

A RAUDE NEW YORKER SAYS THE A'S HAVE NEW UNIFORMS, BUT OTHERWISE THEY LOOK THE SAME

SCOTT PERRY TAKES A HIGH DIVE AND OTHER MACKS FLOP WITH HIM, WHICH IS ALIBI FOR GRIFFS' WIN

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

WHEN a pitcher starts sliding down the skids, he never takes the slippery journey all by his lonesome. Before he gets well under way eight other players on his side decide to partake of the hokum sport and all strike bottom simultaneously with that well-known and often-mentioned dull and sickening thud.

Therefore, we have a swell alibi for the trimming handed to the Athletics by Washington yesterday. Needless to say, Griff's athletes had the better team, played better baseball, had better pitching, did better hitting and deserved to win, but we will use the alibi just the same.

Scott Perry, Connie's pitching ace, got his cards mixed in the fourth inning and then had every appearance of a two-spot. Before that time the huge hurler was showing everything but control and curves, thus indicating he was preparing for the high dive, to say nothing of the furious flop. At times he could not get the ball over the plate. The opposing batters saw it first and slammed it indiscriminately. Scott also formed a pedestrian club, eluding seventy Washingtonians with his free walk.

That terrible fourth inning is worth repeating. The gentlemen working for Clark Griffith and Billy Richardson took a sudden dislike to the baseball buried at them by Mr. Perry, after Red Shannon and Jim O'Neill had joined the Perry Walking Association. This dislike was very apparent even to Frank Mackin, of brown derby fame, and Harry Tighe, one of our prominent actors, who sat in the upper pavilion wondering what it was all about.

The visiting athletes refused to allow the baseball to get anywhere near them and tried to knock it as far away as possible. They were in the line of the innocent sphere, but it took lots of punishment. The batters socked it high and far, most of the balls sailing into barren territory not densely populated by local outfielders.

BEFORE the quarts were halted, ten expert swatters faced the hard-working pitcher, five runs trickled over the pan and the baseball was knocked cock-eyed. Also the ball game Mr. Richardson and family chorled with plea.

Schacht Makes Hit With Boss THIS was the first time Billy Richardson saw his ball club in action on the local lot. He gazed upon a new cluster of players, learned Walter Johnson was not a shortstop, and applauded when the boys put the kibosh on the A's in the fourth and also put the game on ice.

He had a chance to take a look at Al Schacht in action, and Al proved to be a perfect pitcher. This bird was captured in Jersey City last season because anybody living in Jersey City is willing, more or less, to be captured if it means a change of residence. Therefore, Al submitted without a struggle, became well acquainted with Nick Altrock and surprised everybody in the spring training camp in Tampa, Fla., when he threw the ball with his right arm. Altrock still is wondering how it happened.

Merion Favorite IN WOMEN'S GOLF Phila. Cricket, Minus Two Stars, Leaves Only H. V. C. C. With Chance Against Champions

By ANDY McNIBLICK Play for the women's golf club championship of Philadelphia, as represented in the winner of the Philadelphia Team Cup, starts today.

Merion Cricket Club, present champion, captained by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow individual champion of this city, is the favorite, once more.

Merion plays Philadelphia today at Philmont and should easily prove the winner. Last year when all the divots were replaced and the count chalked down, it was found that Merion had only won 7-0.

The nearest rival to Merion last year was the Philadelphia Cricket Club, which went without defeat down to the match against Merion which ended 4-3, in favor of the Haverfordians.

Philadelphia Cricket Club had two such stars as Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck, ex-national champion, and Miss Mildred Caverly, ex-national finalist, to lead off last year, but both these experts are promoting the deck of the good ship Hattie today, far at sea on their way to compete for the Ladies' Championship of Great Britain. Their loss will be serious to the Cricket Club and smooth considerably the path of Merion.

Lead Off Mystery It was the secretary of the Women's Golf Association today that it is contrary to ethics to announce the teams before the actual play, and therefore the Cricket Club players who are to lead off for that team must remain a mystery for the time being.

The Cricket Club plays Old York Road today, which it bested last year to the tune of 7-0, which was by no means the services of its captain, Mrs. Edith Larzelere Glenn, it is expected. She and her husband have been spending their honeymoon at Pinehurst.

Just the same, Schacht made a big hit with the vice president of the club and also with President Griffith. The president, however, had an idea Al would make good, but Vice President Richardson had to be shown.

Washington presented a pretty good ball club to the home folks. Bobby Roth rounds out the outfield beautifully, making it one of the speediest and most aggressive outfields in the league. Rice and Zeb Milan are good hitters and cover lots of ground and do some clever work.

Joe Judge is the only veteran in the infield, but before passing him up let's spill a few words in his behalf. Joe is one of the best first basemen in the league, and there are several who class as stars. Joe isn't flashy, but is out there every day playing great baseball, getting his share of hits and putting over some swell fielding stunts. He never has been given credit for his good work, so we might as well start handing it to him now.

Stan Harris is on second. He is a new man and seems to be getting by all right. Jim O'Neill, at short, also is a recent acquisition and fields his hit well. He gives one the impression that he has a bum arm, but he gets the ball to first ahead of the runner although it seems he takes a wind-up. Red Shannon, once with the A's, is at third base and yesterday played a great game.

THE three new men in the infield worked smoothly and look like fixtures. This should please President Griffith and Vice President Richardson.

Murray to Weigh 110 Pounds JOHNNY BURNS, manager of Battling Murray, stepped into the office this morning to get a load off his chest. He carried it all the way from Kensington, and exploded as follows:

"I have been reading about this bout between Wilde and Murray and I want to know where you get that stuff about Wilde giving away nine or ten pounds to my battler. That's all bunk. Murray isn't a heavyweight or anything like that. He is not even a bantam. He weighed for this morning and what do you suppose he weighed? Give it up? Well, he tipped the beam at 110 pounds, and what do you think of that?"

"I also had him down to 107 pounds and he was strong. Don't you believe it? Well, wait and see. That kid will surprise you."

"He has been training in the mountains in Kensington, taking lots of road work, and there has been no cheating. Joe Borrell, ex-champion middleweight, travels with him and Murray can't do anything but work because Joe speaks his language fluently. He is in great shape, honest he is."

HERMAN TAYLOR put up a certified check for \$7000 yesterday, which is Jimmy Wilde's fee for appearing in the eight-round bout in Camden. Now the only thing Jimmy has to do is report at the Army, meet Battling Murray and collect the dough.

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SCHOOLBOYS NEED PLAYING FIELDS League Games Postponed When Grounds Are Not Available

Much to the disappointment of scholastic fans the game between Germantown High and West Philadelphia High School yesterday was called off, the reason assigned "no playing field."

Lack of suitable grounds for games has been one of the big handicaps to the operation of the league, and the West Philadelphia and Germantown boys have experienced just what South-ern High, Frankford and numerous other schools have gone through in years past.

West Philadelphia High has arranged to play some of the home games at the Kingessing playgrounds, but cannot secure the field at Forty-ninth and Chester avenue for postponed games. Owing to the rain the early part of this month there are many contests on the schedule which must be played off, providing a field can be secured. To-morrow West Phillies and Frankford play on the Kingessing grounds.

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It was a coincidence that Milo Miller, the Quaker leader, should lose to Warren, first singles for West Philadelphia, while on the other hand Captain Bramhall, of West Philadelphia, was defeated by Wentz, of Penn Charter. This was the best match of the day. Wentz, a freshman, was a real winner. Penn Charter had all he could do to win the first set of his match with Wood. He let up somewhat and Wood won the second set, but the third showed a reversal of form by Wood, and the Penn Charter boy won hands down.

The doubles match really decided the winners. Burk and Thomas defeated Colburn and Frings in two hotly contested sets. Now that Penn Charter has an edge over the Speedwheels, who were anxious to win the title this year, the Quakers again loom up as the likely winners.

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NAYLOR BOOKED TO DO TWIRLING Athletics Meet Washington Again - Baseball Scribes Dined by Wm. Richardson

William Richardson, the new owner of the Washington Baseball Club, opened the interviewing season today at noon in his office at the Bourne. He gathered around him the baseball scribes of Philadelphia and the Capital City.

There was much merriment, food and everything for the boys and a pleasant time was had up to the time the party left for the ball game at Shibe Park, the second contest between the Athletics and the Senators.

Connie Mack, after having had Scott Perry pummeled into a helpless heap yesterday, decided that he would try either Naylor or Kinney to do the tossing this afternoon. Yesterday Perry was not in shape, but unfortunately, Washington did not find this out until the Washington scribes had fattened their batting averages to an alarming extent.

Clark Griffith said this morning that he would send Shaw to the mound in all probability, but that if he didn't show enough before the game he would send Erickson in. Walter Johnson was to have carried yesterday but he has been ill for several days, and it is doubtful if he will be used in any of the games against the Athletics. Of course, the Athletics are awfully sore about this.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for Team, Won, Lost, Pct., Win, Loss

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SCHEDULE FOR TODAY NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for Location, Time

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns for Location, Score

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Bingles and Bungles Our A's and Phils both took the count...

Rabbit Marquette changed his obligations yesterday, instead of laboring for the Braves...

Ross Young was guilty of our Phils' loss at the Polo Grounds. While polling around...

Cleveland appears to have the real winning wallop. The Indians seemed well beaten yesterday...

Nothing not to get excited about: Chicago Cubs beat St. Louis, 9-6.

Blossom Beely has had a divorce suit against her husband. Babe Hornward, pitcher of the Athletics, has released him.

Pitcher Haviland, of the Federal Reserve, let the direct Trust bureau team down without a hit or a run yesterday.

Red Herring Makes Henry Divine Memphis, Tenn., April 20.—(United Press.)

U. S. HOCKEY TEAM NOW IN ANTWERP Stages Practice for Olympics and Is Already Picked to Win

Antwerp, April 20. — America's hockey team, which is entered in the first big events of the Olympic games to be held this spring and summer, arrived yesterday, none the worse for a few days of rather rough weather.

Canadian hockey players were on the side lines watching the practice, and expressed the opinion the Americans would be strong contenders for the hockey title. It is planned to put the American team through a daily practice until the opening game, which will be played Friday evening.

Both the American hockey players and individual skaters pronounced the ice in the rink excellent last night. There are seating accommodations for only 800 spectators and the rink will be crowded to capacity. American army officers stationed at the Antwerp base and casuals from the army of occupation are clamoring for a chance to root for the Americans, while the Canadians will be backed by the British army contingent.

The Americans were met on their arrival at the dock by the Belgian committee. All the teams entered for competition are now here, with the exception of the French, who are only a few hours away and are training steadily in Paris. The American individual skaters will be called upon to face the best and most experienced Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish fliers.

LAST season Alexander gave vent to the best record in his league so far as earned runs go. In the same way Jess Barnes won more ball games than any other National League pitcher.

Yet in opening the 1920 campaign both were maulled to pink pulp. The Reds peeled large patches of hide off Alex and the Braves hurled Barnes to the ground in April showers in a few catches.

Which is merely proof that you can't tell much about it from the first game.

Bank and Trust Company League The National Bank and Trust Co. League opened its season yesterday.

Penn Charter Wins Track Meet Penn Charter defeated Germantown High school in a dual track meet yesterday afternoon by the score of 32 to 28.

THIS IS THE EPOCH OF SOCK, BIFF, CRASH, BING

Babe Ruth, Hagen, Johnson and Jones All Have It. And Crowd Seeks Noise of the Wallop These Days

Down the Road COME on, you vagabonds, and follow down the way. The red road that's leading to the crimson heart of May.

By GRANTLAND RICE PROF. HYPE IGOE desires to know all singles. For Ruth's hits in his first game were counted out of it because their spirit was supposed to be broken.

THE Chicago White Sox have been counted out of it because their spirit was supposed to be broken. But suppose they decide to make a fight for it again?

Age of Punch THIS seems to be the Age of the Punch in sport. At least, ability to "sock" is the attribute of most of the drawing cards who lure the crowds out for inspection.

Walter Hagen, the United States open golf champion, is another crusher. Hagen's game has the punch, his power being especially effective in iron play.

Abbe Mitchell, the British sensation in golf, is the longest hitter in the game—one of those terrific wallowers who can hammer the ball fast when he leans against it.

SHANAHAN LEASES GROUND Will Stage Open-Air Shows During Coming Season The Shanahan Catholic Club, one of the oldest athletic organizations of its kind in this city, has just leased the plot of ground at Forty-seventh street and Lancaster avenue through its spiritual director, the Rev. Father McShea.

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