

MAKCK SHOULD WORRY ABOUT LOSING AS LONG AS HE HAS DYKES TO STOP FLOOD OF DEFEATS

GOOD INFIELD CAN MAKE PITCHER, BUT IF INNER WORKS ARE WEAK TWIRLER OUT OF LUCK, SAYS 'GAVVY'

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

WHEN you talk about good pitching, says GAVVY Cravath, "you are referring to only one-half of the story. When a pitcher is going good, holding the opposing team to a few hits, you can bet he is getting 100 per cent support from his infield. A good infield can make a pitcher, but a good pitcher cannot make an infield. If the inner works are weak, the best hurler in the world will find it difficult to win ball games."

There are many arguments in favor of the Cravathian doctrine, but before passing to the next subject take a look at the Cleveland club. That infield is one of the best in baseball, with Gardner, Chapman, Wambaugss and game. Know the hitters and always are putting up a stone-wall defense. A short time ago, however, Johnson's legs went back on him and he was benched. Nunamaker was sent to first base, but couldn't deliver like an experienced initial sacker. Several games were lost and Speaker had to send Johnson back into the game, bum legs and all. He is now the best slugger on the circuit and the Indians are leading the league.

There must be a reason, so let's blame it on the infield. According to Cravath's theory, a pitcher loses heart when ground balls which should have been easy outs roll to the outfield for safe hits. Two or three of these take away the confidence of the twirler and he takes it for granted he is on the losing side.

OF COURSE, there might be many arguments against this theory, but we have not heard any as yet. A good infield, with fair pitching, will pull a ball club through a majority of its games.

Did Papin Lose His Title?

NOW that Tendler has knocked out Georges Papin, writes a curious customer, "has he won the lightweight championship of France?"

THE official standing of our local big league clubs is the same today as yesterday. No games were lost because rain mercifully interfered. Here are the scores:

THEN take Brooklyn as another example. Pfeffer, Cadore, Mamuz, Smith and Marquard are winning pitchers, but when the infield flops they lose just the same as the ordinary hurlers. The left side of the defense is weak.

Tiger Sluggers Slumped

ON THE other hand, Detroit lost thirteen straight, but the blame cannot be placed on the infield. Helman at first, Pop Young at second and Donnie Bush at short are seasoned players, but third base has been a source of worry. Elklison is playing the bag now, but there are others seeking the job.

However, the reason for Detroit's slump is weak pitching and weaker hitting. Tr Cobb, Bobby Veach, Flagstead and Shorten slumped, and with those sluggers not hitting "em where they ain't" the Tigers have had rough sledding. The best infield in the world could net help in a case like that.

If you notice closely, you will find that the Athletics breeze along beautifully when the infield is working smoothly. Connie Mack is handicapped, however, in having so many young players in his first line of defense. If one slips up another is likely to do the same, and soon the whole bunch goes to pieces.

The Chicago Cubs got off to a poor start when Merkle was taken out of the line-up and Hollocher was suffering

PENN TRACK TEAM EXPECTS RECORDS

Red and Blue Athletes Think Eby Can Break Half Mark



IRA BERTOLET Former Penn athlete, who is making an effort to get back in shape to compete for the Germantown Boys' Club

Members of the Penn track team will consult the outfit board today in the hope that the outfit will bring good weather and a fast track to Franklin Field for tomorrow's dual meet between Penn and Cornell.

This is especially true in the half-mile, where Earl Eby, intercollegiate champion and half-mile runner par excellence, will be pitted against Mayer, of Cornell, last year's intercollegiate half-mile champion. Reports from Ithaca say that Mayer is jumping faster this year than ever before, and that Eby is in for one of the hardest races of his career.

Eby Will Be Pushed In the relay Eby was clocked for the half in 1:54.4-5, and many think he could have made much faster time had he been pushed. Eby had a lead of twenty yards on the rest of the field, and while coming down the stretch was cautioned by Coach Robertson to ease up. In the international two-mile race Eby was so far in the rear when he took the baton from Larry Brown that it was impossible for him to catch the fleeing Ruff. Eby covered the distance in 1:56.3-5.

Tomorrow it is felt that Eby will be pushed to the limit from the start of the race, and if he is many think that the record held by the peerless Ted Meredith is in danger of taking a fall. The mark is 1:52.2-5. Meredith, when on for the relay, characterized Eby as one of the speediest half-mile runners he had ever seen.

Bob Maxam, the Washington youth, is out to bring his best time for the quarter down to 48 seconds, and he will have stiff competition in his tryout. Maxam did 48.4-5 in the last quarter of the intercollegiate mile relay in the relay carnival, winning by ten yards.

Rush Smith Fast In Rush Smith, who surprised in the Dartmouth meet by winning the 220 and tying for first in the 100, Robertson has one of the best sprinters developed in years on Franklin Field. He is expected to fill the shoes of Creed Haymond, 100 and 220 champion last year. This is Smith's first year of varsity competition, and with two more years should become one of the best sprinters in college ranks.

Watts the big Ithaca hurdler, will be looked for to break the world record of a severe cold, according to a dispatch received last night from Ithaca. Watts broke the world's record for the 440-yard hurdle race. His loss will be severely felt, but the Red and White has in Smith, who finished second to Thomson in the 120-yard championships in the relay, one of the best hurdlers in college ranks. Everett Smalley, who is running in great form this season will give Smith a great fight for first place in the high and low events. Against Thomson, Smalley is expected to be rapidly coming to the fore by finishing both events less than a yard in the rear of the Dartmouth specialist.

TRIES COMEBACK

Bertolet to Jump This Season for Germantown B. C.

Ira Bertolet, the former Penn and Central High star broad jumper, will try a comeback this spring. He will compete in local track meets for the Germantown Boys' Club.

Best started jumping again about two weeks ago, mostly for exercise than with an idea of getting back in competition, but after leaping close to 22 feet he decided to return to the game. While at Penn he jumped more than 22 feet consistently.

Moran Protests Game Cincinnati, May 11.—The game which the Reds lost to St. Louis in the eleventh inning last Sunday has been protested in a writ by a division made in Empire State in the first half of the eleventh inning. Groh, who said he had been hit with a pitched ball, started to take first base as customary. Manager Moran in his protest said Empire State is an illegal game, and that the St. Louis players, who were in the dugout, were not properly ejected from the game.

Mansell Wins Another Portland, Ore., May 11.—Harry Mansell, of twenty-four games, led his team to a victory over the Portland team, who were in the lead in the series. Mansell's victory was the result of a brilliant performance by the pitcher, who was in the lead in the series.

Cornell Oarsmen Off Ithaca, N. Y., May 11.—The Cornell varsity and freshman crew squads, consisting of twenty-four oarsmen, left for Princeton, N. J., where they will participate in a regatta on the Delaware river under the auspices of Princeton and Yale. Coach Charles K. Courtney remained here, and Coach John Hovis accompanied the crew.

FLEISHER TO PLAY LIT'S

Runners-Up of Industrial Soccer League to Play Independent Ball

Eddie Lusk, who is piloting the S. B. & R. W. Fleisher baseball team, having been assigned to this position during the past season with the soccer eleven, will trot out his baseball team tomorrow afternoon to tackle the Lit Brothers nine on their home grounds, at Twenty-sixth and Reed streets.

Fleisher has secured and signed up for the season some of the best semi-professional baseball players in this section, among whom are "Saw" Mullin, Legan, Law Adams, Bobby Schaffer, "Al" Foxsett, Dishar, Downs, Wilson, Hagy and Lorence. This team will play independent baseball throughout the season.

Starting on next Sunday, May 23, they will inaugurate Sunday baseball on their new athletic field, having as their opening attraction the strong Aberfoyle team from Chester. Lusk has already booked such teams as Hilldale, Nativity, Parkersburg, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Steelton, Bethlehem, Brooklyn Giants, Guy Emper's Treat, Kim Rough and other first-class teams. Fans will be promised gilt-edge baseball throughout the season.

Cornell Wins at Tennis Middletown, Conn., May 11.—Cornell defeated Wesleyan in a tennis meet yesterday, winning three out of four matches in the singles and one out of two doubles.



YOUTH VS. AGE MAIN BATTLE IN BASEBALL

Youngster Breaking In and Veteran Holding On In Continuous Struggle in Every Line of Sport and Life

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE main battle in baseball is not for any pennant. It is the battle of Youth trying to break in and Age trying to hold on. This is more important than any pennant, since it is a matter of paying the rent, buying the bread and meat and wearing clothes. Also, it is a battle that began to take place long before any pennants were ever heard of.

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NOT to forget a Mr. De Oro, who has been elected but once, as we recall the details, in something like thirty-three years.

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SPORTS AMONG AMATEURS

The Quaker City Club's baseball team has opened its season with an exceptionally fast traveling nine and is anxious to schedule games with first-class home clubs, giving suitable guarantees. Manager Samuel S. Rubin, 1211 Vine street, says his athletes will be ready to play every Saturday during the season.

St. Anne's Catholic Club has entered the Northeast Catholic League with a high-class team, and the first game will be played tomorrow. Eight clubs are in the league and competition promises to be close. More than twenty candidates for St. Anne's team have reported to Manager Tom Kane. Joe Shanaghan has been elected business manager.

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