

Great Pennsylvania Relay and Athletic Carnival Ends This Afternoon on Franklin Field

BUSH LEAGUE RUNNER WEARING NUMBER 13 UPSETS RELAY DOPE

R. B. Baker, Carrying Insignia of Bates College, Runs Unostentatiously and Wins International Two-Mile Race With Final Sprint at Penn Relay Carnival

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HE WAS cheered along the entire for the two-mile international run and known as "No. 13." He was handed a tough break from the start, the hoodoo numbers being slipped upon him without any chance to defend himself.

Nine minutes twenty-five and two-fifths seconds later he became known to the 12,000 most and dripping spectators at Franklin Field as R. B. Baker, of Bates College, winner of the most sensational race of the first day of the twenty-seventh annual relay carnival.

Baker is a small, thin, small-college athlete. He came to Philadelphia unheralded and unusing, probably was questioned closely when he tried to get by the guardian at the gate and accepted as a perfect stranger. He was handed the royal welcome usually dishied out when the reception committee expects to be defeated in four or five years.

Just the same, the boy had class. Up in Bates College, which is located some place in Maine, the students say he is "some pumpkins." That means he is there on the under side and on top steps. He won the Maine inter-collegiate cross-country run, which means a lot in Maine.

Baker came down here to compete in the relay race. Nobody gave him a tumble because Nightingale of New Hampshire, now of West Virginia, Western of Penn State, the interstate champion Furnas, of Purdue, Western Conference champion, M. Mahon, of Boston Tech, and Brown, of Cornell, were present. These guys were counted as the class of the bunch, and a wonder Baker was lost in the shuffle.

And when the race started it was now or never. Eighteen men faced the start, the pack of the country. M. Mahon, of Tech, led for the first mile, with Nightingale absolutely last. The West Virginians, by adoption, sprinted on the fifth lap and led the bunch for a few seconds.

Brown, of Cornell, stepped out in front and Furnas challenged him. The three decided to double the race among themselves and noted accordingly. They pushed their way through the pack, and when the home stretch was reached Furnas and Nightingale were ahead.

From out of the bunch came a mud-battered figure, wearing a huge shield of golden color on his many chest. The smaller, the college the larger the shield, and Baker—for it was none other—was from Bates.

The crowd cheered as the little nibbler started as if on a 120-yard dash. He passed Nightingale and Furnas and crossed the line a winner by twenty yards. Furnas was second and Nightingale third.

There were other events on the card, but the most important was the 100-yard dash, which was won by Bob Lee, of Georgetown. Rob Lee ran out of the race, which is real snappy work. He won the event in 1919, and last year, in order to allow somebody else to cop, he broke his leg.

More Homers in National League

THE home run epidemic is spreading in the big league. Four-line knockers are popping up and it is common indeed that a day goes by without a few being registered by the players—stars and otherwise. Even the pitchers are hitting 'em fast. FAR more, thus causing much surprise and some consternation.

On Thursday two home runs were made by the Phils. with the bases filled each time. Cy Williams also got a solo homer, making three for the afternoon. On Tuesday the Braves collected three circuit clouts, a pitcher getting one of them. In three games six homers were made, which is going some.

Now comes the old ball, the faster baseball, which contains more rubber than previously. Every year it is the same. Last season it was claimed that the ball in the American League was much heavier and anybody could knock it for a round trip.

"I only wish I was playing in the American League," a noted slugger told me about a year ago. "That ball is the heaviest I ever have seen, and I know I could make forty home runs."

That's the way the National League looks at it, but there should be a change this year. In the official batting averages, which take in the games played, the official count is 25. After Thursday's game, in which the Phils made three and Cleveland two, the lead was increased 34 to 31.

Before yesterday's games were played, Kelly, of the Giants, and Babe Ruth were tied with four homers each. Mould had four and Sam Rice and Elmer Smith three each. Thus the real sluggers are in the National.

To say mind, however, hitting is about the same as before. The only difference is Babe Ruth's expansion of seat. In the National League he made 270 homers against 201 in the National, leading by 109. However, there was nothing done out of the ordinary except by Babe Ruth. Cy Williams led his circuit with 15 and Irish Meusel had 11. In the American, Starvo was second with 19 and Tilly Walker third with 17.

Ruth made 34 four-baggers, as you know. Nobody ever made a record like that, and perhaps it never will be equalled. He made it possible for the Yankees to score a total of 117, more than twice as many as any other club in the league.

And here is another story. Babe Ruth made more home runs last year than any other ball club in either league with the exception of the Phils. They have had a total of 117. The rest of the league has only 117.

CROAKER FISHING GOOD IN NERSEY

Big Catches Made at Fortescue, West Bay and Great Egg Harbor

KING FISH OFF PIERS

By W. E. MEEHAN, Superintendent of the Fish Market

Croaker fishing is almost as good now in the surf and in the bays along the New Jersey Coast as in early summer.

Such an announcement has probably never been made since this particular species of fish first suddenly appeared in countless numbers between 1880 and 1882. It is a good omen for a record sea fishing year.

Big catches of croakers were made last Sunday and since at Fortescue, West Bay and Great Egg Harbor. The surf has also yielded good fishing.

King fish have appeared. They have been taken in considerable numbers in the pound nets on the Million-Dollar Pier at Atlantic City. Most of these fish are of unusual size. In one haul there were several dozen that weighed over four pounds, and every haul has had a number of these unusual weights.

Ordinarily the visiting fish are not taken in the nets two or three weeks before they begin actively taking the hook. This year, however, all cautious seem to have been in the nets, hence it is not surprising if anglers would begin taking king fish tomorrow or any day next week.

There has been no notable change in the number of workfish. Very few catches were reported. Indeed, large catches of this fish are not to be expected until the middle of the season. The water must become warmer before they will appear in great numbers.

Catch Big Drum Fish

A red drum or channel bass weighing about thirty-five pounds was caught in the nets off Atlantic City last Monday, and quite a number of other half-grown black drum. This announcement ought to be enough for the surf fishermen to get out in the water and prepare for the big haul.

Red drum is notable because it is nearly two months earlier than among the game fish species found in the waters of the bay. This is due to its early migration to the bay in the winter.

Sea Bass Early

One day last week a boat came to Atlantic City loaded with sea bass caught within a day or two. As this was fully six weeks earlier than this species of fish were known to appear, the cargo excited great interest.

Those aboard, however, refused to tell where the bass were caught. But as a number of American fish were found on the cargo, it was not hard to make a pretty good guess to the approximate locality where the fish were found.

Sea bass are known to migrate from the coast in winter, but work into the bay in summer. The migration is a seasonal one, and the fish are found in the bay in winter, but work into the bay in summer.

Huntington Prep, which yesterday won the one-mile title in its class, is expected to win the preparatory championship of the American title. The prep school, however, has brilliant tennis and may take the westerners a fight from the start.

Washington Central and Hutchinson Central, of Buffalo, are regarded as the class of the high school championship race. The prep school, however, has brilliant tennis and may take the westerners a fight from the start.

Scrap About Scrappers

Leach, Clark has been speaking good for the scrappers on the coast. He has been a champion of the scrappers for some time, and he has been a champion of the scrappers for some time.

Jimmy Austin, of the South Philadelphia team, is preparing to get back into action. He has been a champion of the scrappers for some time, and he has been a champion of the scrappers for some time.

Joe Tipple has been talking for the scrappers. He has been a champion of the scrappers for some time, and he has been a champion of the scrappers for some time.

AND THEN SHE TOOK UP GOLF



Major League Baseball Averages

Table with columns for American League Batting and National League Batting, listing statistics for various teams and players.

WASHINGTON BACK AT LEAGUE'S TOP

Tie With A's and Chicago's Win Over Cleveland Turns Trick for Nationals

PIRATES ARE STILL FLYING

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The Pittsburgh Pirates continued their flying tactics by landing the Chicago Cubs at a deficit of 3-0 today. Cooper was in the form, hitting his first game since his illness. He held the Cubs to six hits, which were broadly scattered. Charlie Hollocher erred in the opening round and two Pirates scored, Maranville and Cutshaw got his in the third that sent over another run.

This victory puts the Pittsburghers far out in front in the National League. Brooklyn had no chance to keep in the running. In the first place it rained, and that there was no game. In the second place, the Phils were the Dodgers' opponents, so where could they get off even if it didn't rain?

The only other hope, in the National League was between the Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis. Moran's folks had all the better of this and won out with a lot to spare. The count was 7 to 2. Up to the ninth the score was tied when Sherdel weakened, and the Reds smote him with vim and vigor, pushing over four corners. Torrey was presented with a grand slam, but he responded to the gift with a single and double, but they only helped his batting average, not the club's social standing in the National League.

Bingles and Bungles

The A's were scheduled to meet Washington this afternoon at Shibe Park and the Phils were booked to meet Brooklyn at Ebbets Field. Both games were postponed because of rain.

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According to the averages one of the hardest hitters in the American League is Stewart, of Birmingham. He is hitting .313.

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TENNIS CONQUERORS WENT 30,000 MILES

In Bringing Back the Davis Cup, Hardy, Tilden and Johnston Traveled Ten Times as Far as Columbus Did to Find America

By GRANTLAND RICE

"America is sure to win," he said, "because our race is built from the hardy, stronger and more adventurous types that had the courage to seek their destinies in a new world."

This same theory is now given for the remarkable showing of Western entries, especially as applied to such games as boxing and wrestling, where the West has furnished practically all the heavyweight champions for twenty years.

But if Zbyszko, after throwing Stecher, tosses "Strangler" Lewis, a new theory may be substituted at any moment. For Poland is neither famed for its vitamins nor its Western immigration.

The Pitching Moves Up

AN EARNEST bystander desires to know whether the pitching or the batting improves as the season advances.

On the general average it is always the pitching that moves forward. For example, at the end of the first ten days, there were four clubs in the American League and five in the National with team averages above .310.

There were two clubs last year—St. Louis and Cleveland—able to finish above .300, and this was out of the ordinary, not to say bizarre. Some batsmen will, of course, improve. But we are speaking now of the multitude as a whole, not the individual.

By the middle of May the line of .400 and .450 hitters will be melting after the manner of a snow man aloof over the rim of Geleenna.

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What May Happen in Baseball Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table showing game results for the National League, including teams like Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Chicago, etc.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table showing game results for the American League, including teams like Washington, Cleveland, Boston, etc.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY

Table showing results of yesterday's games for both leagues.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Ted Jamieson Defeats Larsen

There's something about them you'll like

Herbert Lareyton London Cigarettes

AUTO MECHANICS!

THE LEDGER MORNING AND EVENING

Walnut-3000-Main

Pete Herman Awarded Decision

Princeton Golf Schedule

To Stage Soccer Match