

# Disappearing Ring at Olympia May Come in Handy This Fall Whenever a Poor Bout Is On

## BEIJAMIN AND TIPLITZ ARE MATCHED TO OPEN THE NEW OLYMPIA A. A.

**Leon Rains Announces Star Lightweights Will Perform Sept. 26—Independent Football to Open Oct. 22. Gridiron Officials Meet in New York Tomorrow**

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NEW brown felt hat was pushed around the corner of our desk this morning. Underneath was a smiling face set on a rotund body, both face and body belonging to none other than Leon L. Rains, boxing impresario and prominent official of the Olympia A. A.

"I am here on a very important mission," he said as he leaned against the desk and removed the Mackin. "To prove its importance, I deliberately took a taxi cab, and when it broke down at Ninth street I paid the full fare without making a kick. That's how anxious I was to see you."

"I want to tell you about the Olympia—the new Olympia which opens on September 26. You probably don't know it is the best in the world," he continued, "and cost \$100,000 to build. The seats are great. The place is great. The decorations are great. Everything is great. I tell you—"

But a telephone message interrupted the overture, which was booked to last through the entire morning. Mr. Rains was highly excited and very nervous. He wanted nothing but a story on his new boxing club, which has been built among the ashes of the old place, which was destroyed by fire a few months ago. In asking for a story Mr. Rains acted with his usual becoming modesty.

However, judging from the descriptive and highly illuminating conversation, the Olympia will be one of the boxing palaces of the world and a credit to Philadelphia. There will be seats for 4,000, in the gallery and on the ground floor. But this is not all. Smoking rooms have been provided and the customers who have no interest in certain bouts will be spared the agony of sitting through them.

The best thing about the place is a disappearing ring. This is operated by pulleys and raised into position before the show. If it is lowered every time a bum fight is put on, the invention will be a great help and a big success. The posts will be of brass, filled with concrete, and in place of ropes heavy white fabric will be used. This is expected to prevent the rubber burns which the fighters because there will be no ropes. Rubber burns will take their place. "I wish to announce," said Mr. Rains, when the opportunity presented itself, "that the opening show will be held on September 26, and Joe Benjamin and Joe Tiplitz will be in the wind-up. Billy Angelo and Johnny Drumme are in the semi and the other bouts will be good. Our idea is to use home talent as much as possible. We will have stars when we can get them, but the local boys will have first call. Herman Taylor, one of the best match-makers in the country, will see to that."

President Ernest Jambor has hit upon a unique scheme to introduce the new club to the public. On next Friday night 4,000 guests have been invited to attend a boxing show. Several bouts will be put on and a battle-royal will be featured.

**PHILADELPHIA** is the boxing center of the world and the game has been flourishing for more than 100 years. The new club should bring added prestige to the city.

**Leo Conway Will Promote Football This Fall**

PHILADELPHIA will have another independent football team this year. Heine Miller, Lou Little, Lud Wray, Johnny Scott and other former college gridiron stars will be on the job again and will be ably assisted by many others. Games will be played at the Phillies' ball park on Saturdays and holidays, the season opening on October 22.

Leo Conway, the boy manager, has dusted off his shin guards and is in shape to handle the business end of the proposition. Leo made a great hit last year, and it was mainly through his work that the independent game was successful.

"We have a great line-up for this fall," he said. "In addition to Miller, Little, Wray and Scott, we have Swede Youngstrom, of Dartmouth; Whitey Thomas, of State; Bill Ward, of Penn; Spagna, of Lehigh; Joe Dusost, who captained Dartmouth in 1917; Anderson, of Colgate; Stan Coffel, of Notre Dame; Red Roderick, of Boston College; Sam Webb, the sensational fullback from Stevens, and Nig Berry."

"As the season progresses we will have other stars and the public will be given the best football they ever have seen. The games last fall were successful because everybody knew the game and the players made few mistakes. In fact, they made the game look easy."

"The season will open on October 22 at the Phillis' park against one of the strong local teams. Then we go away on the 29th and play here again on Election Day. We do not intend to run in November, but all of the big ones are scheduled for December. We will meet Shenandoah, Coaldale, Washington Field Club, Frankford, Holmesburg, Canton, Akron, Thorpe's Toledo team, Atlantic City and Conshohocken."

"There is one thing I want to impress on you," continued Conway, "and that is we will not use any players who now are in college, we will not solicit their services, and if any college football players wish to negotiate with us I will notify their coaches. We will play only with men who have left school and are playing because they like the game. They have just as much right to indulge in the sport as any one else and are in training now."

"The big games will be played in December. Jim Thorpe will be in Toledo and has a great team. Canton also is in the field with most of last year's stars, and the Akron eleven, last year's champions, are said to be better than ever before. These attractions will be staged during the college season closes and the weather here is not too cold in December and the public will support a team."

"We will be known as the Union A. A. of Philadelphia, and anybody desiring games either here or out of town should get into communication with me as soon as possible."

**MR. CONWAY** has the right idea regarding independent football. It is perfectly proper for the former stars to continue playing after leaving college, but no college athlete should be approached. College football is the biggest sport in the fall, but there is room for the independents.

## Rules Will Be Interpreted Tomorrow Night

FOOTBALL players, managers, coaches and officials—principally the latter—will meet in New York tomorrow night at the annual interpretation meeting. This is held for the benefit of those who have read the rules and will do not know what they are all about. Many points are made clear, new definitions handed out and everybody in the place will have a more thorough understanding when the meeting adjourns.

For years most officials found it difficult to interpret the rules regarding the forward pass, but through these meetings the code has been simplified and seldom does an intricate question come up in the games. One of the tough rulings was on an illegal forward pass—a pass which was made from a spot less than five yards behind the scrimmage. There always was an argument on this play if an opponent intercepted the pass and made a long run, but this has been eliminated. The ball is dead and ruled the same as an incomplete pass. In other words, the referee may blow his whistle immediately after the illegal pass has been made.

The rule which deals with shift plays is likely to cause a lot of trouble unless it is defined properly. Last year's shifts were not used very much in the big games, but it will be different this season. The coaches realize they are given more liberties and will take advantage of them.

Only one sentence is used to cover one of the most important plays in football. Here it is: "A player shall not be ruled in motion if he has both feet stationary on the ground."

In other words, if the backfield men jump forward, land on both feet simultaneously and while the line is going forward, start the play, there can be no ruling for offense. Everybody can be in motion if the feet are stationary on the ground, even for a fraction of a second. This might be all right, but it doesn't sound good. The opposing coach will have a lot to say about starting before the ball and the officials will find themselves in a continuous jam.

**THIS** rule and several others will be interpreted, and it is hoped that some clear definition will be made. It will save a lot of trouble later on.

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## Scrapers About Scrappers

**Martin Judge** is in title to box consistently this fall. He has defeated Andy Harnes at the Cambria Club tonight and on September 21. He will meet Frank Bishop at Montreal, Canada, in a ten-round bout. Hamilton, the Pure-John, will be a co-bout between George Myers and Young Mike. Jimmy Mackey, Jimmie Mackey, George Hoot, Buddy Ryan, Mike August Frank and Jimmy Baxter vs. Kid McCoy.

**Tom Andrews**, of Milwaukee, has imported a number of boxers from Australia. He has a list of names from Australia. Joe Carpenter, heavyweight who is a well known ten-round newspaper decision over Bill Heston months ago. This year is scheduled to meet at the reopening of the National A. A. tournament. He is one of the greatest middleweights and light heavyweights will handle Carpenter.

**Mike Trainor**, of Washington, D. C. will meet the semi-pro heavyweight Tommy Loushan tomorrow night. Tommy Loushan will pair off with the capital city boxer, other names are Bobby McKean vs. Eddie Krings, Wally Nelson vs. Barney Kelly and Tommy Doolin vs. Philadelphia Alder.

**Joe Marks**, Philadelphia waterweight, has started training. Marks plans to do all of his boxing in the Southwest this fall.

**Reddy Gault**, retired lightweight, who

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## GERMANTOWN HAS HIGH-CLASS SQUAD

High School This Season Should Develop Best Football Team in Years

## OPENS WITH CAMDEN HIGH

By PAUL PREP

Germantown High School students have a feeling that their eleven will be one of the best that has represented the Green and White institution in many years.

The predictions are being made by the youngsters, but with four of last season's aggregation back and Gene Barrett, of baseball fame, out for the team and returned from training, they have formed opinions that are very optimistic.

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Al Rhoad, the crack center, will captain the aggregation this year and he should make a good leader. He knows the game, is good on both offensive and defensive work, and best of all, has the boys pulling for him to make good as a pilot.

Johnny Kauffman, of baseball fame, is once again to be the fullback. The big fellow is in great condition and is punting and passing in splendid form. As to his plunging and end running, scrimmages have not yet seen so nothing can be said about him along this line.

Asbury, formerly of Frankford High, and Anderson, who also plays on the baseball and basketball teams, will be the halfbacks. Both of these boys know how to play the backfield a little better than most, and will work in well with Kauffman.

Gene Barrett, captain of the baseball team, is the real find of the institution this season. He can either play end or quarterback. As there is no one on the squad at the present time, Gene will probably be used as the signal caller.

Five games will be played by the team this year. The first of these will be staged with the Camden High on September 30. The other frays will be on the schedule, outside of the interscholastic League games, are as follows:

October 7—St. Joseph's, away  
November 4—Collingswood High, away  
November 24—Trenton High, away

**Trenton High Drills**

Word comes from Trenton High School that the initial practice was held on Tuesday. Close to fifty candidates reported, and Coaches Armstrong and Shook had an interesting talk on plans for the coming year.

Of twenty-one letter men from last year only eight are expected to return. Fleming, McKee, Loran, Hopp, Misichish, Ertel, Emmons and Thoro are the ones who will most likely be seen in a Red and Black uniform again.

Miller, Leckwith, Bodenweiser, A. Miller, Farrell, E. Connors, Hillyard, Bloor and McDonald, new members of the squad, also look to have the goods.

## HARRISBURG MAY ENTER

Likely to Be Eight Clubs in Eastern Basketball League

Harrisburg may be represented in the Eastern Basketball League this year. Gordon Ford recently passed up the franchise. Harry Weber, who has been identified with the sport in the capital for many years, has stepped forward and made a bid for the franchise.

He has been practically awarded the same, but is looking for players before announcing any definite plans. The only one who has been awarded elsewhere, is Glasco, Lawrence, Cashman, Frankie and one other, all remnants of the powerful Germantown machine. All the players are being trained by Rip and Mehan, have been awarded elsewhere.

Weber was in this city last evening and had a talk with some of the players in question and has promised to give an answer some time today as to whether the team will enter the league.

## ANOTHER FOR HATCH

Motorists Have Not Been Defeated in Last Nine Games

The Hatch Motor Company, of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' Baseball League, defeated Art Loom, of the Manufacturers' League, last evening by the score of 6 to 1. It marked the ninth successive game in which Hatch has not been beaten.

Victory was one of the best of the season, as the Hatch wrecking crew chased "Lefty" Wilson, the star local southpaw, from the hill. Hatch has a number of big games with local semi-pros on the schedule for the remainder of the season. Tomorrow they meet Forty-eight Ward at Twenty-fifth street and Snyder avenue.

## Boxer Dies of Injuries

Blanchard, twenty-one, boxer, died last night from injuries received in a match with an athletic club in this city several days ago. He collapsed in the ring and was taken to a hospital in a very bad condition. Surgeons attempted to relieve the pressure on the brain, but were unsuccessful. An autopsy showed death resulted from the rupture of a small blood vessel in the brain. There was no fracture of the skull. No arrests have been made.

## Boots and Saddle

Miss Muffins is well placed in the special allowance affair at Latonia today, with Rufus and Buddy Keen as runners-up. Bettina, of the J. N. Camden stable, on some form would be dangerous, but appears to be in dull condition.

Horses well placed in other races are: First—A. N. Aiken, Honor Man, Columbia Tenn; second—Salamander, Tamper, Settlo, third—Porter, Melville, J. C. Stone, fourth—Parader, United Verdie, Louis A.; sixth—Lina Clark, Aloft, Martha Fallon; seventh—High Gear, Kimpallog, Grace.

At Ottawa: First Race—Overrun, Resolute, Nellie Harper; second—Plain Hill, Tarascon, Myrtle Crown; third—Monticello, Sweet Bouquet, War Fox; fourth—Laylow, Lan, Grey; fifth—George W. She Devil, Hill Olympus; sixth—Oriental Bark, Little Dear, Chimera; seventh—Fireworth, Just Fancy, Counsel.

At Belmont—Extremator will have almost a walk around for the Autumn Gold Cup at Belmont today, as Bell-solar is the only other horse entered. Horses which seem best in other Belmont races today, are: First—Jick-whip, Blue Belle, Algol; second—Crest Hill, LeMarsourin, Algardi; third—Miracle Man, Northern Belle; fifth—White Saker, Eddie Muller, Johnny Kelly; sixth—Cadavon, Edwina, Dinnaudale; sixth—St. Henry, Yankee Star, Knot Gross.

# HOW TO START THE DAY WRONG



## 50 YELLOWJACKETS ANSWER GRID CALL

Coach Johnson, of Frankford, and Lou Hayes, of Holmesburg, Not to Steal Players

OPEN SEASON OCTOBER 1

The Frankford Yellowjackets will hold their second football practice of the season tomorrow afternoon on Brown's Field, Oxford Pike. Fifty candidates answered the first call of Coach George Johnson at the initial workout, and the grid mentor of the Yellowjackets conlined the afternoon's toil to a light signal drill, but while the men were in uniform for several hours the work was of a very light nature.

But fifteen days now remain until the opening game with the All-Philadelphia eleven on October 1, and Johnson intends to put his athletes through a program of intensive training beginning tomorrow afternoon when the first scrimmage of the season will be held.

Johnson has already familiarized himself with the ability of his proteges and regards the material at hand the very best that Frankford has ever had. The Yellowjackets have not as yet announced the full personnel of their eleven and it is likely that Manager Howard Bowker will make an interesting announcement within the next ten days.

Independent sports in Philadelphia have reached a high stage these days. Stealing players is a favorite pastime, but poor sportsmanship and the subject it may be well to note that Lou Hayes, coach of Holmesburg, held an afternoon with George Johnson last evening and the pair signed a gentleman's agreement not to touch any of the players they have signed at any time during the season.

This is a move in the right direction and will benefit the fans, as they will not see a group of players with one team this week and the same bunch in the opponents' line-up the following week. Howard Bowker has worked hard during the idle months and has provided the Yellowjackets' coach with a galaxy of stars.

Frankford residents are back of the team, and a mass-meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21, at the Frankford Library, at which time the football association will disclose its full plans for the season. The citizens of Frankford want the championship this season, and will spare no means to secure the same.

Manager Bowker has only definitely arranged three games. The dates of

## Babe's 55 Homer Sees End of 3799 Straw Lids

New York, Sept. 16.—The keeper of the Polo Grounds could wear a different hat every day for more than ten years if he had saved all the straws that were sacrificed yesterday when "Babe" Ruth broke the world's home-run record with his fifty-fifth circuit swat.

The fans were waiting for some excuse to get rid of their summer headgear, the season for which officially expired yesterday, and when Ruth hit his homer, hats fairly rained on the diamond.

A demon statistician essayed to count them after they had been raked into a pile by groundsmen, but quit on No. 3799 at dusk, with a big heap still uncounted.

the contests with Holmesburg and Conshohocken are not yet finally agreed upon, but both are on Brown's Field this season. The opening attraction will be All-Philadelphia on October 1, and on the 8th will come Hobart and the 15th has been given to Allentown.

Nearly all the stars of last year's team attended the first practice, including Lew Kaufman, who received attention of the critics in the Union game last year and who is a star on the Independence Baseball Club; Nemo, of North Dakota Aggies; Johnny Strange, of Frankford High; Bill Oberfell, Twenty-eighth Division; Frank Dale, captain, formerly of United States Marines; Harry Supple, of Penn, and Bill Ridpath, of Swarthmore.

## RUTH HURT AFTER BREAKING RECORD

"Babe's" Slide to Third Base Puts Him Temporarily Out of Game

CLOUTS SCORED 101 RUNS

New York, Sept. 16.—Babe Ruth's day of triumph on the diamond yesterday when he set a new record of 55 home runs had a rather bad wind-up, for the home run king was injured in the seventh inning of the second game. He either pulled a muscle in his groin or sprang a charley horse, and it is possible that he will have to take a vacation of two or three days.

Ruth's injury came after a surprise. The Browns looked for the Babe to try for another homer off Henry, a recruit. But Ruth crossed them by laying down a neat bunt and beating the throw by Collins. Mousel's single sent Ruth to second, and Babe got to third when Pipp forced Mousel. In avoiding a double play Ruth slid into the bag and was injured. Fewster was sent in to run for him.

In establishing his world's record for home runs, Ruth hit them with none on base, "one on" and "two on," but did not turn the trick with the bases filled. In making his fifty-fifth yesterday off Pitcher Payne, he drove home one runner ahead of him.

Nineteen of his homers came when there were no runners on the bases, twenty-six with one on base and ten with two runners on the sacks.

Ruth made his record in the games played from April 16 to September 15. In April he cracked out five circuit clouts, in May he added ten more, in June he made thirteen, in July, August ten each month and so far this month he has whalloped the ball for seven homers.

Chestnut Hill Cancels Game

W. B. Chapman, of the Chestnut Hill baseball team, announces that owing to a misunderstanding the game arranged with it for Saturday, September 17, at its grounds at Chestnut Hill has been canceled.

## STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER NINE TO PLAY FLEISHER

Crack Local Clubs Clash on Formers' Field Tomorrow Afternoon

Two of the city's leading independent baseball teams clash tomorrow afternoon in one of the most important games of the season. Strawbridge & Clothier tackles Fleisher Yarn on the former's field at Sixty-third and Walnut streets at 8 o'clock.

Manager Trutt, of Strawbridge, is anxious to win, as he believes he has a right to claim the city championship if he can dispose of Dewey O'Brien and his downtown aggregation.

Grieshaber or Hoekensbury will hurl for Fleisher, while Ray Collins or Big George Earnshaw will be on the hill for Strawbridge. It should result in one of the best games of the season.

## Caspar and McLaughlin Draw

Darby Caspar, of the Mount Carmel Catholic Club, and Johnny McLaughlin, of South Philadelphia, boxed four fast rounds to a draw last night at the carnival given by the Mount Carmel Church. In the other bouts Kid Broad quit to Richie Rutter in the second round, while Walter continued Kid Wolf and Charlie Goodchild had the better of Ed Delaney and Charlie Rader. Rader, the bantam and Bobby Calhoun was the announcer.

# BABE RUTH IS AFTER RUN-GETTING RECORD

Hornsby and Heilmann Top Biffing Bambino in Hits, But Yankee Slugger Is Forty Runs Beyond Either. After "Chick" Evans' Crown

BY GRANTLAND RICE

The Narrow Squeak  
Last night I dreamed that I was pitching Against the Yankee team. And two seven on and two were out In this soul-gripping dream. And when I looked around again I almost hit the mat. For a fellow named George Herman Ruth Was strutting up to bat.

And then I thought—"I'll walk this And so clamp on the lid; And then I looked around and saw What I had sent and did. For all I had to handle now Was Mousel in his prime. But just before I choked to death, I woke up just in time.

Hornsby and Heilmann  
HORNBSBY, the Cardinal premier, has outclashed his league so far at bat that no one else is in sight. He has opened one of the greatest gaps in all batting history, a record-breaking lead. Heilmann, of Detroit, who has kept open pace with Hornsby, has come upon rougher competition. He has had Cobb on his heels for over six weeks with Ruth and Sisler close enough to take quick advantage of any slump.

Hornsby can drop ten stories and meet no one coming up. Heilmann can afford no such luxurious descent. He was passed by Cobb in the last fortnight and needed five hits in a single game to regain part of his old margin.

Run Makers  
As a runmaker there will be only one man on the chart. Ruth is after another record here.

Hornsby and Heilmann have made approximately thirty more hits than Ruth has made. Yet the "Babe" is forty runs beyond either, more than forty runs ahead of Heilmann.

To crack "Ty" Cobb's long-standing record two successive years is one of

the top achievements in the slugger's career.

Things That Happen  
On its feet and down in three, Seldom happens with me. But on in four and down in eight, That, sir, is my normal fate.

A drive, a brassie, an approach, A lie that's dead against the cup. These are shots I always get— Just before they wake me up.

W. H. P.

All-Time Stuff  
"WHAT'S the matter with this line-up for an All-Time All-Star team?" writes a fan. "Here goes: Ruth, right field; Speaker, center field; Hornsby, second base; Bancroft, shortstop; Heilmann, third base; Schalk, catcher. Can you beat it?"

On in one or two spots. Hans Wagner could never be dropped from any All-Star cluster. In the main, the present era has offered greater talent than the past has known—far greater. Cobb, Speaker, Hornsby, Collins and Hornsby have never been topped by any individual stars.

The Assault  
Peering over the top of his throne today, "Chick" Evans, amateur golf champion of the United States, can see anything in the past has known—far greater. Cobb, Speaker, Hornsby, Collins and Hornsby have never been topped by any individual stars.

Defending a golf title is one of the mightiest of all tests. The records as the game gets faster and faster, with so many new stars coming on, and assignment develops greater and greater trouble. One off-day—some youngster on his game—and the old script changes hands.

Autumn leaves its visiting card in two ways. One is the drifting brown leaf. The other is a request for so many World Series tickets. And there are more of the latter than the former.

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