

Twilight Baseball, Golf and Tennis Now a Certainty With Adoption of Bill Roper's Bill

BILL ROOPER STRIVES HARD IN THE PASSING OF DAYLIGHT-SAVING

Former Princeton Star Football Player Deserves Credit for Adoption of Hour's Advantage in Time, Which Means Much to Various Athletes

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

IF THERE ever was a popular ordinance passed in Philadelphia it was the Daylight-Saving Bill adopted by Council yesterday. One extra hour of sunlight is given free to the inhabitants of Philadelphia and vicinity, and they can do anything they want with it. And, take it from me, the time will not be wasted. Business men will have a chance to take some needed exercise every day instead of waiting for the half-holiday on Saturday and the full day Sunday. This means the natives will grow more healthy if they take advantage of the sixty minutes.

The bill was known as the Roper Daylight-Saving Bill, and thereby hangs this tale. Councilman Roper stepped out in the open a short time ago, drafted an ordinance, submitted it and won it unanimously until it was accepted. He did not have an easy time, as the matter had been dropped and laid away about a month ago.

But he got acquainted with the Councilman from the Twenty-second Ward, William W. Roper is his society and political name, but he is better known as Bill Roper, former star football player at Princeton and one of the most successful coaches of the Tigers over here.

Roper acted immediately. He learned that last year the City Solicitor ruled daylight saving was illegal and that ended it. The same impression prevailed this year and again the movement stopped. Then Bill began to doze it out for himself.

"If it's legal in Pittsburgh, why isn't it legal in Philadelphia?" he asked. "I shall find out."

The Councilman sent to Pittsburgh for a copy of the ordinance, and with that as a working model he drew up one of his own. But he didn't stop there. He worked unceasingly, demanded recognition, brought the bill out in the open and through his efforts it was passed.

THAT'S the story of the passage of the twilight bill. Bill Roper did it and thousands of Philadelphians are singing his praises today.

Means Much to Independent Baseball FROM a sports viewpoint the Roper bill is a wonderful thing. It makes it possible for the golfers to get out to the country clubs every afternoon and play eighteen holes before dusk. Golf might not be considered an important and play the uninitiated, but when one realizes there are more than thirty clubs around Philadelphia and nearly 100,000 are playing the game one gets an entirely different angle.

Tennis players also will benefit by the new ordinance. They, too, will be able to play in the afternoon and get some exercise. The result of this will be that we shall have a lot of good golfers and tennis sharps before the summer is over. If one is not athletically inclined, one can work in the garden or sit in the park. No harm in that.

AND Bill Roper is chiefly to blame for it all. It was he who put it over, and he stands out now as one of the most popular men in Philadelphia. Bill Roper's bill is good even if you read it backward.

A Hard One to Drop IT MUST be great to hear the plaudits of the mob after a hair-raising catch. I and you can't blame a ball player for staging a little of the circus stuff when the pastime is safely tucked away where all good pastimes belong, but when the game is hanging by a hair—well, it simply isn't done in the best company.

Yesterday the Phils had tied up their second entertainment of the series with the St. Louis Cards in the ninth inning at two-all, and everything was lovely with young Mr. "Huck" Betts going great guns.

Then came the eleventh and Fournier lifted a long fly to left. It should have been an easy catch—was an easy catch, as a matter of fact, but "Bevo" tried to take it over his shoulder instead of facing it. Result—when he finally collected the ball Fournier was resting on second and Betts was in a hole that looked as brilliant and inviting as a coal-mining shaft.

FAVOR SPEEDBOYS FOR SCHOOL TITLE

According to "Dope," West Philadelphia High Should Win Track and Field Meet UNDEFEATED TO DATE

Plenty of excitement is promised when the annual high school championships are held on Franklin Field June 3. This meet, formerly called the "Quad," when only four schools were entered, has always supplied lots of color and thrills, and this year will be no exception.

The championships June 3 will not be the only ones, however. The Freshman Sophomore, Junior and Senior competitions, will be run off on preceding days.

Central High, perennial winner of the championships, having been defeated but once in a certain number of years. Northeast High won from the Mirror by a ten-point margin the other day and West Phillie High tied the Crimson and Gold and gave the Archives a setback. This makes it look as though the championship will be decided between the Orange and Blue and the Red and Black.

Northeast has been defeated but once this season. This trouncing was handed out by West Philadelphia. The Speedy Boys, on the other hand, have gone through an undefeated year, and their present clip should finish with their record unimpaired.

Classy Athletes This year some of the best schoolboy athletes that have ever pulled on spiked shoes will run on the cinders and perform in field events. Central High has McDonald, the king of the century dash men, and Hirst, the broad and high jump champion, as its leading performers.

West Phillie High seems to have the best aggregation. Its relay team is the best scholastic outfit in the city. Jackson has more than an even chance in the mile now that McCurdy, the Central speedster and indoor champion, has been declared ineligible in the "220."

The Middle States Interscholastics, held on Franklin Field tomorrow, will be a severe test for the local schoolboys. They will be forced to try their skill against the pick of five States. Several noted schools are coming to the tournament with championship teams and Philadelphia proteges are going to find rough sailing ahead.

Hill School, winner of the Princeton interscholastics, Bellefonte Academy, winner of the Penn State carnival, and Mercersburg Academy, the team that ran Hill School a close second at Tiger town, are a few of the best-known visiting teams.



LOGAN A. A. OPENS SEASON TOMORROW

Street Parade and Band Concerts in Connection With Dedication of New Field PLAY LIT BROTHERS' TEAM

Logan will dedicate its new athletic field and community center at Eighteenth street and Belfield avenue, tomorrow afternoon at 2 P. M.

Ernest L. Tustin, Director of Welfare, acting for Mayor Moore, will preside at the ceremonies. Prior to the opening of the grounds there will be a parade, starting at 1:15 o'clock, at Broad street and Wagner avenue, to the field.

In the line will be mounted police, Logan and Lit Bros' baseball teams, Boy Scouts, Cadets of Logan, members of the Athletic Association and floats.

The new grounds were formerly part of the estate of James Logan, secretary to William Penn, and was purchased from the Joseph Fox estate. Baseball diamond and tennis courts have been laid out and the field is one of the best in the city.

The Lit Club, which plays Logan in the opening contest, has the reputation of being the best traveling club in the city, and has an enviable record to date, having succeeded in defeating all of the leading teams in this locality.

What May Happen In Baseball Today

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, P.C., Win, Loss. Lists teams like Pittsburgh, New York, Boston, etc., with their records.

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DEMPEY'S CAMP OPEN

Carpentier's Trainers Invited to Watch Champion in Workouts Atlantic City, N. J., May 20.—Jack Dempsey only grinned when informed of the fact that Georges Carpentier, French aspirant for the flat throats, has immersed himself behind Degard's and a barrier at his training quarters at Manhattan, L. I.

And if Carpentier and his trainers hope to throw a scare into Dempsey by being mysterious they are apparently on the wrong track. Dempsey and Jack Kearns both insist that no attempt will be made from their camp to spy on the Frenchman or use any other surreptitious methods toward securing information concerning that fighter's methods or condition.

Dempey and his backers are frankly going out after the money, starting Saturday, when the National Stadium grounds will be thrown open to the public during Jack's workouts and his boxing with sparring partners.

Both express the intention of extending an open invitation to any of the Carpentier trainers or followers to come here and get a slant at Dempey, and insist that they will be happy to receive such visitors and give them special attention.

To Finish Fight Arena June 15 Jersey City, May 20.—Construction of the arena where the Dempsey-Carpentier fight will take place is one-fourth completed. Contractors who have been working to complete the arena in time for June 15, have called in their contracts. Seven hundred workmen are engaged in the task.

Indians Release Harry Lunte Cleveland, May 20.—Harry Lunte, of St. Louis, utility infielder of the Cleveland Indians, has been released to Sacramento and the Pacific Coast League. The transfer completes the transaction which brought pitcher Walter Math to the local team last season.

EVANS SHOULD SHINE ON HOYLAKE COURSE

'Chick' Has Wonderful Chance to Become Next Amateur Golf Champion of Great Britain, Says Grantland Rice—Great Control Over Tee Shots

By GRANTLAND RICE

Liverpool, England, May 20. WHEN you step upon the Hoylake course, the home of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, you step into golf history thick enough to be cut with a dull knife.

Even St. Andrews, Scotland, where the game was nursed on a bottle and was later cradled and taught to walk, is only about 1 up historically on this well-bunkered background, where Great Britain's defensive division is awaiting the American attack.

Hoyleke not only helped to start the golf boom for England back in 1875, but also held the first unofficial amateur championship and the first amateur international match between England and Scotland.

Also, let you forget, it was Hoylake that gave John Ball, Harold Hilton and Jack Graham to the world of golf, three of the greatest amateurs that ever lived.

There is nothing flashy about the approach to Hoylake, not yet its surroundings. A drab road leads along between dull houses until suddenly you are upon the rim of a flat-looking, treeless battlefield for heavy hitters.

The Test Is There BUT the test of championship golf is there—make no giddy mistake about that. Old-fashioned cross bunkers guarding the greens—seven out of bounds possibilities or probabilities and always a felicitous young gale romping merrily back and forth.

Those seven out-of-bounds holes—the first, third, sixth, seventh, sixteenth and seventeenth—plus a rollicking out-of-bounds hole for heavy hitters, which produce the main chaff for the English and American contestants now replacing divots for the best test which begins next week.

It was bad enough under the old rules. But under the new regulations, where an out-of-bounds stroke costs both stroke and distance—a two-stroke at times to coyly aim as far as possible from the penalty zone.

placed shot, won't be affected so much by the brisk winds that seem to be having a tournament of their own from day to day. He has a wonderful chance to become the next amateur champion of Great Britain, if his putter doesn't slip a cog. Right now the two hardest opponents he looks to have in his upward march are Quimmet and Jones, who are going well enough to swap strokes with any living player, not to mention any who might be extinct.

Tolley, the British champion, capable of fine golf, isn't nearly as straight as Evans on the average. But this may not mean as much in any one match with the English star having a second day. A walloping match between Tolley and Quimmet, both terrific hitters, would stand out as one of the features of the tournament. In addition to these, Wethered, Quimmet and Jones are members of the elite-golf class, who are hitting the ball a mile.

Wrightstown After Games The Wrightstown Professionals has organized a fast team composed of nine players and caddies, and would like to break from traveling teams in and around Philadelphia for the 1921 season. The team is at the edge of Camp Dix, the largest sports ground in the United States. The games manager is Arthur Carolina, Baseball Manager, Wrightstown, N. J.

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