

Benny Kauff Second National League Player, Following Gene Paulette, Ousted From Baseball

QUESTION NOW ARISES WHETHER BENNY KAUFF WAS A BASEBALL STAR

One-Time Giant Outfielder, Expelled From Majors by Judge Landis and Once Hailed as Wonder, Passes as Mystery of Game

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor, Public Ledger. Benny Kauff was stepped out of the baseball picture. With the assistance of Judge Landis, the once modest, shrinking violet has given up baseball, going into involuntary retirement because of an unsuccessful start in the automobile game. The judge decided Benny should give up baseball and devote all of his time to clearing himself of the charges made against him in New York.

KAUFF was the second National League player to be ousted by Landis in last month. Gene Paulette, of the Phils, received the blue envelope because of alleged connections with gamblers in 1919, and it is said that other athletes are being closely scrutinized by him. It would not be at all surprising if more names were placed on the indelible list in the next week. The expulsion of Kauff marks the passing of one of the mysteries of baseball. Hailed as a star, another Ty Cobb, when he left the Federal League to join the New York Giants, he was in the limelight for six years without proving conclusively whether or not he was just an ordinary, so-so performer.

HOWEVER, there is one thing in Kauff's favor. He was a fighter and never quit. He had a tough job to make good in the league after all of the preliminary press agencies, but he overcame all handicaps and stepped out in front. Just the same, the old question arises, was he or was he not a star? Holdouts Fall Into Line The open season for ex-holdouts has begun. Within the next few days the athletes who held optimistic ideas in regard to salaries will admit the club owners were right, sign the papers and get into the line-up.

Neither the player nor club owner believes the retirement stuff. Both do all the bluffing they can, and at the end reach an amicable agreement. And there is a reason. The player makes more money playing ball for six months than he can in two years in another business, and he knows it. The owner knows the player is worth a certain sum of money to his club and will not allow him to quit the game. Therefore, each knows that hokum is being spilled and waits until the other gives in.

"War" May Start on Turf The Maryland Racing Commission, recognizing H. Gus Bedwell, former trainer, as the agent of Commander J. K. L. Ross, Canadian and Maryland turfman, after the New York Jockey Club— we apologize for using the word "New York," as more properly speaking it would be the Jockey Club—had tabled Bedwell's application for agent, threatens to reopen the entire controversy between the Maryland and New York racing authorities, including the issuance of licenses to trainers and jockeys.

AT LEAST if the Jockey Club assumes a horseman's character it should accord a public hearing. That is the system in vogue in Kentucky. Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Co.

Final Races at Army The Third Cavalry Army polo skating rink will close for the season tomorrow night. Short-distance events for men and girls will be the wind-up card.

PHILLY HURLERS TO IMPROVE NOW

Lack of Control Has Handicapped Donovanites Against A's, Says Wilhelm

By SPICK HALL. Rocky Mount, N. C., April 8.—"I believe that from now on the Phillies' pitchers are going to show marked improvement. They have had it thoroughly impressed upon them that their ineffectiveness against the Athletics was not due to the fact that they didn't have their usual amount of stuff, but that their control was bad."

"I think that I have convinced our pitchers," Wilhelm went on, "that the only way they can be successful is to put their control at all times. As long as I have been pitching I never warmed up or pitched a ball unless I had some particular spot in mind to aim at."

There is no doubt that something happened to the Philly pitchers between the time of the second game with the Athletics and the third which was played yesterday at Charlotte. The Phils managed to lose again, but it was a contest, the final score was 6 to 4. The Athletics have taken the game easily. The Athletics were not able to hit Jimmy Keenan, who worked the first four rounds, except in his ninth.

Bob Hasty was in the box throughout the game for the Athletics, and while at times he showed a lot of stuff, he was hit frequently. Still he managed to keep his bats well scattered and his hurling in the eighth was excellent.

Aquinas Wins Title Defeats Mount Carmel for Catholic Cage Mount of South Philly Aquinas basketball team last evening won the Catholic basketball championship of South Philadelphia from Mount Carmel by the score of 27 to 21. The game was played at St. Thomas Hall, Eighteenth and Morris streets.

Passes Race Track Bill Albany, April 8.—The Betts bill, designed to impose a state tax of 12 per cent upon the receipts of the racing associations of the state conducting flat racing, was passed by the Senate here. There was not a dissenting vote. The measure, the enactment of which the introducing senator said would yield the state approximately \$90,000 yearly, now goes to the Senate.

Weston and Little Jeff Draw Baltimore, April 8.—A strong finish earned a draw for Danny Weston, of California, and Little Jeff, of this city.

BIG SHOOT DAY TOMORROW Quaker City Gunners in Action. Elks' Event at Wilmington Tomorrow will be a big day for target shooters in this vicinity. A registered shoot is listed at the Quaker City Club, Maple Grove; a preliminary event to the opening of the Chesmont League is on at Lansdale, while a number of trapshooters from the Elks, of Camden, will motor to the Wilmington shooting grounds to meet the Wilmington Elks in an annual get-together event.

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GOLF CLUB URGES DEMOCRATIC IDEA

Springhaven Would Have Community Club "Playground" of Delaware County

PLAY PENN ON APRIL 30

By SANDY McNEILICK. The Springhaven Club, at Wallingford, has organized an enthusiastic set of workers and committees for the 1921 golf season with the stated purpose of making Springhaven the "playground" of Delaware County and a community club non plus ultra.

Plans for National Shot Tournay Washington, April 8.—Rules and regulations to govern the national rifle and pistol matches, to be held at the Camp Perry, Ohio, rifle range, beginning August 14, for the annual matches of the National Rifle Association of America will precede the national matches.

"Germ" Defeat West Chester West Chester, April 8.—In the final basketball game of the season the Germantown squad defeated the local boys in a fast and exciting contest by the score of 20 to 15.

Klem Will Not Start Season as Umpire

Richmond, Va., April 8.—William Klem will not be able to umpire when the National League season opens next Wednesday. He has been injured by a fall from a horse while on a tour of the states.

SAME COACHES FOR PENN BASKETBALL

Ralph Morgan Announces That McNichol and Fogarty Will Again Tutor Red and Blue

BILL GRAVE 1921 CAPTAIN

Three hundred graduates and undergraduates of the University of Pennsylvania cheered Ralph Morgan, chairman of the basketball committee at the Red and Blue institution, to the echo last night when he announced to them that Eddie McNichol and his aide-de-camp, Joe Fogarty, would return next year as coach and assistant coach, respectively, of the basketball team.

Dr. J. Norman Henry, president of the alumni and chairman of the committee of 100 which has been shaping the policy of the University in recent meetings, also spoke to the diners. He stated with considerable emphasis, after paying the highest tribute to Acting Provost Pennington, that General Leonard Wood would make a chief of the University who would add prestige to the University in athletics.

Individual Stars in 1921 Batting Order

AMERICAN LEAGUE One—Sisler, St. Louis. Two—Cobb, Detroit. Three—Speaker, Cleveland. NATIONAL LEAGUE One—Hornsby, New York. Two—Roush, St. Louis. Three—Rouse, Cincinnati.

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