

New York Is Heaviest Pre-Season Favorite to Cop Pennant in History of the National League

GIANTS LOOM BIG AS WINNER IN NATIONAL; PHILLIES PICKED 7TH

Heydler Circuit Stronger This Year, and Before Season Is Over McGrath's Club May Be Pushed Very Hard for the Pennant

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IF THE New York Giants do not win the pennant this year it will not be the fault of John McGraw or his million-dollar infield. The world's champions are all lined up for the coming campaign, the team has been strengthened and the Gothamites are prepared to outdistance the other seven entries in Mr. Heydler's circuit.

However, the champions will be working under difficulties from the start. They have been selected to win the flag ever since Heinie Groh was signed—the heaviest pre-season favorite in history. The pennant has been handed to them on the cuff by all the experts and they will find it hard to play the kind of ball expected of them. The other clubs in the League will put up the strongest kind of opposition, and every game will be a hard one.

The Giants will not have an easy time of it. These other teams are in the running and expect to be up in the front rank battling for that gonfalon. The league appears to be much stronger than last year, and before the summer is over, it is likely to be anybody's race.

At present writing, the National League clubs line up as follows:
—New York
—Boston
—St. Louis
—Pittsburgh

The Giants get first call because of Kelly, Felsch, Hancock and Heinie Groh, who form one of the greatest infields the game ever has known. The catching staff and the outfield also will be high class, and the pitching, while not up to the usual standard, will be good enough to win a lot of ball games.

NEHF, Jess and Virginia Barnes, Touey and possibly Douglas will be the mainstays this season. Neff appears to be the best of the lot.

SAM BLACKISTON IS AMATEUR STAR

Scores Five Knockouts in Six Bouts in Middle Atlantic Championships

7 A. U. TITLES DECIDED
Middle Atlantic States Ring Champions for 1922

Flyweight—Alex Greenberg, S. P.
Heavyweight—George Halmer, Enterprise, C. C.
Lightweight—Charley Rice, Shamrock
Middleweight—Tommy O'Malley, Meadowbrook
Welterweight—Sam Blackiston, Curtis C.
Cruiserweight—Sam Blackiston, Curtis C.
Heavyweight—Frank Pickett, Villanova

A DOUBLE knockdown, in which Sam Blackiston, Curtis Club, and William Harkins, Kaysa Catholic Club, each landed with right-hand punches simultaneously, both men going to the floor at the same time in groggy condition, was the feature of the semi-final and final bouts in which seven champions of the Middle Atlantic States A. U. were crowned last night at the Olympia A. A.

After forty-two seconds of the first round, Blackiston and Harkins connected on the other jaw with terrific crosses, and as they went down their heads struck the floor. Referee Frank McCracken started to count, but after one stroke of his arms both men, woody and all but out, staggered to their feet.

They began to punch feebly at each other when, after one minute and seven seconds, Blackiston, who had regained some of his strength, crossed a right flush on Harkins' jaw and he fell flat on his back. There was no necessity for a count.

This was a well-wetted match, the championship of which class Blackiston later won by stopping Paul Register, another Kaysa entry, in the second round. In all, Blackiston competed in four matches last night, knocking out Willie Cannon in a semi-final of the middleweight division, and following up the night with a victory over Sam Hewitt, of West Philadelphia.

Five Knockouts
Blackiston's boxing was the outstanding feature of the tournament, having scored five knockouts out of a total of half a dozen matches in which he participated.

George Holmer, winner of the 118-pound title and an Enterprise C. T. lad, also showed brilliant form in all of his matches. He administered a terrific thrashing to Vincent Grant, a gritty little fellow from O'Brien's Institute, in the final bout.

UNCLE DUDLEY



RESERVE LEAGUE FOR SCHOOLS HERE

Second-Team Circuit Probably Will Take Place of Proposed Freshman Schedule

DELAPLAINE IS ON THE JOB
By PAUL PREP

THE proposed Freshman Baseball League for the Philadelphia public high schools probably never will see light. But a reserve league, similar to that in the basketball circuit, may be launched.

At the present time conditions are so congested in the high schools that freshmen attend classes at different hours. At one school, in particular, the yearlings do not attend their first class until 12 o'clock, and are dismissed at 5 o'clock.

However, the high schools will have freshman teams, and games are being made of the championship of which will be able to schedule games with each other, but it's different when it comes to making up a league schedule.

Delaplaine Behind Move
To get back to the reserve league idea, Roy W. Delaplaine, physical director at the West Philadelphia High School, says he's going to try to get the circuit under way.

Y's Krax
The traveling A's are using upper berths as training to get up there.

Trout Season Opens In New Jersey Today

Today marks the opening of the trout-fishing season in New Jersey. Anglers are privileged to pursue the speckled denizens of the brooks and ponds until July 15.

The Penn State meet will take place a little too far away for the Speedways to send an entire team, but at least two or three boys will be sent up to the Center County institution to get active and see what can be done in the way of getting a field.

LEITZ IS CAMBRIA WINNER
Victory Over Tommy Devlin in Comeback Bout in Uptown Ring

Joe Leitz, 160 pounds, of Frankford, returned to the ring after an absence of more than a year, and met Tommy Devlin, 145 pounds, in the win-again fight at the Cambria A. C. last night.

The bout was full of action from the start and after eight torrid sessions Leitz was entitled to the verdict by a slight margin. Pedro Campo, the Philippine boxer, stopped Harry Lou in the second round of the semi.

Colts Pull Surprise
The New York Celts furnished a big surprise when they won their first game in the series for the Eastern Basketball League play-off by defeating the Potomac team on their own floor last night, 24 to 20.

FANS APPROVE OF NEW FOUL SCHEME

Plan of Man Making Foul Tossing Same Makes Game Cleaner

THE new scheme of tossing basketball fouls whereby the man making the offense tosses for the goal was tried out last evening in the preliminary game at Knights of Columbus Hall, Thirty-eighth and Market streets, between Columbus Council and Parkway.

The scheme in the initial tryout proved a great success, and the fans thought it a great stunt. Before the game an announcement was made regarding the innovation, it being explained that the man tossing for fouls would be given a point for the opposing side.

Pepper Martin Wallops Brandt
New York, April 1.—Pepper Martin, out Babe Hornan, the Portuguese featherweight, was awarded the judges' decision over Eddie Brady in the twelve-round semi-final. Andy Thomas knocked out Pete Moore in 1 minute and 30 seconds of the first round in the opening bout.

Celts Defeat Potters
Philadelphia to London
Cincinnati, April 1.—Wingo, manager of the elite division of the Cincinnati National League team in two games with Columbus at Xenia, Saturday, and Sunday, has wired Eddie Hoach to meet him Thursday by the club to make any sort of a deal with the hold-out center fielder, but wanted to talk things over with him in a general way.

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How Does It Strike You?

Better Basketball Officials Needed
Little Exercise for Dempsy
Play Ball! Phils and A's
The College Oarsman
By THE OBSERVER

IT IS rather surprising at this late day to hear complaints of the officiating in the intercollegiate league basketball championship. The season ended at Princeton Tuesday night when the Tigers wrested the title from Penn in a play-off.

ONE week from today the curtain on the big league season here will rise informally when the Phils and A's battle for the championship of Philadelphia at Shibe Park.

THE college oarsman gets less recognition than he deserves. The training is strenuous and the competition is heart-breaking. He gives his utmost in every race.

WILL Babe Ruth's temporary absence from the Yankees' line-up have any effect on the gate? Assuredly. At home the Yanks, being league champions, just naturally will draw the fans with or without Ruth. But on the road, minus the "Big Noise," the attraction will not be the same.

BLACK DIAMOND LINES			
REGULAR FREIGHT SERVICE			
TO ROTTERDAM	U.S.S. "INNOCK" (U.S.S.B.)	SAILING APRIL 5	U.S.S. "ARKUS" (U.S.S.B.)
TO ANTWERP	U.S.S. "WEST INSKIP" (U.S.S.B.)	SAILING APRIL 14	U.S.S. "EASTERN DAWN" (U.S.S.B.)
TO ROTTERDAM	U.S.S. "EDGEHILL" (U.S.S.B.)	SAILING APRIL 21	

CUNARD AND ANCHOR LINES

NEW YORK TO CHEROKEE AND SOUTHAMPTON	U.S.S. "MADAGASCAR" (U.S.S.B.)	SAILING APRIL 16
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Dixie Steamship Lines

PHILADELPHIA to Bristol, Manchester
U.S.S.B. S/S "WOODMANSIE" Expected to Sail April 8
U.S.S.B. S/S "EASTERN SWORD" Expected to Sail April 24

GIRLS' GAGE RULES MAKE GAME SLOW

Miss Kathryn Sheedy, of Daughters of Phillipa, Says Eastern League Style is Best

"HAVE GREAT TEAM NOW"
The question of the rules under which girls shall play basketball has been a subject of much discussion during the current season. It has been discussed in the Eastern League girls' teams and it will be discussed again this year.

Nativity and Mt. Carmel Renew Game Relations
Meet in Basketball Game First Time in Two Years

Penn Managers Take Psychology Examination

A score of candidates for the honor of being managers of the University of Pennsylvania basketball team next year took a psychology examination yesterday in the training house.

Alleentown Wins Crown
Alleentown, Pa., April 1.—Alleentown won the Alleentown basketball championship of the Lehigh Valley by defeating Catonsville, Pa., 24 to 16, in the final game of the season arranged to play in the afternoon.

THESE MAIDS PLAY MEN'S RULES
The Daughters of Phillipa basketball team finds the Eastern League code results in a snappier contest. Left to right, upper row—Miss Frances Harris, Nan Kennedy, Jane E. Lawlor, Joan Conway, Lower—Helen B. Conway, Edna Rosen, Virginia Dwyer

