Club. The initial show will include four bouts between such men as Ed (Strangler) Lewis, Xussif Hussane, Carl Shutz and other grapplers of international reputation.

Enterprise Claims Catholio Title

The Enterprise C. C. defeated the Quaker City C. C. of the South Philadelphia Catholic League, 51 to 16, in one of the fastest games ever played at St. Vincent's Hall this season. Brilliant shots by Shea and Lee captured the football championship, which is now claimed by the Enterprise.

Bucknell Downs Lehigh Five

Lehigh, Pa., March 15.—Playing their last game for Bucknell, Matthew and William instrumental in bringing about the defeat of the strong Lehigh team on Saturday.

It is possible that the New Yorkers will suit in a bid to meet the winner of the Penn-Chicago series, scheduled to start next Monday. This series is to determine the college basketball champion of America.

Under the terms of the rules drawn up at a meeting of the Intercollegiate Flying Association held at the American Flying Club, each college which is a member of the association will be permitted to enter two airplanes in the intercollegiate air field day. The principal event of the meet will be a race to start at Mineola on May 7. This race will be over a closed circuit from Mineola to New Haven, to Cambridge, to Williamstown, to Itasca, to Princeton and Mineola.

The complete membership of the Intercollegiate Flying Association now comprises Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, Williams, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh.

A new shell, costing \$1000, has been ordered for the Penn-Chicago series, which is announced for May 7. This race will be over a closed circuit from Mineola to New Haven, to Cambridge, to Williamstown, to Itasca, to Princeton and Mineola.

Tentative Yale Crews Announced

New Haven, Conn., March 15.—Guy Nickalls, Yale rowing coach, has made a tentative selection of six crews from among the candidates training under his direction. It is announced yesterday by the intercollegiate indoor crew team which will start at Mineola on May 7. This race will be over a closed circuit from Mineola to New Haven, to Cambridge, to Williamstown, to Itasca, to Princeton and Mineola.

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Bob Folwell to Sign as Navy Coach on Wednesday

Bob Folwell, the former Penn coach, will sign a contract with the Navy probably on Wednesday. The Mullica Hill farmer has an appointment with Commander Howard, the officer in charge of athletics on that day, and it is believed that he will sign. It is said that Farmer Bob also will talk to the football candidates at the same time. It already has been announced that Folwell will be the Middlebury coach, but no papers have been signed as yet.

Bowling Record Stands

Feetish, Ill., March 15.—New leaders appeared in both the singles and doubles at the American Bowling Congress yesterday, while the world's record score of 290, was up in the team events by Bruce No. 1, Chicago, in a late Saturday shift withstood all attacks.



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