

ITS BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE SEEMS TO BE THE VIEW OF OUR BEST MEN IN THE RING

WILD BILL SNARES FRANK BRUGGY, TO BACKSTOP FOR THE PHILLIES

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BBUSINESS is picking up in the office of the Philadelphia club. Last Saturday the best club picked up a pitcher and an outfielder and today a catcher was picked up. As Bill Donovan aptly put it, "We are picking while the picking is good."

A new catcher has stepped into our midst. His name is Frank Bruggy and last year he did great work for the Buffalo club in the International League. Donovan piped him off and said he was the best receiver on the circuit. He is a smart athlete, knows how to handle pitchers and will be a great help to the team.

Walter Truesdale was swapped to Buffalo for the new phenomenon in an even-Stephen transaction. No money changed hands.

Funny how things will work out in baseball. Three years ago Bruggy was a member of the Boston Braves. He was Truesdale's Stallion and other catchers and decided to make a cut. For a long time he didn't know whether to keep Bruggy or Truesdale and finally let the former go. Now, three years later, Truesdale is sent to the minors in exchange for the man he beat out for a job in the past.

Bruggy is well known here, but not as a baseball player. He is a basketball star and will play tonight with the Germantown club against the Camden champions at Auditorium Hall, Chestnut and Chelton avenues. Our new catcher made his first appearance in the Eastern League as a member of the New York Giants. Last year he was in Stoughton where he managed the team. Last year he won the first-half title, but lost to Nantux in the playoffs.

Bruggy is one of the heaviest men in the game. He is more than six feet in height and weighs 225 pounds. Last year he played a few games for Frank Roth and was the sensation of the league. His remarkable speed helped a lot and this, with his bulk, made it difficult for the opposing catchers to do much with him. Bruggy is a forward, "I watched Frank closely last year," said Donovan. "I made up my mind to get him if possible, if I had charge of a big league ball club. I started negotiations soon after my appointment as manager of the Phillies and closed the deal a couple of days ago. Bruggy is a smooth ball player; by that I mean he is a finished product. He hits well, having an average of .339 last year. He also stole fifteen bases. Unless I miss my guess, he will make a big hit here next year."

BILL also announced the purchase of a pitcher named Morgan from the Birmingham club. He is a steady ball player with good arms, who has pitched sixteen and lost ten games.

How Garry Got Rixey

PRESIDENT BAKER kicked in with a story about the trade which brought Rixey and Neale here in exchange for Rixey. He said that mental telepathy or some other occult stuff figured prominently in the deal.

"We had been annoyed all winter," said Mr. Baker, "by the club signing Rixey, St. Louis, and then Cincinnati were anxious to get the big left hander and New York and Pittsburgh also put in bids. We wanted some players in exchange and we offered all of the spawined, broken-down athletes they had."

"Before having for Chicago to attend the joint meeting," he said, "I went down and figured out what we wanted from Cincinnati in exchange for Rixey."

"Give me the names of two players Garry Herriman will not trade," I told Donovan. "Then we will not be bothered by him any more."

"I did not talk with Herriman until the last day. He made a proposition and I turned it down. I had the

names of the two players—Rixey and Neale—in my inside coat pocket and had on my overcoat. I don't know how it happened, but Herriman must have looked through both coats and read the writing, for he said: "This is my final proposition. I will give you Rixey and Neale for Rixey."

"That almost knocked me off my feet, but I managed to tell him I would consider the trade and would talk it over with Mr. Donovan."

"Garry must have read my mind on that trade."

Shets An Explorer

BILL SHETSLINE also had a few words to say. The genial business manager has been discovering some new towns in the South and arranged several games down there. He will visit such well-known cities as Orangeburg, Florence and Darlington, all in South Carolina, and play the Rochester club.

After that will come the crucial series with the Athletics. Four battles will be fought on alien soil and the fifth is to be staged in Shibe Park. Everybody is interested in this series and the natives behind the Mason and Dixon line cannot wait until the games begin.

The Phillies will play at Jacksonville, Fla., and play some exhibition games with the Washington club while there. After that will come the trip, which is as follows:

- April 1, Rochester at Orangeburg, S. C.
- April 2, Rochester at Florence, S. C.
- April 3, Rochester at Darlington, S. C.
- April 4, Athletics at Greysville, S. C.
- April 6, Athletics at Spartanburg, S. C.
- April 7, Athletics at Charlotte, S. C.
- April 8, Athletics at Rock Mount, N. C.
- April 9, Athletics at Shibe Park.

Blue Elephants for A's

NOT to be outdone, Connie Mack stepped into the picture with an announcement. Connie has all the players he needs and can't purchase any more, so he visited Jake Gray and bought two new elephants, which will be used to surround his athletes at home and on the road.

Mr. Gray was highly enthused over the selection of goods and says the color scheme is wonderful. At home the boys will wear pure white tops and steel gray will be the predominant color on the road. According to Mr. Gray, each suit will be provided with a "C" neck and the stockings will be royal blue and white.

The managerie will not be forgotten. In these prohibition days it will be possible to see the blue elephants every time the A's get into action. Seeing blue elephants for one price of admission is hard to do, but not at Shibe Park.

Connie says his athletes are ready for action and will be kept busy in the South. The first installment leaves on February 29.

Giants May Get Stock

THE trade which sent Walter Maravanville to Pittsburgh makes one wonder what the New York Giants are going to do for a new infielder. They cannot get Groh from Cincinnati. St. Louis turned down \$300,000 for Hornsby and it looks as if that deal is all set.

It is rumored that McGraw's next move will be to offer Branch Rickey a bundle of dough for Milton Stock, one of the best third basemen in the business, and then shift Rickey to second base. To our mind, this would help his club more than the acquisition of Hornsby.

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Boots and Saddle

Members of the Racing Commission of Maryland will meet in Philadelphia Thursday for a conference with representatives of the New York Jockey Club. At the meeting the matter of the Maryland commission will be thoroughly discussed. The meeting was arranged by Joseph E. Widener, of the Jockey Club, and Joseph P. Kennedy, of the Maryland commission.

It is believed that a thorough understanding will be arrived at between the two turf bodies. The tendency to factionalism exhibited during the closing days of the meeting last autumn will be thrust out.

Three thoroughbred, now three years old, now being raced each as two-year-olds, are owned by the Jockey Club. They are called: "The Duke," "The Duke's Son," "The Duke's Daughter" and "The Duke's Niece."

Winners of six races each include the Duke, who has won the Maryland Jockey Club stakes and the New York Jockey Club stakes. The Duke's Son has won the Maryland Jockey Club stakes and the New York Jockey Club stakes. The Duke's Daughter has won the Maryland Jockey Club stakes and the New York Jockey Club stakes. The Duke's Niece has won the Maryland Jockey Club stakes and the New York Jockey Club stakes.

Joe Burns Has a Deal

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Harness Happenings

Edward Jones, who has been in the harness business for a long time, has been in the harness business for a long time. He has been in the harness business for a long time and has been one of the best drivers in the harness business.

Griffith is Victor

Wins From Hertz in Eight Rounds at Chester

Chester, Pa., Jan. 25.—John Griffith, of this city, defeated Earl Hertz, of Pottsville, in eight rounds in a boxing match at the Elford Theatre, here last night. It was a good bout throughout.

Griffith was favored by the odds. He won the first round and landed a heavy blow on Hertz's head in the second round. Hertz was forced to break ground in the eighth round and was out on the defensive.

Kid Wolf Wins

Eddie Planchot, of Pottsville, looks like a promising sport. Dr. Mike Sussman thinks the same, so that ought to make it interesting. However, John (Kid) Wolf was exactly too strong for the Smoky City lad, and the latter was a victim at the Elford Theatre in a rally in the last round by Planchot.

Frankie Britt Beats Brown

Brown, Jan. 25.—Frankie Britt, of New York, defeated Brown, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds in a boxing match at the Elford Theatre, here last night. It was a good bout throughout.

Scanlon Outpoints Fimler

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 25.—Percy Scanlon, of this city, outpointed Fimler, of Erie, Pa., in eight rounds in a boxing match at the Elford Theatre, here last night. It was a good bout throughout.

Seaman and Blute Fight Draw

New York, Jan. 25.—Seaman and Blute fought a draw in their eighth round in a boxing match at the Elford Theatre, here last night. It was a good bout throughout.

Belleville Academy Wins

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 25.—The Belleville Academy defeated the Atlanta High School in a boxing match at the Elford Theatre, here last night. It was a good bout throughout.

Valger Stops Stosh in Eighth

Maine, Jan. 25.—Henry Valger, of this city, defeated Stosh, of Portland, in eight rounds in a boxing match at the Elford Theatre, here last night. It was a good bout throughout.

THE LIFE OF A MAN BY THE NAME OF HARDING



EXAMS WORK HAVOC ON PENN MORALE

Red and Blue Athletes So Busy Crumming for Midyears That They Forget Athletics

Athletes have been shunted far in the background by University of Pennsylvania students. They have far more important things to think of this week and next week. The bugaboo of mid-year examinations is upon them and the athletes usually chuck-full of sandfog are the most worried.

"How'd you make out today?" says one to another. For upon the results of the exams hinges Penn's athletic success for the remainder of the year. A flunk for an athlete and he is ineligible for some time. Two flunks and he might get his walking papers into town. Three flunks and he is certain to be moving to other fields.

The entire list of athletes is feeling the strain of the exams. Coach Joe Wright felt it yesterday when hardly half of his large number of candidates turned out for practice. "Must be drumming up pretty hard for those exams," quipped Smiling Joe.

Coach Robertson's band of track athletes seem the least perturbed outwardly, although several admitted that they were feeling dazed and dazed. Eby and a host of other varsity men were out on the track yesterday working out. There is to be no let-up for the regulars because of the exams. In the latter part of the year, a Red and Blue relay team, consisting of Brown, Eby, Rogers and Irwin or Lewis, will run in the special mile race in the latter part of the year. A Red and Blue relay team, consisting of Brown, Eby, Rogers and Irwin or Lewis, will run in the special mile race in the latter part of the year.

BAITING OF REFEREE SPOILS SOCCER GAME

Some Who Act in That Capacity Are Incompetent, but Players and Spectators Can Help Them—Let the Captain Make the Complaints

By DOUGLAS STEWART
Coach of the University of Pennsylvania soccer team, intercollegiate champions

ONE of the phases of human nature which I have never been able to understand is the tendency of a soccer player to bait a referee. I have seen a team play cricket without a word from a single player in criticism of the referee, yet that same team on the soccer field with the same man as referee would not hesitate to say what it thought about his decisions and fouls.

The referee is a very necessary person on the field during the game and his decisions are final. It is possible to question his interpretation of the law in some cases, but even then you don't get very far, certainly not with the referee. If the referee is incompetent, it is not his fault, and it is not a very easy thing for a referee to shake the confidence in him as a judge which the teams and the audience in his path is fairly smooth, but it was beside him if they don't think he is fair and impartial.

One of the striking features of the game is the irresponsibility of some of the individuals acting as referees from time to time. If one mistake is made, they have no compunction in making another one to even it up—to the disgust of the players on both sides. The game develops into a scramble of the worst kind. Dirty play, dirty play, dirty play, looking out for himself and not falling to get the opponent when he can, forgetting altogether that he is to play the ball, not the man, and in fact, that he is in the path of the ball and the referee has not a grip of the game.

Take on the other hand a game where the referee realizes his responsibilities and has players and game in hand. Everything runs smoothly and cleanly, knowing that if any one oversteps the bounds the referee will see it and inflict the necessary penalty. The players

BELGIAN BILLIARDS EXPERT HAS THE POINT PERSONALITY

Edouard Horemans Makes Excellent Impression by His Ability to Make Ivory Spheres Jostle Each Other

By STACY MENTLICK
Schoener, but not Horemans. There is no lost motion, no wasted energy. The Belgian is deliberate. He is a player, not a showman. He is a player in the first place, he lacks personality, and admittedly personality is a necessary asset for any actor.

Horemans' last shot is his master. Both the masse draw or masse follow are accurately executed. His judgment of speed of cushions and timing of the roll was good. He seemed to have no mistakes in his first workout here, save on his open-table work.

Takes It Seriously
The Belgian takes billiards seriously. He plays every shot as though it were the deciding one. He is careful, never rushed in a cue ball, but he is deliberate and firm. He lets the cue glide firmly against the cue ball.

Horemans has been the great Hoppe here, but not only because he can make points but because he has an entertaining way of making them. He has a peculiar style, a "holding, artistic stroke," and a way of making the ivory glide around the table that charms.

Horemans will make a mass of many drives in a 3000 point game as Horemans. The latter plays like Sutton—always using the short rails and the draw to avoid a long drive. Hoppe takes chances. As one noted expert said, "It is Hoppe's delinquent mind that directs his play, but with Horemans everything is certain and the direct billiard brain directs his work."

Wild Bill Donovan, the now Philly pilot, and Jack Hohn, manager of the Quaker City hockey team, warbled a great game between Horemans and Wild Bill Sunday night. Horemans could handle the bases while Manager Hohn insisted that Eddie Hill could handle a puck with greater skill.

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Crude But Effective

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Horemans aims, then shows. There is none of that "holding" that is characteristic of the American billiard. Hoppe adds, so does Cochran and

FLORIDA IS FAIRLY REEKING OF SPORT

Ponce De Leon Made a Sad Mistake When He Didn't Name That Wonderful Peninsula of Sunshine and Pleasure "Sportoria"

By GRANTLAND RICE
Belleair, Fla., Jan. 24.

IN OPENING any Florida narrative it is always essential to start by mentioning palms, pineapples, Ponce De Leon. As we recall the details of that present are none too intimate, it was Ponce De Leon who made the mistake of naming the state Florida. A mistake, because if he had looked far enough ahead he would have called it Sportoria. In just a few years this state has become one of the great winter playgrounds of the world, from the millionaires of Palm Beach to the tinier tourists who seek adventure by the roadside in Rivers and wagons that offer both lodging and transportation.

The Mistaken Idea
THERE seems to be a general impression abroad that only the wealthy can follow the winter sun from the snowbanks to the Cherokee roses in Florida. At large overlooks all the thousands who drift in by rambling roadsters to St. Petersburg or other localities, where they turn their five-cent, ten-cent, twenty-cent and fifty-cent pieces into the thrills of pitching horseshoes, into chess, checkers or fishing as they back under a stormy sun far away from the blizzards and the snow.

In these sportive excursions into Florida you can live on \$500 a week or \$5.00 a week, and in either case pick up a snappy time, as snappy times go. You can see certain leading business men cracking under the strain of a checker barrage that merely cost an extra chew of plug tobacco.

Reeking With Sport

BUT the entire state, east coast and west, northern and central areas, is fairly reeking with sport—baseball, golf, tennis, polo, fishing, hunting, yachting, swimming, sailing, bowling on the green, checkers, chess and whatever else you'd like to do.

New golf courses here seem to be springing up overnight. Towns of from 2000 to 10,000 have first-class 18-hole battlefields with good fairways and grass greens, many of which are very fine indeed.

Among the leading winter resorts such golfers as Walter Hagen, Jim Barnes, Jack Hutchinson, Mike Brady, Lew Haged and other stars will soon be on the loose, getting ready for the greatest competitive year golf has ever known between American meadows and Scottish moors.

At Belleair, Palm Beach, Miami, Tampa, De Land, Mountain Lake, Orlando, St. Petersburg, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, etc., they are able to stop upon championship tests in the form of cases and thereby get the training needed for the title contests that are booked between St. Louis, Mo., and St. Andrews, Scotland, this coming summer.

More Sport Than Society

THE most impressive feature is the large number of middle-aged and older, business men and wayfarers who in finding a new playground have added both years and happiness to their life.

Society plays a minor role in Florida now. It is nine-tenths sport and recreation, and in nine cases out of ten it is for the general and average twenty-five or thirty who have earned the right to frolic a bit and forget the directors' meeting or additional supplies for the general merchandise store on Main Street, in the home town.

These Gypsy-Hearted Wanderers Who, Without Much Reserve Cash, Seek Adventure or Contentment along the Road, Offer in Many Cases their Long, Scattered Boards as Fit Competitors for the Gray Moss that Drops from the Sheltering Oaks, and These are Times when Only an Expert can Spot which is which.

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