# resident Baker Decides to Play Leslie, Clever New Orleans Youngster, at the Initial Sack

# BIG ED" KONETCHY **GETS HIS PASSPORTS** FROM PHILLIES' BOSS

Leslie, Youth Purchased From New Orleans, to Play First Base, Says Baker—Fifteen Hurlers on Staff, Some With Good Records

### By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger NOTHER baseball veteran is all set to take the long journey to the misors. Ed Konetchy, sometimes known as "Big Ed," will not be in the major leagues next year. He has served his time—fifteen years of active ervice-played on five different National League clubs and one Federal League aggregation. In point of

service he was one of the oldest men in the Heydler circuit and always gave

"Konetchy will not be with the Phils next season, said President Baker yesterday. Leslie, the young-ster we purchased from New Orleans, will play first base-at least, that is how it looks now. As for Koney we will try to place him with some minor league club as a manager or player. Several clubs are anxious to have him and no doubt he will be taken care of before the season opens. At present he is selling cemetery lots in St.

Koney stepped into the National League in 1907, when he joined the St. Louis Cardinals. He came from La Crosse, Wis., where he had been playing first base for three years. Ed became one of the leading first-sackers in the league, as he not only hit well, but also was a very good fielder. Pittsburgh drew Koney in a trade in 1914, but he jumped the next year and joined the Pittsburgh Feds. After peace was declared he was sold to Boston for \$4000 and he remained there until

1919, when he was traded to Brooklyn, The big athlete helped win the pennant in 1920, but last year he began to slow up. Ray Schmandt replaced him at first base and he was placed on the market. The Phils, needing a first-sacker, got him from the Dodgers and he stuck around for the rest of the season.

ED NUMETCHY

For a big man Koney was exceptionally fast. He covered a lot of ground and seldom made any errors. He always was dangerous at the plate and opposing pitchers never liked to see him step up in a pinch, swinging that short, stubby bat.

KONEY played 2085 games in the big league and compiled a grand batting average of .280 for fifteen years. He hit .299 last year, which was not so bad. Big Ed is thirty-seven years old, but should be good for several more years in the minors.

### Big Pitching Staff

THE Phils will depart for Leesburg, Fla., the latter part of next month.

Manager Wilhelm will take a flock of pitchers there for one week's preliminary work before the others arrive. There are fifteen hurlers on the roster at present, some of them coming here with good mecords. Colonel Snover did well in New England hast year and Morgan had a good season in Rochester. Lefty Weinert probably will be reinstated by Commissioner Landis and will be given another trial.

"I believe our pitching staff will be much stronger than last year," said President Baker." Mendows, Hubbell, Ring, George Smith, Betts, Wenters, Sedgwick and Crandall should get started early and the new men like Morgan and Snover have great possibilities. Wilhelm will have them in shape for the opening of the season.

"Lefty Baumgartner will be back again. He was sent to Kansas City last season and did very good work. Behan, Pinto and Sullivan are the other pitchers. For catchers we have Henline, Peters and Witherow. The latter was with Newark last year and, although his hitting did not show much of an improvement, his work behind the plate was better and he will be

"Curtis Walker, the young outfielder secured from the Glants last year, is eager to get started again. It was reported that he was through with ball when he suffered from kidney trouble last summer, but he wrote me that he had recovered and now weighed twenty-five pounds more than he last year. He is in his home at Beesville, Tex., and will be one of the first to go to Leesburg.

"Goldie Rupp also has written me that his eyes are well again and he to have a good season.

"It looks as if the infield would consist of Leslie, first base; Jimmy th, second; Parkinson, short, and Rapp, third. In case Leslie does not come through Cliff Lee will be given a chance to show what he can do. Lee

oved considerably last season.

"The outfield should be strong with Cy Williams, King, Lebourveau, Walker and Wrightstone on the job.

No CONTRACTS have been sent out yet, but I do not expect to have any trouble in signing the man. The contracts have been changed this year and the new forms have not get arrived."

### Connie Sees a Bull Fight

CONNIE MACK evidently has picked out a real live town to do his re-A hearsing this spring. Eag's Pass is all "het up" over the approaching visit of the Athletics and the natives are planning to show them a great time. Connie himself was put through the paces on his last visit and even went so far as to pay a flying visit to Mexico.

Connie said nothing about the visit, but the dope was slipped to us today by Leonard Brooks, of Eagle Pass, the man who was responsible for bringing the A's to the Border.

You will find inclosed," he writes, "a poster telling of a bull fight held in Fiedras Negras, just across the river from Engle Pass. It was my pleasure to take Mr. Mack to this event and it was the first time he had seen a bull fight. If his players, throughout the season, show as much pep as he did during the fight, the Athletics will win the rapper. g the fight, the Athletics will win the pennant. They can't help win-

if they keep on their toes like their manager. "Mr. Mack was signally honored after the second bull had been killed, banderillero, who had successfully placed his two banderillas in the bull's neck as he charged and who received great applause from the crowd, went right up to the maddened animal, pulled out one of the decorated spears and presented it to Mr. Mack from the arena.

"I mention this because, as you know, bull-fighting is the national sport in Mexico for centuries and this manifestation of good will clearly demonstrated the co-operation Mr. Mack will receive from the Mexicans along the border. It also indicated that those living across the boundary line will

"Our ball park is rapidly being put into good shape and a large force of kmen are busy every day. They are fixing up a good infield and outfield and also building a clubhouse.

\*WE ARE all ready to receive the ball players and I can assure
you that they will receive as cordial and sincere a welcome from Engle Pass as they ever have experienced in the past in places schere they have trained.

### Old Fox Still Foxy

THE appointment of Clyde Milan as manager of the Washington Clob shows that Clark Griffith is out gunning for the 1922 pennant. Rather then have Peckinpaugh worrying about the affairs of the club, he handed the job to the veteran center-fielder so that Peck could devote his entire time to stopping. Milan has been with Washington since the tail-end of the 1907 season

and was regarded as one of the fastest outfielders in the business. He never was a flashy player, but filled his position capably and holds the same position with the fans of the Capitol as George Burns used to hold in New York. has worked under Griffith, knows Griff's system and will be able to go along with his boss without any trouble.

Washington, by the way, looms up as a very good ball club. Peck has improved the team 50 per cent, for it has been years since the Senators had what might be called a high-class shortstop. When McBrids retired from active service. Griff started to experiment and has been at it ever since, O'Neill flopped and O'Rourke did not go so well last year. at short; Harris at second; Shanks, third, and Judge on first, the infield will compare favorably with any in the major lengues. Mi'an probably will play in the outfield unless some sensational youngster

discovered in the training camp. Sam Rice and Frank Brower are the ather regular outposts.

I MILAN can get some pitching next season the Yankees will not have a walk-over in the American League. Copyright, 1982, by Public Ledger Company

### A DOUBLE WIND-UP

six-round frays are scheduled on the weekly program for the Ice Palace A. C. Ferty-fifth and Market streets, this evening. In the first part of the double wind-up a brace of local boys will settle an o'd feud when the hard-hitting Johnny Mealy takes on the veteran limusy Murphy, of West Philadelphia. In the last part of the twin final George and Buddy Fitzgerald vs. Bobby Robbildeau.

Davis Cup Challenge

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 17.—The Australian Lawn Tennia Association will issue a challenge to the American Lawn Tennia Association to may for the Davis Cup. held by the Americans, next summer.

K. O. Chaney, of Bultimore, engages Alex Hart, of Cleveland. Joe Chaney, brother of George, will Two Eight - Rounders Feature Ice be seen in the third six-rounder when he meets Joe Knons, of Port Rich-Two eight-round bouts and three mond. The other numbers: Billy Pinteround frays are scheduled on the pus, of Atlantic City, vs. Billy Dayle,

# ROBINS TO USHER

Half of Cricket Club's Layout to Be Finished in Spring. Warner's Devotion

BRITISH STARS PETITION

By SANDY McNIBLICK

GIGHTEEN holes of the new golf L layout of the Philadelphia Cricket Club will be completed by spring. Just how soon play will be permitted over the new holes is, of course, problematical just as it is at any new course. It all depends on the condition of the turf.

At any rate all of the construction work on the first half of the proposed thirty-six-hole links at Militia Hill will have been finished when the birds cheep once more hereabouts. There are "golf courses" and "places

to play golf." The most famous course in this district is Pine Valley. The story of that course revolves around the late George Crump, how he discovered the site while prowling through the woods there with dog and gun. How he gave much of his finances and

nearly all his waking moments to its construction. With unflagging enthusiasm, devotion and nerve George Crump carried that project through to the leading golf course of the country. Few golf courses are fortunate enough to have such a man "behind the gun." The work of Frank Warner on the

new Cricket Club project is the nearest example to George Crump's devotion to a golf ideal that we can think of.

Engrossed in his business at the same time, Francis B. Warner has for number of years been secretary of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, a task that eats up nearly every "spare minute" he has. But when the neces-

sity came at the Cricket Club for a new lay-out Mr. Warner stepped in. He was instrumental in "putting over" the project at Lis club, and hardly a day has passed since that he has not been on the ground working as hard as the labor he's hired. He fairly breathes enthusiasm for the new course, his only reward the praise it getting from the experts who have looked at the nearly finished course. "Another Pine Valley" is the glow-

All of which is an introduction for the thought that the truly great courses of this country are the result of the devoted interest of some one real golf any other public high school in the city.

Two of the greatest trackmen ever to entushiast, a man who is not content matriculate at the Broad and Green on the job from morning till night—on the job from morning till night—streets institution will be among those the man who sees every blade of grass the man who is not content.

Two of the greatest trackmen ever to so fast he blinded me with his wallops. It had arrived back in Baltimore did I had arrived back in Baltimore the thought that the truly great courses

work, and from the tribute of that course's admirers justly so. Gullford Going Over

up his mind to go abroad again for in which they were entered, another fling at the British amateur. When Joe Raincy, the colored finsh. This decision will probably be even left Central no one expected the insti-firmer if the petition of the British ama-tution to have another sprint star his teurs goes through relative to a change in the playing conditions.

is holes medal play be carded, eighteen boles a day, with eighty to continue after the first day. Thirty-two players would qualify under the new proposal, the match play to be at thirty-six holes. The petition is signed by John Ball, Roger Wethered, Cyril Tolley, R. H. Be Montmorency and other stars over the Montmorency and other stars over the sixth of the sixth of the stars over the sixth of the Roger Wethered, Cyrn Toney,
De Montmorency and other stars over be Montmorency and other stars over below means a lot. De Montmorency and other stars over the new the high and broad jumps, but nervousplan, it is said, among the amnteurs ness played a heavy part in keeping him over there. from placing. He had the goods, but

Anyhow the change, if made, would wan't experienced. remove the chief objection Americans It was during the had to going into the British championship. This was the plan still used last in Central High's F

Nobody knows any more about the stymic, the out-of-bounds or mud-on-ball proposals than before. Or the ribbed clubs. Or admission being charged to championships. Or international competition. Or this, that and the other.

There is much discounted to the championships of the competition of this charged the competition. There is much disappointment here and, it is presumed, in other districts A national meeting is getting to be

merely a rollcall.

### Boots and Saddle

Ginger, after a long rest from racing, makes his bow today at New Orleans.

If in condition he should dispose of the field in the six furlong dash, with Elmer K. and Neddam as chief contenders. K. and Neddam as chief contenders.

Horses well placed in other races are:
First race—Meuse, Prudence, Mary
Maxim; second — Gammer Gurton,
Matches Mary, Dare; third — Pirate
McGee, Lorena Moss, John Arbor;
fifth—Conic Song, Commander McMeckin, Ashland; sixth—Gray Gables,
Wynnewood, Padua; seventh—W. H.
Buckner, Pretender, Maize.

At Havana: First race—Hyeres, Margaret Nash, Mrs. Grandy; second—Kentmore, Mediusa, Willie Woods; third—Article X, Last Girl, Pacifier; fourth—Count Boris, Mugivan, Lyrie; fifth—Ed, Garrison, Judge Budrow, Old Sinner; sixth—Elias O., Felix M., Sea Under

Bra produced its riding de-none has ever scribed the Exprension black Langa inthur employe has ridden for the control of the control cans Faie Grounds meeting, ce the coening he has taken race. He has been placed as and unplaced thirty-one, a heavier and fully developed manufer star, is second with twelve f. 13 Mooney has six to his credit.



### TEDIOUS PASTIMES—WATCHING A MOVIE YOU'VE SEEN



McDonald and Hirst, Brilliant Performers, Will Be Graduated Next Month

SEVERAL TEAMS HARD HIT

MENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL will lose On galaxy of football, baseball. ing tribute of nearly all who have soccer and track stars when the semiannual graduation takes place in February. The institution, in an athletic

the cinder path and on the wooden track something that no other Crimson and Gold star ever was able to do. They Jesse Guilford has now virtually made broke all standing records in the events

equal. But McDonald foo'ed 'em all. He captured the fifty-yard dash with A petition is now in the hands of the case in the indoor quads of 1920. It committee of the royal and ancient from one of the heats he broke the world's leading amateurs which asks, in the scholastic record of 5.03, but his time

It was during the last year that both boys established themselves permanently ship. This was the plan still used last in Central High's Hall of Fame. Meyear of no qualifying round, and eight. Donald won the fifty-yard dash and een hole matches down to the final probably would have won the 220-yard

round.

Our British consins want the new plan put through before the next championship.

Just Another Meeting

The annual meeting of the U. S. G. A. was held and that, apparently, was all that happened. All the live questions before the golfing public were evidently carefully avoided.

Nobody knows any more about the sensitive sports and played baseball in every big league town in the didly and broad jumps.

Several other boys will be graduated from the school. They are listed in their favorite sports as follows:

FOOTBALL — Pavitt, Remiesen, Cherchesky, Bull, McAlpine, Hirst, Clarke, Weisen, Cohen and Sargent.

TRACK—McDonald, Butin, Remiesen, Strange there's so little noise at a require match.

BASEBALL-Sayler, Sperling and

Drummond.

## "THE HARDEST BATTLE OF MY RING CAREER"

The boy who gave me the hardest | The best workout given me by my bout of my career was Eddie Campi, brother-in-law occurred while I was at Los Angeles, in 1913. It was in at Camp Holabird in 1917, '18 and '19. bout of my career was Eddie Campi, at Los Angeles, in 1913. It was in January. The nautch went twenty rounds, and we both were on our feet when the sell tolled end
los Angeles, in 1913. It was in at Camp Holabird in 1917, '18 and '19. was a dollar-a-year man at the camp for three years. I was the only man who trained commissioned and non-commiss' oned officers at the base.

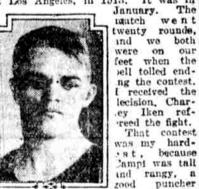
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was my hardampi was tall rangy. a

Barrett's gymnasium, on Baltimore street. That was in 1911. My brother hit me on the chin so hard I thought my jaw was broken. Never since have I felt a sting so hard.

I was strong and tore into the champ with a left to the stomach. Coulon, as you know, went down in the second-back of his ear. He collapsed immediately.

I was strong and tore into the champ it gets down to a matter of beating Tilden.

It can be done—if Tild happen to be quite adjusted. of his ear. He collapsed immediately.

But for two years he had

### Y'S KRAX

of 5.02 was not allowed because he was "IN GOLF, how should one address running with the wind. In the final the ball?" queries Constant Render.

They're such regular fellows it's junny the natives stand for so many oil cans in Texas. Our Daily Guessing Contest-What

two nations fought in the Spanish-American War? Up to the auto show, Loole Block

says things look pretty Gray. We might as well sink our battleships-nobody else could.

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# AUSTRALIA STRONG AS DAVIS CUP CONTENDER

Patterson, Anderson and Brookes Make "Down Unider" Team Look Like Sure Challengers in 1922 Classic Tennis Battle

By GRANTLAND RICE

knack of sufficient adjustment at the The Title Hunters (A forecast of 1922) A stronger opponent might have stopped him at Wimbledon, where he was badly stale, in poor physical shape,

No. 1 .- Tennis With Big and Little Bill around To slap the bally pill around, With young V. Richards still around We ought to be in clover. What chance has Uncle Sam again To lead the tennis jam again And make them all salaam again Before the year is over?

And when the new year's closed the Who'll be the one outstanding champ!

First-The Davis Cup

TAKING a bird's-eye view of the Davis Sup imbroglio, with something less than a hawk-like vision, the issue at this slightly frosty moment seems to rest between the United States and the Australian line-up.

The United States of America will be able to offer, among others, Bill Tilden, Bill Johnston and Vincent Richards.

At first glance this seems to be an overwhelming force.

But Australia will probably counter with Patterson, Anderson and Brockes—a combination far more formidable than one might think at first reflection. Strong Opposition

A NDERSON was the brilliant young
A Australian who did such fine work
last summer and fall.
His experience under fire over here
and the promised improvement that

should come will make him no light Patterson has been training hard for

a year to bolster up a few weak points and he, too, will be no opponent to meet flippantly.

Brookes plans to enter the doubles only, where he and aPtterson will have an even chance against any combina-

tion that might be collected and rushed into action. The United States should win, but only after a contest replete with enough thrills to satisfy even a moving-picture wrestled for fifteen minutes.

I also want to mention that Charley audience.

Australia has developed the habit of coming and collecting the famous cupat stated intervals.

The land that nestles beneath the Ledoux, of France, also gave me a hard fight. I managed to put the Frenchman away in fourteen rounds, in January, 1914, so that I rate Campi Southern Cross may not be quite due, but its entries will be strong enough to reach the challenge round and stir up quite a fuss, with an outside chance to

The hardest workout I ever had was with my brother-in-law. Harry Schlimm, and my brother. Young Kid Williams, two years younger than I am, gave me the hardest punch I ever am, gave me the hardest punch I ever leading at Joc received when we were training at Joc received when the Joc re it gets down to a matter of some one's beating Tilden.

It can be done-if Tilden deesn't

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He was strong and belted hard. I was thoroughly tired out when the exhibi-

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OF THE foreign players, Anderson, Patterson and Michael Alonzo (the latter Spain's best entry) should be rated at the top. But if Tilden is to lose, Richards or Johnston should be the

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