

Phillies Are Champions and Athletics Are Runners-up in Round-Trip Batting for 1921

PHILLIES LED LEAGUE IN HOME-RUN SWATS LAST SEASON, HONEST!

Cellar Champs Cracked Eighty-eight Circuit Clouts, Five More Than Cardinals—Babe Ruth Prevented A's From Topping Yankees—Macks Made Eighty-three

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MUCH fame and glory has come to Philadelphia in big league baseball. Although the 1921 season is over and both of our teams are cleaning out the cellar for further occupancy in 1922, we have something to be thankful for. We won one championship and were runner-up in another.

The little ray of sunshine was furnished by none other than Ernie Lanning, the bigger fibber. Having been snowbound for few days, Ernie went on an exploring expedition, a personally conducted tour through the misty fogs, and made the startling discovery.

"The Phils," said Ernie impressively, "are champions of the National League."

Complete and absolute silence greeted the opening chorus. The laborers became interested, but a credulous look appeared on their faces. They wanted to say something, but didn't.

"Don't get me wrong," the bigger expert hastened to explain. "I am not putting anything over on you. Honest, the Phils were champs, and I have the bigger to prove it."

"What club in the National League made the greatest number of home runs last season? You don't know and I will tell you. The Phils connected with eighty-eight, which is five more than the Cardinals. Perhaps the short right field had something to do with it, but whatever it was, the hometown boys kicked in with the best mauling mark."

"There were many homers made in the league last year. St. Louis had eighty-three, the Giants seventy-five, Boston sixty-one, Brooklyn fifty-nine and so on down the line until you get to Cincinnati. The Reds piled twenty circuit clouts in the entire season. In all, 460 homer were made in the National League."

"And now for another surprise. The Athletics finished second to New York in homers, with eighty-three. The Yanks, including 'Babe' Ruth, socked a total of 134, which is something like a record, although I can't prove it until the next snowstorm. Take Babe's fifty-eight away and the A's have the Yanks trimmed. The Browns were next to the A's with sixty-six, which shows the superiority of the Shibe Parkers. Exactly 477 homers were made in the American, which makes a total of 937 in both leagues. This is not likely to happen again."

"**T**OO bad the home teams can't win ball games with those home runs. This year, Anyway, let's hope so."

Old Timers Going Good

IT'S hard to put the old boys on the shelf. Major leaguers who passed out of the picture and landed out on the Coast last season kicked in with some very thrilling stuff and have come back strong. For example, take Duffy Lewis. Duffy went to Salt Lake, played in 105 games and piled up a batting average of .403. Not so bad for an old timer. He led the league, which is going strong.

Others also did some good work. Paddy Singlin, the old second baseman, hit the pill over the fence twenty-two times, winning the home-run title. Charley See, who was shipped to Seattle by Cincinnati, got into forty-three games and ended with a batting average of .355. Old Sam Cronin not only hit .318, but pulled a big surprise by stealing ten bases in 175 games.

"Gavy" Cravath ended his playing career with Salt Lake, but had a good year just the same. He played in 112 games, hit .326 and socked eighteen homers. Gavy's legs went back on him, and at the end of the season he decided to devote most of his time to fishing and hunting near his home in Laguna Beach, Calif. If he returns to baseball again it will be as a scout or a managing manager.

The College Cubs purchased Hack Miller, the Oakland outfielder, and it looks as if it was a very good purchase. Hack played in 154 games and had .347. O'Connor, the \$5,000 athlete secured by the Giants, made seventeen homers during the season.

Of the former Phils out there, "Shucks" McFarlin, the little second baseman, gained some glory in leading the league in stolen bases. Shucks swiped fifty-five last year. Paul Flitter, who hurled for Pat Moran several years ago, still is on the job. Paul won twenty-five and lost fourteen games last year, which is not so bad for a veteran.

THREE play 150 games out there, and that accounts for the many home runs. A total of 588 was made, which may or may not reflect on the caliber of pitching.

Some Dope on Texas A. and M.

IKE ASHBURN, the genial commandant of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, of College Station, Tex., arises in righteous indignation and takes his pen in hand to dash off some information about the college which scored that unexpected gridiron victory over Cente in Dallas on January 2. Mr. Ashburn has something to say, and he says it.

"You probably do not remember," he writes, "but some years ago Hubbard City, Tex., the birthplace of Tris Speaker, lit out an awful howl because the upstart papers in the East called it a tick town. Being that you and your fellow Philadelphians are laboring under some delusions as to the rating of the Texas A. and M. College, I am going to explain a few things."

"The A. and M. College is not a small Texas college." It is an enrollment of more than 2000 male students. Its buildings and equipment in engineering and agriculture total about \$5,000,000 in value. Its campus and grounds include 4600 acres. It is the largest strictly military school in the United States. Incidentally, a larger per cent of its former students and graduates, proportionate to total numbers, were enrolled in the service of the country in the army or navy than any other college in the United States.

"I am telling you these things for your own information, so that you may see that our victory over Cente, while unbroken, was not illegal."

"Incidentally, we have lost but two football games since 1917, not counting the 1918 season, when the Government was in charge at that iteration. Under the coaching of D. X. Bible, our clubs not only were not defeated, but were not scored upon in 1917 and 1919. In 1920 we were not scored upon until Thanksgiving Day, when Texas University beat us at Austin, 7 to 3."

"This year we started with very poor material, but our team developed very well by the end of the season. We lost only one game."

SO THAT'S that. Texas A. and M. College with its 4000 dozen is BIGGER than any five or six colleges in the world. And, having seen the football team in action, we are inclined to string with Mr. Ashburn in agreeing it is SOME football eleven.

Plasterer Plastered

JACK DEMPSEY probably is breathing easier because he knows he has nothing to fear from Fredrick Fulton the pugilists. The big porous plasterer was rocked and sooted out of the heavyweight scuffle by Parry Madden, who seldom has had his pictures in the paper. Fredrick was very much on the blink, showed nothing which even resembled championship possibilities and probably will be forced to go back to his trade. Plastering is much better than being plastered.

The only thing to look forward to is a statement from the Fulton Syndicate, Inc., to the effect that the ferocious one failed to live up to his name because he was not in condition. That's always a swell alibi.

However, some excitement was caused when Gene Tunney captured the light heavyweight championship of America from the tottering Battling Levinsky. Gene should be able to cash in on that title. A light heavyweight champion of America has the same social standing as a second lieutenant in our army.

THERE will be some pretty good bouts in Philadelphia this week. Tonight Harry Kid Brown meets Jimmy Hanlon at the Olympia, and tomorrow night Alceo Hart collides with George Chaney at the Ice Palace. This latter person seems to be a great scrapper. He spent the summer with Johnny Kilbane and has developed into a clever boxer. He also has quite a wallet. Therefore, Chaney might not have such an easy time after all.

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ALPHA ISSUES CHALLENGE

BOXER VERSUS FIGHTER

Manager Sommer Wants to Play All of the Leading Cage Quintets

Larry Sommer, manager of the Alpha quintet, of the American League, is our with a defi for the 1921-22 basketball championship. Sommer names all the leading teams in his challenge.

The team got a flying start in the American League second half last week and easily ran up a 48-18 score on Holy Name. The club was in a slump when Joe Hyde and Sam Lemmons left to play down New England, but a new line-up has been secured.

At forward is Pete Dray, Sheets, Bauford, and Billy Sommer. Ed Lissman, who celebrated his return to the game by scoring eight baskets against Holy Name, is at center, while Hugo, Gordon and Young are the guards. The teams wishing games should address Larry Sommer, 4213 Girard Avenue, or phone Belmont 0462 between 6 and 7 P. M. or Spruce 4825 during the opening contest.

Harry (Kid) Brown will mingle With Jimmy Hanlon, of Denver

Harry (Kid) Brown, the South Philadelphia lightweight, is in the heat of shape for his bout with Jimmy Hanlon, the rugged Denverite, in the eight-round final at the Olympia tonight. It will be a case of boxer versus fighter, and both scored upsets in their last bouts here. Brown outpointing Johnny Dundee and Hanlon winning from Joe Tippley.

Boxer and fighter will also come together in the semi-final, also of eight rounds, when the Princettos, of this city, meet the Michigans, of New York. Another number will New York-Philadelphia rivalry will be Billy Mastriko, Billy Devine.

In the second bout of the evening Benny Basa, who has a long string of knockouts to his credit the last several months, will meet a worthy foe in Tommy Murray. Matty Decker and Bobby Wolgast are paired off in the opening contest.

RACQUETS TILT NEXT WITH N. Y.

Second Half of Intercity Competition With Gothamites Due Here Saturday

GOULD AND WEAR WIN

Philadelphia will make a strong bid to increase its advantage over New York when the second half of the annual inter-city competition between the Philadelphia Racquet Club and the New York Racquet and Tennis Club is played here this Saturday.

At the first, the play will be at racquets. On Saturday, doubles matches were played in New York at court tennis. The Philadelphia pairs emerged the victors by the match scores of 3 to 1. The Gotham players, however, are said to be stronger in the field of racquets than court tennis and the local combinations are set for some sizzling duals.

The feature match on Saturday was between Jay Gould and Joseph W. Wear, American doubles court tennis champions, representing the local Racquet Club, and the Cutting brothers, of New York, Fulton and Suydam.

The national champions won by the count of 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

With the count two games to one in favor of Philadelphia things began to look almost like a tie at 2-2, when the national champions started far off form and dropped their first set. Gould was said to be out of condition and his partner was very cold at the start. But the locals warmed up to the fray after the loss of that set, whanged them into the dedans, made truly brilliant passing shots, and ran out the next three sets in a row before the Cutting brothers could comprehend what it was all about.

The New Yorkers had hope in the very first match when Stanley Mortimer and C. C. Peil dusted off the Philadelphia pair, Stanley W. Pearson and S. Andrews, in straight sets, 8-3, 8-1. The metropolitans figured they might take every match after that with the exception of the tilt with the national champions, but, as it turned out, that first victory was the only one New York scored.

C. Wright and J. C. Peil, Philadelphia, started on the court tennis side with W. A. Stewart and E. P. Bunting. Over split racquets and eras from the gallery the Philadelphia pair chased their rivals to a 8-0, 5-8, 6-7 defeat, not overwhelming, but enough. George Brooke and Wilson Potter, for the locals, about put things on ice by trouncing S. S. Furman and J. B. Lowell, New York, 8-6, 8-6.

JOINS OLYMPIC BODY

K. of C. Directors Act on Invitation From American Association

New York, Jan. 16.—The Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus, in session yesterday at the Washington, D. C., hotel, voted to accept the invitation of the American Olympic Association to join that body and automatically added its stipulations to the following of amateur sports interested in Olympic competition.

The action taken by the K. of C. board yesterday is in furtherance of that organization's desire to stimulate interest among its members in amateur sports throughout the country. Two delegates from the K. of C. will be named shortly to attend the meetings of the American Olympic Association.

In fact, the meeting turned out to be presided over by the retiring president, Howard E. Whitney, predicted it would be peaceful.

Previously rumors were afloat that the Western Golf Association, which has at times been raid on certain phases of the rules—the stymie, for example, and also the out-of-bounds penalty, as well as the lifting of balls, to the putting green—would insist upon the national association's adopting a code more nearly like that of the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Mr. Widener, who is steward of the New York Jockey Club, and owner of a fine breeding farm in Kentucky, to which he has recently added imported mares, will have sixteen horses under cover, with a spring riding season open. There are two aged horses, three-year-olds and eleven two-year-olds in his stable.

The older horses are Naturalist, perhaps the best miler in the country, by Ruelles-Nature, and Pilgrim, by Carry Herman-Zoila. The latter's half brother, Ramuntal, now a three-year-old, is another of the Widener string. Other three-year-olds are Philosoph and Loyalty.

The two-year-olds include a number of Mr. Widener's own breeding and several of them are expected to develop into superior racers. These include:

Chestnut colt, by Eric Play—Sane Tache, by the White Knight.

Brown or black colt, by Luke McLuke—Black Brocade, by Nell Gow.

Chestnut colt, by Luke McLuke—Plebe G., by Mazagan.

Bay colt, by Fries Rock—Swan Song, by Ben Brush.

Bay colt, by Bridge of Earn—Tilait, by Munition.

Brown colt, by White Magic—Dark Sapphire, by Dark Ronald.

Chestnut filly, by Mont d'Or II—Sunflower, by Rock Sand.

Fremasonry b. g., by Maintenant—Valentine, by Marta Santa.

Bay filly, by Fair Play—Sanicula, by Saury.

Chestnut filly, by Mont d'Or II—Sunflower, by Rock Sand.

Brown filly, by Mont d'Or II—Charity.

Mr. Widener has entered his great jumper, Duettsie, in the Liverpool, England, Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Aintree March 24. All the best horses in English and Irish jumping divisions are among those entered. Weights will be allotted January 26, and will range from 140 pounds to one that will double his weight.

All things considered, the meeting held in the strength of winter was, finally, the event's favorite, promised a still greater progress, and it is now generally believed that the coming year will surpass even the last, which went down in history as one of the greatest.

It was entirely fitting that the title of honorary member should be bestowed upon President Harding. The Child Executive, a staunch admirer and enthusiastic member of the K. of C.,

during the national open he made a memorable presentation speech when giving the championship trophy to Jim Barnes. It was a great agony of golf and a high position the game holds.

The announcement that the U. S. G. A. Eligibility Committee is now working on a method of scaling the entries in the national amateur event is good news for the field has grown to such proportions as to make it decidedly bulky and unwieldy.

The championship tournaments should be limited in some way to those who really have a chance to win, and if the committee can weed out the unfit and at the same time do nothing to discourage players, it will have filled a long-felt want.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



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LOCAL BOYS SHINE ON STELLAR TEAM

Former Northeast High Soccer Players Earn Places on All-State Eleven

PENN GETS TWO PLACES

All-State League

Soccer Selections

Player	Position	College
Paul	Goal	Lafayette
Hinman	R. F.	Haverford
Leinen	L. H.	Swarthmore
White	R. R.	Swarthmore
Watson	C. H.	Lafayette
Carter	L. H.	Swarthmore
Hivas	O. R.	Pennsylvania
Bates	I. R.	Pennsylvania
Fernandes	C. F.	Lehigh
Riddick	I. L.	Lafayette
Mellwin	O. L.	Lafayette

By ALEXANDER F. CUTHERSTON

Coach of the Lafayette College Soccer Team

In the Pennsylvania State Intercollegiate Soccer League this season the playing of the backs overshadowed that of the forwards. There was an abundance of good defensive players who turned aside the many attacks of the opposing forwards.

This can best be shown by the number of low-scoring games and the contests.

"DEMPSEY today is rated by many as the greatest heavyweight that ever lived," writes Ringside, "but will they still stick to this rating two or three weeks or months after he has been knocked out?" There will be time enough to consider all this when Dempsey's record is completed and one can judge the full set of works. There are many who believe that Demp