IN PICKING ONE TO PLAY MISS LEITCH ABROAD, U. S. ALEXA STIRLING WITH CONFIDENCE

ED ROMMELL LOOMS LIKE STAR HURLER; MAY SLOW BALL A'S INTO A LOT OF 1921 VICTORIES

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OF ALL the pitchers on the Mackian payroll who are rehearsing down here, Ed Rommell has shown most promise and if he keeps up the good work he threatens to be one of the leading flingers in the big show. Ed was pretty good last year after he got going, but that was late in the season and few paid any attention to it. A performer on an eighth-place club seldom gets credit because he usually finishes second in his work. Otherwise, the club wouldn't be in eighth place.

ED ROMMELL

But Ed cares nothing for slams and wallops. He has been kicked around considerably and had his ups and downs with eleven downs to every up. That's why he is showing lots of pep down here, is working harder than any one on the squad and is developing into a wonderful moundsman.

Rommell looked like the other pitchers the first few days, with no outstanding feature to shove him out in front, until the other morning Ralph Perkins wandered over to Connie Mack to deliver a short oration. Perk seemed to have something on his mind, for his brow was wrinkled and he had every appearance of a person struggling with some weighty problem.

"Connie," he said without preamble, "I can't catch that slow ball Rommell is pitching. I have tried it for a week and it gets away from me. I don't know where it is going and in a close game I will be afraid to signal for it. What shall I do?"

"Better see Harry Davis about it," replied Connie.

Harry was interviewed and the noted iron merchant took the catching glove and ordered Rommell to pitch the deceptive pellet.

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THE first one hit Harry in the chest, the second went through his legs and the third one whizzed past his ear, missing the auditory organ by a fraction of an inch. Then Harry retired and said he would think about it.

Knuckle Ball With Variations

"BUT now that you have seen it," persisted Perkins, "what are you going to do about it? What am I going to do? You can't catch it and it's the same with me. What's the dope?"

"Well," replied Harry slowly, "I expect you'd better knock it down with your glove and not try to catch it. The ball is hard to catch, also hard to pitch. Just knock it down."

Perkins walked back to the bench, slowly shaking his head and kicking his feet in the sand. He still faced the problem of catching the mysterious slow ball and had no chance of solving it. Instead, all he had to do was catch it. Not a soft assignment.

We sought Rommell after the practice and asked him all about it.

"I guess it is knuckle ball with variations," he replied. "I have been experimenting with it for four years and did not get it under control until last year. I didn't use it very much, but it certainly fooled the batters. I guess I used it seventy-five times and seventy were strikes.

"I hold the ball with the thumb and the first joints of the index and middle fingers. I throw it with the same motion as my fast ball, but it travels slowly to the plate and just before it reaches the batter it shoots either up or down, inside or outside. I never have seen Cicotte work, so I can't compare it with his delivery. All I know is that it is pretty good and nobody has hit it soundly as yet.

"Four years ago when I was a kid chasing baseballs and minding the bats in Baltimore for Jack Dunn I used to mingle with the ballplayers and try to do everything they did. I practiced pitching and one day used the knuckle ball. It went good, but I didn't know what to do with it. Frank Bruggy, who now is catching for the Phils, taught me the proper way to hold the ball and I have been practicing ever since."

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ROMMELL has been in the league two years and in baseball three years. He was sent to Newark in 1918 because Jack Dunn wanted to get rid of him. In that league Rommell won the majority of his games and made such a good record that Connie signed him in 1920. The first year in Newark Rommell won four out of five from Baltimore and five out of seven the second year. This is one instance where Dunn made a big mistake. He let Rommell go before he was ripe.

Teaches Delivery to Other Hurlers

ED IS not at all secretive with his new delivery. He is teaching it to all of the other pitchers, and Slappy and Eckert seem to have mastered it. The others can't get it.

"That's the most deceptive ball I have ever seen," said Perkins.

"It stood the Yankees on their heads one day last year. In one inning Pratt, Ruth and Meusel struck out in succession on nine pitched balls. I couldn't catch the ball, but knocked it down and threw the men out at first.

"Another time we were playing in Boston. It was the ninth inning. We were leading by one run and there was a man on third with two out. I wasn't playing that day and Johnny Walker was catching. Rommell was in the box and when the batter stepped up Connie said to me: "'You had better take Walker's place and signal for the slow ball. We have a good chance to win.'

"I donned the mask and protector and went into the game. I gave the sign for the slow ball and Rommell threw it. I thought I knew where it was going, but when I put up my hands it swerved downward and passed between my legs. While I was chasing it to the grand stand the tying run came in and we didn't win until the tenth inning.

"You can take it from me, that is the only ball of its kind that is pitched in the big leagues, and Rommell's effectiveness has improved 50 per cent because of it.

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"IF I CAN'T catch it, how can a hitter hit it?"

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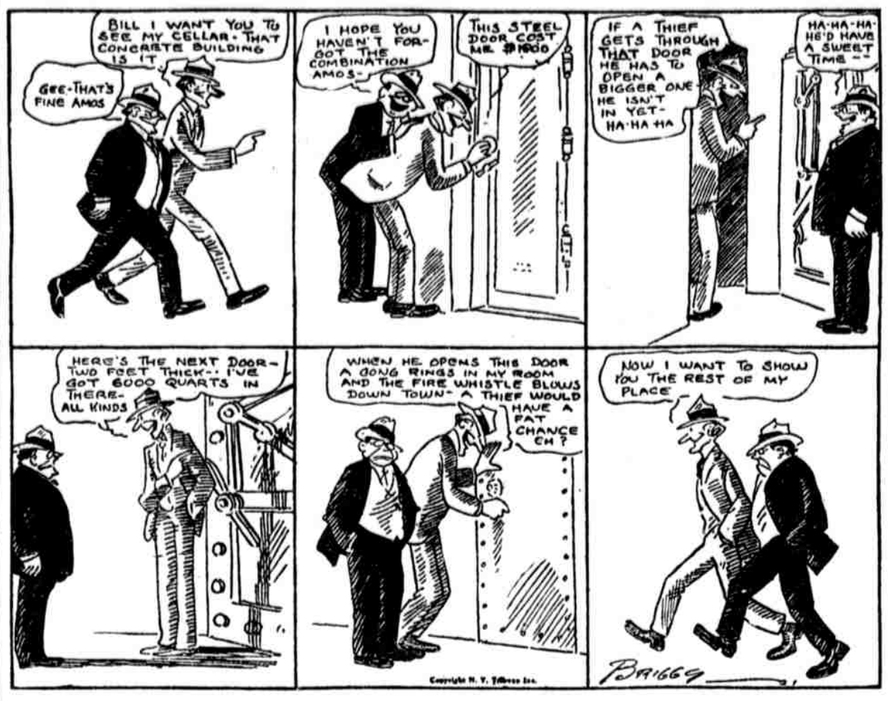

RUNS "EARNED" FROM PITCHER TEST WORTH

Ability to Win Ball Games Contrasted With Ability to Keep Rival Teams From Scoring Is Compared by Critic

By GRANTLAND RICE

The New Army

There's a new, soft voice on the winds today
That sings of the Great Outdoors;
Of Sport's vast companies under way
For the fields and the hills and the moors;

Of all the millions who dream again
Of the sun's first golden smile,
By field and forest and stream again
To find life worth the while.

Ranking Pitchers

WHAT is the true measure of a pitcher's worth—his ability to win ball games or his ability to prevent rival teams from getting earned runs?

"Babe" Adams, for example, was No. 2 in the matter of allowing earned runs.

His average was 2.16 per game, just back of Alexander.

But he was No. 13 when it came to games won and lost, with an average of .567, the result of seventeen victories and thirteen defeats.

Art Nehf, of the Giants, was No. 20 when it came to the earned run allotment, where his mark was 3.03 per game.

But he was No. 5 when it came to a winning average, with twenty-one victories and twelve defeats.

And these are only two samples from many others. Nehf was hit much harder, but he won more games and lost fewer than Adams did.

Nehf was working with a somewhat better team. That meant quite a bit.

Matty's System

THE earned run allotment looks to be the fairer test, in one way. But take the case of Matty. When he was at his best and had a five or six run lead he always eased up and loafed along to save his arm.

Why throw his arm off with the score 8 to 1 in his direction? "The main idea," he used to say, "is to win the ball game. Never mind the rest of it." Which is also true.

Possibly the most effective way of settling the argument was adopted by Alexander.

Working with a weak club he was No. 1 in the way of allowing earned runs and No. 2 in the matter of games won and lost.

This combination left no great doubt as to the name of the best pitcher in the National League for 1920.

Another Revision

Out of the South the wild news came,
Northward sent on a wire of flame;
News that echoed from coast to coast,
Startling many a startled host;
Sweeping on as the spring wind treads
Where only the pitchers shook their heads;
And this is the message that goes the rounds—
"'Babe' Ruth loses another four pounds!"

Another Record

DOWN at Palm Beach recently Walter J. Travis, hovering above the border line of sixty, went around the course in sixty-eight strokes.

This may or may not be a record combining both age and score. But there are other details.

Mr. Travis took up golf when he was thirty-five years old. He had never hit a practice shot before that date. Twenty-five years later he turns in a 68.

You can write that combination down as a record beyond compare—a record plus an inspiration for all who have come to the fairway of middle age in search of a game that will last.

A 68 at sixty—and we hereby take all bets offered that he will be good for a 78 at seventy. The co-ordination of mind and muscle and the control of nerves is still more important than untamed power.

TRAVIS at sixty turning in 68s—Brookes at forty-three playing in Davis Cup matches—"Babe" Adams at thirty-eight ranking second in the National League—Britton at thirty-six holding a champion's crown in boxing—after all, a man can still walk and breathe on beyond twenty-five.

JUST how is Congress planning to keep immigration down to 3 per cent and at the same time accept all the entries received for the next Davis Cup matches? We are somewhat curious to be instructed.

"CONNIE MACK in the last six years has tried out 453 ball players.—Exchange.

But we doubt that even Connie would go so far as to swear that all of the 453 were ball players.

FOR that matter, six clubs in the American League are trying out 217 ball players for the almost exclusive purpose of attempting to collect third-place money at the end of the campaign. All of which shows to what lengths ambition will drive any number of people.

WOMEN in France and England are now going in for boxing, football and cross-country running. In a few years the shipwreck slogan will be—"Men and children first."

FRED FULTON is one of the great "might-have-beens" of sport. He had and has almost everything. Bulk, reach, power, skill and the punch. But what he lacked prevented him from lasting ten minutes against Dempsey and Wills in two starts.

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Centre Hands Harvard Defeat

Cambridge, March 8.—Centre College basketball team, with Bo McMillan, of football fame, in the line-up defeated Harvard here 41 to 36. The Colonels had a tricky attack which kept the Crimson guessing, and while Harvard clung close to their heels, some nice long, clean shots by George Mayer, the southerners' center, really proved the undoing of the home team. Mayer scored thirty-three points for his team, fourteen of them on baskets from the floor. McLeish and Chase were Harvard's high scorers.

WINNIPEG HOCKEY TEAM MAKES DEBUT

Canadians Oppose All-Stars in First of Series Tonight

All-Stars		Winnipeg
Bierwirth	right wing	Asselline
Henriques	center	Gibson
Schnarr	left wing	Hughes
Hill	cover	Tuckwell
Huntington	point	Manson
Smart	goal	Turnbull

Referees—J. Lewis Brown and John Devine. Time—Three 15-minute periods.

One of the strongest all-star teams that has been assembled here this season has been organized to oppose the speedy Winnipeg sextet in the first of a three-game series at the Ice Palace tonight. The All-Stars will exhibit tomorrow night also, but on Thursday night the Metropolitans, of New York, will meet the fast Canadians.

Quaker City, St. Nicholas, Princeton, Penn and Bryn Athyn will be represented on the All-Star team. The best that these five teams have in the way of hockey talent will see action before the end of the games.

Werner Schnarr, the sensational Bryn Athyn player, was given permission last night by the Bryn Athyn officials to play in this series. Eddie Hill and Herbert Henriques, of Quaker City; Schnarr, of Bryn Athyn, and Bierwirth, Huntington and Smart, of St. Nicholas, will be the regulars to start.

Here is the list of reserves: Crawford, Quaker City, and Burgess, St. Nicholas, wings; Pringle, Penn, center; Dexter, Quaker City; Von Bernuth, St. Nicholas; Murray and Kearns, Penn, and Haight, Princeton, defense; Maxwell, Princeton, and Harte, Quaker City, goal.

SPECIAL BOXING CARD

Four Eight-Round Contests March 17 at National A. A.

Four contests, each scheduled for eight rounds, will be the attraction on the night of March 17, at the National A. A. The final match on the program will be between the veteran Kid Williams, who has been winning his matches consistently, and K. O. Joe O'Donnell, of Gloucester.

Second on the program will be Joe Tipitz, of Philadelphia, and Gene Delmont, of Memphis. Danny Kramer, the bantam sensation of the 1920-21 season, will appear in the third bout. Earl Puryear, of Illinois, will be Kramer's opponent. Two weeks ago Kramer and Puryear met in Milwaukee. It was a terrific tussle for ten rounds.

Harry Kid Brown, the former schoolboy, has proved himself to be in old-time form following the operation on his nose. He will go on the first of the all-star card, and Ralph Brady, of Syracuse, N. Y., will be his opponent.

3 WEST CATHOLIC BOYS FOR ALL-STAR FIVE

St. Joseph's Prep. and Catholic High Players Also Earn Places on Mythical Basketball Team

THE Catholic High School League has finished a successful season, and it is proper, though not very easy, to pick an all-Catholic basketball team. On Saturday night the surprise team of the league, West Catholic, ana also the best set of passers in the circuit won the championship when it defeated its old rival, Catholic High. The score, 26-15 shows exactly by what a big margin West Catholic outclassed the Purple and Gold.

The playing of the West Catholic quintet on Saturday night, stamps it as an "all-star" cast and it might be said almost an All-Catholic team.

In selecting the stars of the various teams, men who have stood out prominently as all-round players, all of the regulars of the West Catholic Champions are picked. They are Mullen and McHenry, forwards; Doyle, center, and Blake and Di Filippo, guards. There is "class" to every player.

The runner-up, Catholic High, boasts of Coffey, Logan and McNally as its stars.

St. Joseph's Prep counts Martin, Breslin and Bradley among the best, and no one will deny the prowess of Shubert and Hennenberger of Villanova Prep.

In the elimination for an All-Catholic five Jimmy Mullen, of West Catholic, gets the call as the best forward of the league. He has been a consistent point getter and never failed in a pinch, besides, he has developed into a remarkable foul shooter, tossing 10 out of 12 in the St. Joseph's game, 16 out of 21 in the Villanova game and 10 out of 14 against Catholic High.

Martin Other Forward

As a running mate, no better selection can be made than Martin, of St. Joe. Always fighting and full of pep, he is the life and spirit of the St. Joseph's team and deserves the other place on the mythical five.

In the second team the call goes to Coffey, of Catholic High, and McHenry, of West Catholic, in preferences over Logan, the Catholic flash, and Shubert, of Villanova. The two former are better floor men and much more reliable and steady.

Logan, while seemingly a star, depends too much on long-distance, random shots. However, Logan, for his shots alone, might rate a place.

McNally at Center

The center position is no easy picking. There is not an outstanding figure among the centers of the league. At most, Doyle, of West Catholic, has shown the best form in his recent games, but was outplayed by McNally, of Catholic High, in the earlier contests.

So McNally is placed on the first team and Doyle on the second, although their ability is about equal.

The league has a flock of star guards, and real skill must be used in making selections.

No matter who else is picked, the stellar and most prominent player at this position is "Jim" Di Filippo, of West Catholic, whose motto is: "They shall not pass."

In virtually every contest Jim's men have been either held scoreless or to a small number of field goals, and besides, his floor work is almost perfect.

Captain Bill Blake, of West Catholic, is placed for the other place. He is the best floor man in the league. Breslin, of St. Joe, and big Hennenberger, of Villanova, are second choice.

Hennenberger is reliable, and Breslin, of St. Joe, though out of the game for a few weeks is undoubtedly a stellar player, but Blake is superior to both.

Evening Public Ledger All-Catholic Fives

FIRST TEAM

Mullin	forward	West Catholic
Martin	forward	St. Joe Prep
McNally	center	Catholic High
Di Filippo	guard	West Catholic
Blake (Capt.)	guard	West Catholic

SECOND TEAM

Coffey	forward	Catholic High
McHenry	forward	West Catholic
Doyle	center	West Catholic
Hennenberger	guard	Villanova
Breslin	guard	St. Joe Prep

KRAMER STOPS SPENCER IN 1.01 OF FIRST ROUND

Southpaw Socker Scores Quick Knockout Over Gloucester Lad at Olympia — Dropped With First Punch

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

SEVEN SECONDS after the opening bell, Willie Spencer was a knockdown victim of Danny Kramer at the Olympia last night, and in exactly one minute and one second the little Gloucester gloveman was being helped to his corner decisively defeated by the slashing southpaw socker. This is one of the quickest knockouts on record in local hitfest history.

Frankie Daley, of New York, was to have been Kramer's opponent. Late Sunday night Matchmaker Herman Taylor, who was at Atlantic City, learned that the Gotham boxer would not be able to keep his engagement here. Daley, according to a wire, was suffering with tonsilitis and pneumonia.

Taylor sent out several wires in an effort to bring someone here to meet Kramer, but he was unsuccessful. Then the matchmaker conceived the idea to break up one of his preliminaries, pair off Spencer with Kramer and send in Joe Dorsey, of Fairmount, against Harry Mansell, of England.

Spencer was unable to stand the test. With the first punch of the bout, a short left uppercut, which grazed Willie's jaw, Kramer dropped his foe. He got up after a short count, and while staggering around the ring for half a minute during which time Danny missed a number of blows, another left felled Spencer.

Once more the Gloucester lad staggered to his feet after a short count, backed away, tried to fall into a clinch and finally, forced into Kramer's corner, Spencer stopped another left-hander with his chin. He went down. That was sufficient. Referee Griffo halted hostilities.

"He's the next champ—sure," or words to that effect were on hundreds of fans' lips as they started for the exits.

Kramer weighed in at 119 pounds. Spencer was two pounds less.

Frankie Rice, of Baltimore, 131, scored with harder and more often punches in every round of his bout with Frankie Brown, 130. Rice won all the way, but Brown, despite the fact that he stopped many vicious slams, fought hard throughout.

In the Dorsey-Mansell contest weight—a difference of five pounds—greatly handicapped the latter and he was on the short end of the decision at the finish. Mansell started off in flashy style, but Dorsey came strongly in the latter rounds and won by a margin. Mansell weighed 114½.

Bobby Lyons, 146, started out as if he would deal out a terrific trouncing to Ben Taylor, 150, but Benjamin proved to be a tough guy, and before the bout was over he earned an even break. Denny Hughes, 128, outfought Johnny Perkins, 125½.

Scraps About Scrappers

Marcus Williams announced today that Gus Franchetti and Al Fox had reported in fit fettle for their scheduled eightround mix at the Auditorium Club tonight. Freddie Trotter, who used to box under the name of Kid West, will appear in the semi against Frankie Abler. Preliminary, Young Buck Fleming vs. Bobby Jackson, Benny Dixon vs. Young Joe Tabor, Willie Thomas vs. Frankie McKenna and Joe Smith vs. Young Tom O'Leary.

K. O. Sullivan is training in the hills of Manayunk for his eight-rounder with Frankie Britton at Jack Hason's Tuxedo A. C. (National A. A.) tomorrow night. Tootsie Boyle will semifinal with Harry Rose. K. O. Leonard vs. Joey Wallace, Young Lew Baker vs. Nick Carter, Jimmy Russell vs. Clemenceau. Another six rounds and a battle royal will complete the program.

John Henry Johnson, together with Joe Butler, are staging a special all-Negro show at the Auditorium Thursday night. Kid Conlin vs. Kid Pattillo will be the main fracas. Jamaica Kid vs. Battling Kid Powell, Bobby Wright vs. Vernon Green, Kid Norris vs. "Sailor" and Cincinnati Flash vs. Kid Henry will be other numbers.

Jules Ritchie, of Lancaster, will debut here under the colors of Joe Conroy at the Cambria Friday night. Joe Borrell will be his opponent. The semi is Pete Ross vs. Joe Lang. Preliminaries, Tommy Golden vs. Frankie Rommelli, Harney McFarland vs. Terry Carlson and Young Wilson vs. Frankie Smith.

Eddie Winter will be here from Pittsburgh on Saturday night to try to stop the knockout streak of Danny Kramer in the latter's second bout of the week. They will meet at the National. Mayle Williamson and Cliff Bent are to be semifinalists. Leo Pelon vs. Tommy Loughran, Billy Gannon vs. Johnny Paxon and Billy Berger vs. Young Montoya are prelims.

Herman Taylor has offers out for several lightweights to meet George Chaney at the Olympia next Monday night. Billy Angelo, of York, Pa., can have a chance at the 135 lb. boxer and Taylor is awaiting word from him.

Jimmy Murphy, of West Philadelphia, today denied the report of yesterday morning that he had been killed in an automobile accident at Sixtieth and Market streets. "Why, I'm surprised," exclaimed Jim. "I was training all morning at Adam Ryan's which is several miles from Sixtieth and Market."

Jack Perry, of Southwark, was forced to call off his bout with Marty Collins in Lynn, Mass., for Thursday night because of an operation for tonsilitis and adenoids according to Chick Jannetti today. Perry was suffering from a sore throat on Saturday and that is what handicapped him against Kid Williams," says Janetti.

Jack Chaney issues a challenge to any bantam in the city preferring Martin Judge or Jack Perry. Sam the Barber, is managing Chaney, as well as Willie Green, bantam; Al Evans, welterweight, and Roddy Murphy, flyweight.

Luke Barule has recovered from a cut over his eye suffered in a bout at Atlantic City. He is training for matches with any of the local featherweights.

A boxing program is being arranged by the Knights of Columbus at the West Philadelphia Catholic Club for Thursday night. Fifteen amateur bouts and a special scrap between Young Jack O'Brien and Cliff Bent will be included on the card. Reservations are to be made for women.

Tommy Stagg is to return to the ring and box under the name of Tommy Kendis, his real name. Stagg, who has not had on gloves for three years, is being handled by Billy Thornton, of New York, and will box as a lightweight.

Wally Nelson has been added to the Edwards-Taylor stable. This managerial team wants to stack Harry Hayden against Eddie Rosolio and Pete Ross against Tommy McGann, Jimmy Murphy or Whitey Fitzgerald.

Miss Sterling Sails for Scotland

New York, March 8.—Miss Alexa Stirling, American woman golf champion, sailed for England today on the liner Carmania to enter the British woman's golf championship at Turnberry, Scotland, on March 23.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Danny Kramer knocked out Willie Spencer, first; Frankie Rice defeated Frankie Brown, Joe Dorsey won from Harry Mansell, Ben Taylor drew with Bobby Lyons, Denny Hughes outfought Johnny Perkins.
PITTSBURGH—Patsy Scanlon won from Fighting Tommy Ryan.
TROY, N. Y.—Tin Stocking Conroy defeated Lefty Pierce.
CHESTER — Johnny Griffiths outpointed Samuel Robinson, Bobby Wolgast knocked out Charley Lewis, third; Marty Burns defeated Mickey Murphy, scoring knockdown; Frankie Coy stopped Walter McLeod, fifth; Bobby Allen stowed away Jimmy Myson, third.
HARTFORD, Conn.—Johnny Shugrue outpointed Young Rector.
ST. PAUL, Minn.—Billy Miske knocked out Farmer Lodge, fourth.
NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Bobby Dyson awarded decision over Pal Moore.
CINCINNATI, O.—Jackie Clark defeated Johnny Klesch.
NEW YORK—Jack Hausner received decision over Marty Collins.

28 SCHOOLS ENTER PENN TOURNEY

West Catholic High Among Teams Listed—West Phila. High Fails to Enter

Twenty-eight high schools and preparatory schools have entered the University of Pennsylvania interscholastic basketball tourney, which is scheduled to start on March 14 and continue until March 23. Teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware are listed among the twenty-eight entrants. West Catholic High of this city, winners of the Catholic Schools Championship is entered. West Philadelphia High school for some unknown reason did not send in its name. It was expected that West Phila would enter to meet West Catholic in order to decide the championship of the city.

Reading, Norristown and Pottstown high schools have entered. They are the class in their districts. Reading leads Harrisburg Tech by half a game for the Central Pennsylvania interscholastic championship.

Championships in the tourney are to be awarded to the preparatory schools and the public schools. In the former class Villanova Prep looks like a strong contender.

The winner of the New Jersey sectional championship to be decided at Rutgers College on the 18th and 19th are expected to enter and this will add considerable interest to the games.

Four Games Each Night

Manager Gilbert Strickland, of the University of Pennsylvania varsity team, who is on the committee to select referees for the games, announced yesterday that four games would be played on the nights of games starting at 6:30 and ending at 9:30. The first game is scheduled for March 14. The other dates are March 15, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 23. On the 19th the games will be played in the afternoon, starting at 1:30.

The following is a complete list of the teams entered: Brown Prep, Camden High, Central High, Chester High, Collingswood High, Darby High, Upper Darby High, Doylestown High, Frankford High, Hatboro High, Moorestown (N. J.) Friends', Moorestown High, Moravian Prep, Norristown High, Pennington Seminary, Perkiomen School, Perkasie High, Pottstown High, Radnor High, Reading High, Roman Catholic High, Salesianum High, Temple Prep, Villanova Prep, Wenonah Military Academy, West Catholic High, Woodbury High and Wilmington High.

Ball Teams Play

With Charles E. Chief Bender acting as the umpire, Dr. Cariss sent two baseball teams through a five-inning game yesterday afternoon that looked like a midseason exhibition. Both teams swatted the ball with utter abandon, particularly the varsity nine, which won the contest from the seconds, 13 to 4.

The varsity team lined up with Conroy, a newcomer, at first; Danny McNichol, at second; Mel Shirver, veteran of last year, at short; Korber, who subbed for Mike Sweeney last season, at third; McMullen, of the freshman nine, in left; Al Mouradian, who played on Roy Thomas' last team, in center, and Bud Myers, the Penn king of swat, in right. Shaffey and Shuster for the varsity, with Gotwals and Pinney catchers switching from the varsity to the seconds.

The Straus nine lined up as follows: Thompson, first; Ruppenthal, second; Pearson, shortstop; McFadden, third; Mahaffey, left field; Straus, center field, and Herman Harvey in right. Stout did the pitching.

BOB HOFFNER THROWS HAT IN RING FOR GOLF COMPETITION

Will Try to Emulate Brother George's Brilliance in Local Amateur Ranks—Will Play for Philmont in Division C of Suburban League

By SANDY McNIBLICK

BOB HOFFNER will take a whirl at golf competition, will try for the Philmont Country Club team and will be a strong contender for other local laurels this year.

Bob has evidently suffered with ennui these few seasons past watching the rest of the Hoffner family golfing around in the tourneys and has decided to stand on the sidelines no longer. Brother Charlie is a pro. Brother George is an amateur. Brother Bob has been strictly neutral.

The Hoffners are among the most brilliant of Philadelphia's golf products. Experts figure Charlie's main hindrance to reaching the peak in the open events is that he lets too many things worry him. George is the exact opposite.

Nothing ever worries George, except perhaps mislaying the rest of that cigar the next morning.

In the past Bob Hoffner has confined most of his golf to holidays, but there were some who used to say that he was as good a player as either of his brothers. That is saying plenty.

Bashful Golfer

One reason Bob has not competed before is that he harbored the hallucination that he might not be eligible. His letter on the subject was recently taken up by the executive commitee of the golf association, and Hoffner has just been informed by Francis B. Warner, secretary, that he always has been eligible and that there is certainly no reason this year why he can't play amateur golf.

Therefore Hoffner's own hesitancy is the sole reason he hasn't been cavorting in the tourneys like his brothers.

Bob will therefore be in line for the team at Philmont, on which club he has been a member for two years.

All of which brings out the fact that division C, of the suburban competition, will have no small interest for the fans in the coming league tussle. Including Bob Hoffner, several other promising players will be seen in action in this division, as well as two teams, brand-new to the league.

The new teams are Cedarbrook and Roxborough. Hoffner will make a strong number for Philmont which now looks to have an even, or better, chance to win the division.

Old York Road, the other team, will probably trot out some of its strong youngsters, the Stevens, the Kindts, and the MacIlvains, if they're not too tied up with scholastic and other duties.

May Lead "Rookies"

It is reported that Zimmer Platt will lead off for Roxborough. Most of the other players on that team will probably be new to the league competition.

As for Cedarbrook, the team is new to the league only in name for it is mostly composed of Stenton players. Stenton is no longer in the league. Young Charlie Reckner, who played a snappy game in the Llanerch tourney last year, will probably lead off.

In fact scattered through the four teams there will be about ten new league players and each tussle will be hard to forecast. The very first battle, when Cedarbrook meets Philmont, may virtually decide this division's champion.

The local golf association has received notice that the ladies will play at Shawnee, June 14-17, instead of at "The Northfield Country Club." The The first announcement was of an "invitation tourney" on those dates at the Country Club of Atlantic City, which was a brand new event.

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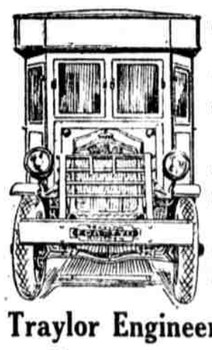
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