

OUR PHILS CARE NOTHING ABOUT THE ROBINS IN SPRINGTIME, ESPECIALLY IN BROOKLYN

WONDER WHAT OLD MAN ATLAS THINKS ABOUT

I WAS CERTAINLY A SUCKER TO TAKE THIS JOB. I DIDN'T MIND IT SO MUCH AT FIRST BUT SEEMS TO BE A HEAVIER BURDEN LATELY



A LOT OF PEOPLE JUMPING UP AND DOWN DON'T MAKE IT ANY EASIER FOR ME EITHER. WHAT ARE THEY DOING UP THERE ANYWAY???



A LOT OF KICKING IS GOING ON—I CAN TELL THAT. FOR A WHILE I HEARD A LOT OF SHOOTING AND YELLING. I COULD STAND THAT BUT IT'S AWFUL NOW



SOMETIMES I THINK I'LL LET THE WHOLE MATTER DROP. PEOPLE DON'T APPRECIATE THE TASK I'VE GOT ON MY SHOULDERS. IT'S REALLY QUITE A RESPONSIBILITY



I WISH I COULD SHIFT THIS LOAD BUT I KNOW IF I WIGGLE AROUND THE LE-E-EAST BIT A WHOLE LOT OF FOLKS GET KILLED AND BIG BUILDINGS FALL



IT'S A VERY VERY SENSITIVE EARTH AND NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH. NOBODY HAS OFFERED TO RELIEVE ME 'TWOULD BE NO USE ANYHOW—



I WAS ELECTED FOR THE JOB AND GUESS I'LL HAVE TO STICK BY IT IF I ONLY HAD A GOOD BOOK TO READ OR A MOVIE IN FRONT OF ME OR SOMETHING



I SURE WAS A SUCKER WHEN I OFFERED TO HOLD THIS JOB DOWN.



BABE RUTH MAKES A BIG HIT WHEN HE TAKES JOKE AND BROWN DERBY; THEN ATHLETICS LOSE BALL GAME

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THE time has come to speak a few words about Babe Ruth. The \$127,500 slugger has been among us for two days and hasn't hit the size of his hat. He has been trying hard all of the time, but all he could do was miff a fly, make a couple of hits and strike out four times. He has been handed the old razz at every opportunity, but apparently the big boy thinks nothing of it.

Yesterday Ruth made a big hit with the crowd at Shibe Park. Frank Macklin dusted off an old brown derby which has been hanging around the slinger for at least twenty years and sent it out to the slugger, in appreciation of his good work for the A's on Wednesday. It was presented at the home plate, in full view of everybody, and, take it from us, it was a great joke. Babe was given the merry giggle, but he took it like a regular guy. He was not at all provoked, but giggled with the others, put on the hat and posed for a picture. He could see the joke the same as the innocent bystanders.

Personally, Ruth is a fine fellow. However, he has been advertised so extensively this winter and so much has been written about his prowess as a home-run slugger that the fans naturally expect him to knock the ball out of the lot every time he appears at the plate. A single or a double does not satisfy the mob. They want to see long hits, and no substitutes will be tolerated. When he strikes out the crowd goes wild and Babe becomes the target of jibes and jeers. That roaring and pausing will affect the work of any ordinary player, but Ruth is used to it. He took lots of it in his spring training work.

There is a reason for this excessive razzing. The home fans gaze upon Ruth with fear and trembling every time he appears at the plate, swinging his long bat. They know what he can do and are hoping he won't do it. Ruth is a man who can turn the tide of a ball game with one wallop. If the score is 1 to 0 against his team and nobody on base, he can knock the ball over the fence and tie the count. If men are lingering on the sacks he can deliver a wallop which will put the conflict on ice. That's the dope on Ruth, and the fans know it better than any one else. Therefore, when he fails to come through there is a sigh of relief and the Ruth fansberry flowers burst out in full bloom.

YOU can't blame the fans for riding the mighty Babe. It is all in the game. They are paying for the home team, and if they can help the good cause along with a few well-directed cheers they are doing their bit. But it must be remembered the season is young and Ruth is not yet in batting form. He has the goods and will deliver. He can't help but come through. But he has a rough and rocky road ahead—just as rough as riding in young Halper's car on Lehigh avenue, and that's pretty rough.

Dizzy Pace Too Much for the A's

THE A's dropped the game yesterday and now are 50-50 on the season. They tried hard to finish first, and accomplished that very thing. They finished in the seventh inning when the Yanks started their final drive. Up to that time the home folks were leading by one run. Rollie Naylor was pitching superbly, but in the seventh the pace was too severe and he grew dizzy. So did his playmates. The result was a cluster of bingles—meaning three—a base on balls and two runs.

Those two were enough to cash in on, but they weren't enough. No one can say the Yanks are not ambitious. They started soaking again in the ninth, and two more hits, interspersed with a base on balls, were responsible for two more tallies, making a total of four. That put the puzzle out of step and left the Giants in a corner. They were willing to call it a day and wash up.

One of the pleasing features of the fuss was the great fielding by Tilly Walker. Tilly was not considered seriously as a regular this year because of the sprained ankle he received last year, which had him on the sidelines most of the time. He couldn't cover any more ground than a Canadian picket and his base running reminded one of a plumber going back to the office for his tools.

But it is different this year. His old-time speed has returned, the injured hock has been forgotten and Tilly is a mighty sweet holder. Yesterday he pulled a lot of sensational stuff and covered lots of ground. In the first

he dashed over to the left field foul line to snare Pipp's fly, and was rounding all over the place from then on.

HE HAD six points in five innings, and that's enough work for any outfielder. He proved beyond question he was a flashy player, and it's a safe bet to predict he will be in the line-up for the remainder of the season.

Cy Perkins Is Becoming a Slugger

ANOTHER young man on the Macklin payroll is Ralph A. Perkins. Ralph is doing a lot of catching and is considered one of the best in the league. He is a great receiver, knows how to handle pitchers, is acquainted with the weaknesses of the latter if they have any and his throwing arm is strong. He can nail base-stealers, and they know it.

But Ralph is blossoming out as a swell hitter this year. On Wednesday he poked a homer into the left field bleachers, and yesterday the Yanks feared him so much that he was purposely passed twice. The first time he was given free transportation Jack Quinn got nervous, unhooked a wild pitch and a run scored. His other dead-end walk came in the seventh when there was a man on base.

In the fifth, when there was nobody on, Quinn experimented with his slow ball and Perk plunked it against the right field wall for a double. Perkins is just one of the youngsters who is developing rapidly. Joe Dugan also is coming along in good shape and is about as good a fielding second baseman as one could see any place. Joe is a hard worker, always is trying and giving his best. Yesterday he made his first hit of the year, but he has shown by his actions at the plate that he has improved with the stick. Joe should be a star this year.

TAKEING it all in all, Connie Mack hasn't such a bad ball club this year. The tids have a lot of fighting spirit and will win many ball games. The pitchers, Perry, Naylor, Kinney, Macinn, Moore, Harris and the others, are better than Mack has had in years.

Phils Now 50-50 on Season

OUR Phils also came through with an even-Stephen break yesterday. After suffering a terrible beating on Wednesday in Brooklyn, they handed out some punishment themselves and grabbed the second game of the set by a narrow margin. This is quite encouraging, for the Dodgers are unusually strong this year and it is quite an accomplishment to make the first bite of dust.

Genevieve Gray used George Smith until the tall pitcher became wobbly on his pins, and then sent in substitutes with reckless abandon. Weinert did the rescue stunt, but to make sure nothing serious would happen, Cecil Algernon Causey finished the contest.

At that, Cecil Algernon would have had a tough time of it if it weren't for the fact that the slugging farmer bunted one over the fence in the ninth when things looked shaly and clinched the verdict. That wallop wasn't needed any more than a guy with a season ticket needs a war tax.

GENE PALETTE also entered the slugging ranks with a pair of triples. Gene, however, will have to hit some to make the fans forget Laddera.

SOMETHING is wrong with the Boston Braves. They have conned two in a row from the Giants, which was entirely unexpected and unlooked for. Down South they looked as if they couldn't beat a carpet, but times have changed. The giants were helpless before the pitching of Enry and Goegebe.

Cincinnati took another from the Cubs, because the Chicago folks made six errors. A team which makes six errors deserves to lose.

LEST we forget, there's a big ice-skating race at the Ice Palace tonight. Harley Davison will meet Norval Baptie, who claims the world's championship. It looks like a pretty good race.

Sea Captains Get Tips by Wireless on Race Bets

London, April 16.—English sea captains are betting on the races—by wireless. The first week of the opening of flat racing brought a number of turf transactions flashed from the high seas, passengers as well as shipmasters and officers ordering their bookmakers to place bets on "live ones." A system of flashing racing "tips" by radio is being fast developed.

TICKETS FOR RELAYS

Advance Sale for Penn Carnival on Monday Morning

Penn graduate members of the Athletic Association and students will have opportunity to take advantage of an advance sale of tickets for the relay races starting Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Major M. J. Pickering announced today.

The public sale opens at the Athletic Association office and at Gimbel's box office, Friday, April 23.

Krause Defeats Tommy Carey

Johnny Krause defeated the veteran Tommy Carey at the Germantown Club last night. The latter was forced to hold, but he was the loser. Johnny Dempsey won over Tommy Hutton, also tonight, and had to beat his opponent, Eddie Bowers, and Kid Thomas, a very colored boxer, at a good draw. Freddy Miller beat White Kelly and Young Joe Bradley, who appears faster at each appearance, knocked out Andy Bahili in the third.

May Ship Shells by Truck

New York, April 16.—If the railway strike continues next week Columbia University rowing officials plan to ship their racing shells by automobile to Derby, Conn., for the regatta with Yale on the Housatonic river, April 24. The Blue and White crews expect to have their first practice spins on the Housatonic next Wednesday.

Elmer Smith May Not Return

Elmer Smith, one of Pennsylvania's best quarter-milers, will not return to college because of rheumatoid difficulties. It was reported today. He was a senior in the Wharton School.

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PENN OFFERS MEN FOR DUTY ON R. R.

"Buck" Wharton Willing to Turn Over Grid Candidates During Strike Emergency

Dr. "Buck" Wharton, who has been asked to coach Penn's line again this year, has sent to "Eddie" Lewis of the Reading Railroad Co. and "Tommy" Holmes of the Pennsylvania railroad, both old Penn men, offering the services of from thirty to 100 spring football candidates for railroad duty during the strike emergency.

Captain "Bud" Hopper, according to Dr. Wharton, is ready to take the prospective football squad off the campus to do railroad work providing the men will be kept together so that they may have scrimmage practice each day. Answers to the proposals are expected today.

The All-University Trap Shooting match takes place this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Clearview Gun club track. A trophy is to be awarded the winner of the shoot. Many entries have been received.

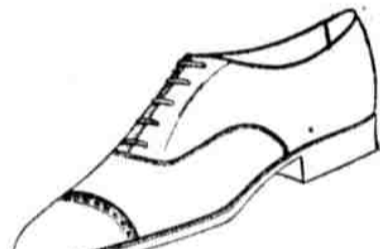
The varsity baseball team this afternoon will do its final practice work for the Swarthmore invaders on Franklin Field tomorrow.

After Steffy's "blow-up" in the third game yesterday, he was yanked with the bases growing. Rather than go to the limit in order to get a win, Coach "Carrie" tried out a number of his twirlers and field artists.

Huntington followed Steffy in the box and had splendid form but he was taken out and saved for tomorrow's battle with the neighboring college boys. Harvey took a try at feeding "Hobey" Light's stars from Lebanon Valley school and they made him take to the woods in the fourth.

A uniform does not always make a ball player and Grove, hard-hitting Lebanon outfielder, was surprised at the little pop-up that came from the mighty swing at one of the offerings of the new heavier wearing a sweat shirt, Gibb, by name.

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Committee on Boxing in Session at Walton

The Committee of Fifteen, on boxing rules in this city, is to hold its final meeting at the Hotel Walton, parlor D., at 2:30 this afternoon. Rules and regulations which are to govern boxing in Philadelphia will be drafted for the approval of Director of Public Safety James T. Cortelyou. Harry Donaghy is chairman of this committee.

N. J. GETS 12-ROUND BOXING

Limit Extended From Eight by Governor's Signature

Trenton, April 16.—Twelve-round boxing bouts were legalized in New Jersey yesterday when Governor Edwards affixed his signature to the Sullivan measure increasing the number of rounds from eight to a dozen. The legislation was introduced for the reason that supporters of this sport in New York state caused to be introduced in the Legislature of New York a measure authorizing twelve-round exhibitions.

It was contended by boxing promoters in New Jersey that unless this state permitted twelve rounds they would be unable to compete with bouts staged just across the river. Thus far the legislation at Albany has not made any progress, and indications point to the belief that it will not receive favorable consideration.

'SPEED' GETS HITTING POWER IN ALL SPORTS

By GRANTLAND RICE

WHEN the word "speed" is mentioned within hearing of the average bystander he immediately connects it with fleetness of foot—and thereby lets it go at that.

But speed happens to cover a far wider range. It is directly responsible not only for fleetness of foot, but also for lifting power in boxing, slugging power in baseball, driving power in golf and a few other memoranda on the side.

ONE of the main reasons why Babe Ruth can drive a baseball so far lies in the fact that he can make a bat travel faster than any other man in the game.

It is a matter of speed in swinging the bat. When Ruth's bat crashes against the ball it is traveling much faster than the bat swung by an ordinary hitter.

When Bob McDonald or Walter Hagen drive a golf ball 250 or 275 yards it is largely because the club head propelled by their swing is traveling at a fast clip than most golfers can develop.

The Snap YOU frequently hear of the "snap of the wrist" used by ball players or golfers.

The snap of the wrist is merely a matter of speeding up the bat or club head in the last stages of the swing.

A GOOD part of punching power in boxing comes from this same speed. One of Dempsey's punches is traveling at terrific speed when it lands. It is easy to see that Carpenter carries the same attribute.

Dempsey, weighing 200 pounds, can hit far harder than Carl Morris, weighing 240, because Dempsey's punch moves as the lightning, while Morris hasn't the knack or the leverage to make his fist move at any such pace.

The ideal combination is to get power in back of speed. Babe Ruth's bat is not only slashing at a dizzy clip as he hits the ball, but his big bulk is thrown in back of the blow at exactly the right time.

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

WITH the closing of the Army A. W. A. in West Philadelphia, local fans will have the regular weekly Cambria bouts as the attraction here tonight. Johnny Mealy will visit Kensington from the southern section of the city, and while in the northeast the Southwest slugger will go on with Willie McCloskey of Port Richmond, in the main mix. Mealy is a puncher and McCloskey is clever, so that picking a winner is no easy problem. Johnny Duffy and Young Jimmy Wilson will appear in the semi-latter bouts. Philadelphia Willie Jackson vs. Young Wagner, Joe Kayser vs. Jack Gillespie and Young Jack Hanlon vs. Young Joe Tuber.

Boxing and wrestling matches are included on the program of the West Philadelphia Cambria bouts. A lot of the night's excitement will be in the bouts. Cliff Bent vs. Willie Adams, Young Martin vs. Joe Thomas, Jack Tomlin vs. Young Lynch, Jack Hompe vs. Jack Brown, White Fitzgibbon vs. John Egan and Jimmy March vs. Al Brown.

Max Williamson made a tremendous hit in Paris in his last bout, in which he made orthodox, a Helogue, quit in the ninth.

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Law Tendler, local lightweight star, is getting numerous offers from out of town. A Boston promoter wants Tendler for a bout with Frankie White. The latter will meet Jimmy Sharp at the end of the month. The latter is taking the place of Packey Honeyman, who it was thought, would have been a "slip" for Tendler. St. Pauli Dever, who is fighting in other places where the local lad's services are wanted.

New York will be represented in both corners of the star sets at the National tonight when Willie Jackson and Johnny Martin clash. It will be a battle between a right-handed puncher and a southpaw scrapper. Other bouts: Eddie Kapsard vs. Young Sam Johnson, Llew vs. Roy Knapp, Reddy Hill vs. Joe Carson and Charley Walters vs. Young Mordecai.

Phil Glavin connected to have Harry Kid Brown like on Young Thaur of Baltimore, at the Olympic Monday night. The bout was originally scheduled to meet Brown, but the Briton was knocked out of the match when he was knocked out by Charley Monday night. Other bouts: Jack Toland vs. Roy Hill vs. Noble Hill.