

Leslie, Fletcher, Parkinson and Rapp Will Make Up Infield of Phillies for 1922 Season

SEDGWICK CONFIDENT HE WILL MAKE GOOD

After Learning Game While in Army, Phil's Hurler Believes in Own Ability HE IS 22 YEARS OLD

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK
Leesburg, Fla., March 8.
A star pitcher, one Kenneth Sedgwick will be a leading light in John Heydick's circuit next season. Sedgwick, a twenty-two-year-old right-hander, who is on his first training trip with the Phillies, believes in nothing more than his own ability.

Five years ago, when baseball was the national sport of America and that was the limit of his knowledge about the game. He never played until he got into the army and his experience was confined to three full games when he turned professional at the close of the World War.

"When I was in the army," Kenneth told a group of his colleagues as they sat around a table at the Lake View Hotel here, "I was a pitcher short in a ball game that was about to get under way. They wished the job on me and after the game a minor league ball player told me I had a good hop on my fast one."

"I always thought hops was what they put in beer and I thought I had an intoxicating delivery or something like that."

Liked the Game
"I got to like the game in the few I played while in the service, and after Uncle Sam gave me my unconditional release I began to look around for a job in the service the office work didn't appeal to me. I made up my mind I was going to be a ball player, and here I am."

Well, how did you get your first job in baseball?
"I was in the army in Martin's company," he replied, "and I went to the next club—Akron. They needed a pitcher and I said I was one. They pulled out the papers and I signed. Didn't know what it was all about, but I was my first ball game, 3-0."

"From there I went to New Haven, in the Eastern League, and then to Rochester, and finally to Charleston. It was in Charleston that I thought my baseball career, as far as a league ball player was concerned, was over. I did not like that town, and told the manager and president about it. They were very decent about it and gave me my unconditional release. I wandered up to Washington."

"For a long time I didn't play any ball, and then got a chance to pitch in some of the semi-professional circuits. I was there for a while, and I pitched a couple of times and recommended me to Bill Donovan. That was last July, and I'm still with the Phils."

Ruth's Homer Bonus Averages \$1 a Foot

How much further can "Babe" Ruth hit a golf ball than he can a baseball? The one that approximated carry with the baseball as a projectile was 540 feet, or 180 yards. He has approached this range with his big fifty-two ounce bat on at least three occasions. The longest closely estimated drive with a golf club was 277 yards, counting only the carry.

BARRETT'S WALLOP FAILS; MEALY WINS

Johnny Jabs Way to Victory Over Foe Who Previously Scored K. O.
JOE O'DONNELL LOSES

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
BOBBY BARRETT failed to get over the wall of his own club, and in itself tells the story of Johnny Mealy's victory last night in their eight-rounder at the Ice Palace before the biggest crowd of theistic season, about 5500 fans being jammed into the spacious West Philadelphia emporium. Through the use of an incantation straight left, Mealy, who previously has been lambasted by Barrett, was able to redeem himself against the Clifton Heights redhead.

Mealy showed superior form in all of the rounds, excepting the fourth and fifth frames. Only in the final canto was Barrett able to connect with the terrific right, but even then Bobby was unable to land on a vulnerable spot. Although shaken up slightly, Mealy succeeded in keeping his equilibrium, and mugged himself together by holding on tightly in the clinches.

For a contest that commenced very close, Mealy and Barrett lived up to things in the last few rounds. As early as the second chapter John started the blood from Barrett's nose and mouth, almost cutting over the Clifton Heights left eye. Barrett brought the cleft from between Mealy's lips starting with the fourth.

Mealy led virtually all the leading in the first three rounds. Barrett was held in check, evidently waiting for an opening to let fly with his haymaker. But Johnny kept stepping continually in and out, sticking his left into Bob's face, and in the half-clinches driving a hefty right to the body.

Barrett came out of his corner in the fourth with a spurt, and for the first time took up the offensive. He backed Mealy around the ring and forced Johnny to cover up. While Barrett tried several times to get over his left, John either ducked or side-stepped, and Bobby missed every attempt to score with his well-known slant.

FLETCHER TO PLAY SECOND FOR PHILS

Entire Team Is Picked for Coming Season, Says Baker at Leesburg

NOW UP TO THE PITCHERS

Leesburg, Fla., March 8.—Arthur Fletcher will be the regular second baseman of the Phils this season and Fred Parkinson will remain at shortstop. Goldie Rapp will play third and Jack Leslie will be stationed at first.

These are the present plans of Manager Veehman and Walter Betts, who were formulated after a conference with William F. Baker, the president of the club, who, with Robert Coane, a director, visited the athletes yesterday.

Fletcher goes in there at second base. "I believe Fletcher is the man who can do it. He is an aggressive ball player who is fighting all the time for the games and he will steady the whole infield. Furthermore, he will aid the pitchers, for they will have more confidence with him in back of them."

Leslie Is Good
"Goldie Rapp should improve and Jack Leslie will produce. Leslie is in training now over in New Orleans and he will report in good shape. He is a crack-jack first baseman and should be able to fill in well."

"As far as the outfield is concerned, we don't have to worry. Cy Williams will show us usual, which means good. He also plays his best and gives everything he has to the ball club. Curtis Walker, I believe, is one of the best young outfielders in the league. He was sick during most of last season and didn't even play a game in Philadelphia, although he was very anxious to play before the local fans."

"I see Lee King has his bride with him. That means he will settle down and play his first baseball. King's contract was the first one I received. That looked like business right away. Lebourveau is a hustling ball player and Cliff Lee can be used any place in a pinch."

That means that it is up to the pitcher, which means that they are coming along nicely and he hopes to get one or two good men out of the rookies that reported."

THREE PHILLIE TWIRLERS



KEN SEDGWICK JOHN SINGLETON WALTER BETTS

HOLD PENN RELAY TRYOUTS TODAY

Ten Candidates Will Start in First Trial for Team to Meet English

FRESHMEN ARE FAVORITES
DESPITE the fact that the quarter-mile track on Franklin Field presented the picture of a road badly torn by heavy rains, the scheduled preliminary tryout for the ten athletes will be held this afternoon. Coach Robertson is loath to put off the trials because of the lack of time before the team is scheduled to leave this city.

At present the five men selected by the coach will start from Philadelphia on March 21 for New York. The boat leaves the following day. That gives Robertson less than two weeks to get his charges ready for the race.

Today a week the final trials will be run, after which the team will be selected. Ten men will start from scratch this afternoon, that number having been selected by Coach Robertson on Monday to compete for the honor of representing the Red and Blue of Philadelphia.

Business Manager Shettleline has arranged a schedule of nine games for the Phils to be played between the time they leave here and the opening of the season. The schedule follows:

April 1, Columbia at Columbia, S. C.; 2d, Charlotte at Charlotte, N. C.; 3d, 4th and 5th, Baltimore at Baltimore, Md.; 6th, Richmond at Richmond, Va.; 7th, Reading International League Club at Reading, Pa.; 8th, Athletics at Philadelphia; 9th, Newark at Newark, N. J.; 10th, University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Baker Spikes Rumor
Baker spiked a rumor that George Cohan, the theatrical producer, was attempting to buy the ball club. Some of the natives paid a visit to Eustis, a town about seventeen miles from here, and came back with the report that Baker and Cohan have reservations together at the hotel. This immediately gave rise to the rumor that the actor was after the controlling interest in the Phils, as he has tried so often to become a baseball magnate.

JOHNSTON PLAYS FOR MACK'S OWLS

Doc Will Get Into Athletics Uniform for First Time Today Against Hawks

TO HOLD DOWN FIRST BASE

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger
Eagle Pass, Tex., March 8.—This is the day for the second clash of the Owls and Hawks in the Mackmen's practice games on the local ball lot. And, incidentally, Doc Johnston will get into an Athletics' uniform for the first time. He will appear at first base for the Owls in place of Cy Perline, otherwise the teams will line up as they did in their initial meeting.

Mack is proving himself a sort of a mysterious guy. He is keeping the pitching selections for the opposing teams in the dark, or some such place. At the breakfast table this morning Connie smiled when asked who he would start in today's Owls-Hawks meeting. "Really, I haven't any idea—but you can bet I will use at least half a dozen twirlers," he said.

It became known today that the team representing this town is known as the Eagles, and they hope to play several games with the Hawks and Owls during Mack's stay.

Chuck Fynn, a Chinese lad, is one of the star ball players of the Eagles. At the present time he is attending the local high school and later expects to matriculate at an Eastern university.

Practice yesterday was brisker because the Texas winds were not as violent as they were Tuesday.

Manager Mack gave the new signals to the players Tuesday and yesterday he tried out everybody on them so far as they had been mastered.

When the Athletics first glimpsed the park they agreed it would be difficult to slap the pill out of the park. Nevertheless, it has been done every day. Billy Walker made a job over the centerfield wall that was even longer than "Bing" Miller's swipe of Tuesday.

Midget Smith an Easy Winner
New York, March 8.—Midget Smith won an easy victory over Frankie Delany, of the Island, at the Pioneer Athletic Club, in a feature twenty-round fight. Delany won 120 rounds and Delany 118 in the semi-final, Jackie Bernstein, of Youngs, won 100 rounds in a ten-round feature. Darcy, of the West Side, Johnny King, of the West Side, and Fred Block, of the land, in eight rounds.

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SMITH WINS PROTEST

Disputed Soccer Game Will Be Replayed—Announce Cup Drawings
The Marshall E. Smith soccer team, which protested its first-round cup game with the Albion elevators, has won its protest on an appeal after an adverse first decision and the winner of the game will play Puritan in the second round.

REORGANIZE 'FRESH' LEAGUE

High School Yearlings Show Great Interest in Baseball
The Freshman Baseball League probably will be reorganized in the public high schools before the week is out. Much interest is being shown by the yearlings in the various institutions, and they are clamoring for more inter-school games.

Madonna to Play at Trenton

Manager Joseph Lombardi, of the Madonna team, will take the team to Trenton to play the Jerome Cup, one of the best played in the Jersey capital. The game will be played at the Junior High School. Madonna's players will make the trip: Bruno, Mike, Buck, Henry, "Boss" Huggins, Frank, Nollie and Hoppo. Madonna is the first team to play at Trenton in a long time. The game will be played at Trenton, N. J., on Saturday afternoon.

Y's Krax

IF AT first you don't succeed—try a second time.
The high jumper out at Penn seem to have the spring fever.
Our Daily Guessing Contest—What game is played on a polo field?
THOUGH MARY GARDEN IS A STAR, SHE HAS NO RELATION TO STARR GARDEN.
A genius may come out of a barber shop, but very few of them ever go in one.
Broadway Humor—"I got your letter, but I don't see that I'm tired. On the inside it said 'revive me no longer required' and outside it said 'after five days return.'"
Lauderlyrons are best at doing a shimmy.