

# Philadelphia Clubs Look as if They Will Forsake Cellars if Not Beseet by Run of Hard Luck

## MACKMEN AND PHILS GOT AWAY TO GREAT STARTS LAST WEEK

### Winning of Opening Series by Both Local Clubs Comes as Pleasant Surprise and Teams Look Much Stronger Than in 1921

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BOTH of our ball clubs showed anything but steersage class last week and the baseball population received a pleasant surprise. The Athletics put a lot of holes in the Red Sox and the Phils took three out of four from the Braves. Nobody can kick on the showing of the locals, for winning a series early in the season is something new, strange and unusual.

The Phils and the Athletics are much stronger than last year. They should not occupy the cellar this year unless beset by a run of the hardest kind of luck. The White Sox, Red Sox and Detroit are not so strong as last year, and this gives the Mackmen an opportunity to slide into fifth place. And if they get that high it wouldn't be surprising to see them hop into the first division. Connie's club is on the verge of making good, and this seems to be the year.

The Phils got off to a flying start—something which was entirely unexpected. According to the early dope, Boston, New York and Brooklyn had very strong teams and the home folks wouldn't get any easy pickings until they went West and played Cincinnati and Chicago. It was figured they might win a few games this month, but only a few.

Therefore the outcome of the Boston series was a big surprise. Wilhelm showed three pitchers who delivered beautifully, and also a hard-hitting, aggressive ball club which compared favorably with any in the league. In the four games twenty-seven runs were scored and the bats totaled forty-three. Boston hit safely thirty-two times and scored but fourteen runs. This was very good work when one considers that the Braves are one of the strongest clubs in the league and their pitchers were in fairly good shape.

The outstanding feature of the work of the Phils was the spirit shown by the players. They act as if they were really interested in the game and were trying hard to win. Not once did they let up in the series and looked good even in the third game, which the Braves won 6 to 2. Indifferent playing has been forgotten, and if the spirit keeps up the Phils should be a big surprise in the league.

NOBODY can tell when the players will crack or whether they now are playing over their heads. No matter what it is, Wilhelm has a nice-looking team. In fact, the best since 1918. The fans have a license to become enthused.

### Wilhelm Handling Pitchers Well

MANAGER WILHELM did something in the early games which deserves special mention. It is the way he has handled his pitchers. Meadows, Ring and Hubbell are varsity hurlers, and Wilhelm knows it. He also knows that more than three pitchers are needed during the season if the club intends to get any place. Therefore, he has been experimenting, and, best of all, he experimented in the championship games.

It takes a lot of courage to use a rookie in a league game, but that's the only way to find out whether or not the player has the goods. Furthermore, it's better to find it out now rather than wait until later in the season. For example, take the game on Friday. Weirnet looked good in practice, seemed to have everything and Wilhelm decided to use him. Lefty got off to a poor start and was removed. Winters succeeded him and pitched a good game. Wilhelm now knows Winters is a fairly good pitcher and can be used for a time in his regular turn. Hubbell was saved for Saturday's game, and every one knows how he came through.

Yesterday in Brooklyn Kise tried out two more hurlers. The Dodgers had been walloped by New York, their pitchers appeared to be going bad and George Smith started. George was not so good, and Hehan, who replaced him, was not much better. The result was that our heroes were rocked and socked and departed on the short end of a 10-to-2 score.

Lee Meadows was ready, but he will be needed today in the opening game against the Dodgers here. Wilhelm figured he had a chance to win with Smith, and he took it.

All of which goes to show that one or two more high-class pitchers will strengthen the ball club considerably and convert it from a tail-ender to a first-division contender.

### FIFTEEN pitchers were tried out in the training camp in Leeburg, which shows that something is being done to strengthen that department. And the funny part of it all is that Wilhelm looks to be about the best hurler in the bunch of new ones.

### Bevo Is Batting Ball Timely

LEBOURVEAU has shown great improvement over last year's form and now is one of the stars of the team. Bevo has been hitting the ball and his wallops have counted, because most of them came in a pinch. He has driven in more runs than any man on the team and made himself solid with the bleacherites in left field. He's as popular out there as any player we ever had.

Bevo should be one of the best outfielders in the league. He is fast and has a great throwing arm, but his fielding is to be improved upon. He is a trifle weak on balls hit in front of him. Whether he loses the ball in the stands or doesn't start soon enough is a question, but he is not so sure of getting those short pop-ups as the long flies hit over his head. Still, a little thing like that can be overlooked so long as he hits the ball.

Cy Williams also is coming through nicely. His two homers on Saturday were terrific clouts and several of his hits crashed against the right field wall would have been good for four bases in larger ball parks. Cy is not in the best of shape. He has a fractured finger which is giving him a lot of trouble, but his playing hasn't fallen off.

### WILLIAMS, Bevo and Curtis Walker form about the fastest outfield in the league.

### Rapp Has Strengthened Infield

BUT there is one player who has strengthened the club, and as yet has not been given a tumble. He is Goldie Rapp at third. Goldie is playing that hot corner as if it hasn't been played since Milton Stock was sentenced to St. Louis. He gets those short bouncers like Heinie Groh and really is hitting a star game. He is much better than his last year's record showed and will be a valuable asset before the season is over.

Goldie has had a career of ups and downs—mostly downs. He was tried out by Cincinnati two years ago, and after a brief look Pat Moran shipped him to St. Paul. There he became the best third baseman in the league and John McGraw purchased his release for \$15,000. That gave him a lot of publicity and when he joined the Giants last year too much was expected of him.

RAPP tried hard, but after a couple of bad days, which brought him a lot of panning, he began to worry, and the result was that his playing fell off. He improved when he joined the Phils and now is going as well as in the days when he burred up the league in St. Paul.

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## 13 YEARS AT HEAD OF HILLDALE TEAM

### Success of Darby's Great Colored Club Due to Manager Ed Bolden

Ed Bolden's Darby aggregation of horseshoe tossers, which has done much toward stamping the name of Delaware County's thriving borough upon the sport circles of Philadelphia and vicinity, have assembled for the 1922 season about upon eclipsing the wonderful record of last season when it won 112 out of 154 contests.

The Hilldale pilot is on the verge of entering another season, it might be well to note that it is the thirteenth campaign that Ed Bolden has been at the helm and it is he that put Hilldale in the front ranks of semi-professional baseball.

With the opening of the Philadelphia Baseball Association, Hilldale immediately became a member and manager. Bolden was elected to the Board of Governors. His advice is sought on all important questions and he is considered one of the best versed men in the game in this section.

Without making any rash assertions the Darby pilot says, "If Hilldale does not qualify for the finals of the championship association will be ripe for a class A minor league."

Players Back

Practically the same club that finished last season last fall will represent Hilldale this season, with the addition of several new men. All the old and candidates are anxiously

working out at Hilldale Park in an effort to be in condition when they tackle Joe Graham's Forty-eighth Ward outfit at Twenty-fifth and Snyder avenue, next Saturday.

The opening game at Hilldale Park is slated for Saturday, April 29, when Frank Miller will lend his Chester warriors to the Darby heir in an effort to annex the first leg of the Delaware County championship.

Bill Francis, the round, diminutive pitcher, who has played ball coast to coast and who has gained a reputation of being the biggest drawing card in Negro baseball and who is one of the greatest sluggers the game has ever known. He will be assisted by Richardson, a new recruit from Dallas, Texas.

Cockrell Heads Hurlers

Phil Cockrell, who has just finished a successful season of winter ball at Palm Beach, Fla., is the pitching ace of the squad, but Hector Flornoy and Gillespie will help to lighten the burden and to make the hurling staff secure. Bolden has grabbed Haynes, of Fort Worth, Tex., and Kenyon, of Muskogee, Okla.

The former was the leading batsman for the Dallas Giants and Kenyon is well known in this section because of his work with the Brooklyn Royals and A. B. C. Club.

Allen will be the first sack cinched. Downs will be a fixture at the middle station; Stevens and Crump will very likely hit it out for short, and youth will vie with age when Judy Johnson and Bill Francis squabble over the berth at the hot corner, but an armistice may be called and Judy deposited at the short station. The outfield will be taken care of by White, Johnson and Briggs.

## NEWSPAPER GOLF EXPERTS ALL SET

### Some Think Tee is in Cup and Driver is Chauffeur, but Big Tourney Expected

#### AT LANSDOWNE ON APRIL 24

By Sandy McNiblick

"I HAVE a golf suit and some clubs. I think I will play in the Newspaper Golf Association tournament." This was the boast of a young newspaper journalist, clubman and man-about-town.

"I am not sure, however, whether you hold the stick like a cue or a bat, which end do you hold in your hands, the stick part or the knob?"

Out of the caverns and mysteries of the newspaper offices they are coming a week from today, pop-eyed and zealous, six strong, to demonstrate the honors in the first tournament of the Newspaper Golf Association of Philadelphia.

The scene will be the verdant links of the Lansdowne Country Club, neatly tanned and thoroughly massaged for the occasion. Eighteen holes of medal play, no handicaps, every man for himself.

Some think they will find the tee in the cup.

"I know there is a stroke in golf," says our plying expert, "but who is the coxswain?"

It's hard to convince the lady scribes they ought to play. They've heard part of the course is quite rough.

So it goes. But, though not all of them are familiar with the game, they're willing to take a chance. A full attendance is expected.

Ready for Circus

Lansdowne is prepared for anything. The natives are prepared for a sort of circus.

Newspaper folk, they hear, have long locks, wear great horn-rimmed glasses, blowing ties, baggy breeches and things like that. With golf clubs included, it ought to be good. Fact is, it's gonna be terrific.

The newspaper Tournament Committee follows: Tyra Lundberg, Perry Lewis, Frank McCracken and the author. They will be on hand all day to direct the tactics, compile the totals, glad-hand the arrivals and things like that. Monday, April 24, is the day, and entrants may tee off at any time convenient.

The club is reached via the Sixty-ninth Street Terminal, and thence on the Darby bus, getting off at Bailey road.

"Get-together" dinner will follow the tournament at 5:30, when the prizes will be awarded. There will be a prize for the best gross score, men's and women's, and two blind prizes, scores being drawn at random.

It is announced that Jake Gray, of Spaulding's, will donate fifty Spaulding golf balls.

"Gee, whizz!" exclaimed one of the rookies. Fifty golf balls—some prize, you might say, but the prize of the battle some of the contestants were asked for statements. Here is what they never said:

"I never said not having recovered entirely from the bite of spring. I am delighted that this tournament is to be a first-class one."

Frank McCracken—I think my game is now 100 per cent. In fact, in the tourney I think it will be well over a 100.

Bob Maxwell—I don't know what 100 is any more. Only the other day I had a score of 100.

Lon Jaff—Don't know about the eighteen holes, but I'll challenge any left-hander at the nineteenth.

Perry Lewis—Personally I don't see any of the low scores. I expect to take a lot of shots.

Bill Sykes—On paper I think I can draw a crowd.

Helen Stockler—I have read about power-plant golf. Mine will be new and terrific.

Bert Crowhurst—If my wood and iron are working I ought to do well, if I can only putt.

Dorothea Helm—There's no truth in the rumor that I'll have a lipstick in my bag.

Hoss Kaufman—Can you take a shot with a club?

## LOCAL BALL CLUBS HANDED SURPRISES

### Merrill Trims North Phils and Forty-eighth Ward Blanks

### Bridesburg

### HATCH MOTOR BEATS DELCO

### Independent Ball Scores

#### SATURDAY'S GAMES

Merrill 4, North Phils, 1.  
40, 8, Bridesburg, 0.  
Hatch Motor, 9; Delco, 5.

#### SUNDAY'S GAMES

West New York, 25; Bridesburg, 0.  
Lincoln, 10; Bridesburg, 2.  
Wall Leaguers, 2; Phils, Professionals, 0.  
Crescenta Tigers, 5; Reading International, 10.  
Meadow, 3; Brad's All-Stars, 2.  
Haver's All-Stars, 2; Newwood, 2.  
Haver's, 1; W. P. Head, 1.  
Haver's, A. C.; 12; Pritchard A. C., 1.

The first baseball games among the teams in the Philadelphia Baseball Association were played last Saturday. Surprises were handed out when Merrill walloped North Phils and Forty-eighth Ward trounced Bridesburg.

"We should worry," is the attitude assumed by the losers, who took the games merely as practice tilts, but they must be scored as defeats, nevertheless, and go down on the records as such.

Merrill surprised North Phils and won by the score of 4 to 1. The North Phils worked three hurlers, and of the lot Harry Schell, formerly of the A's, looked the best. For he struck out four in the two innings he labored. Smith, a home boy, was next given a chance, and he surprised by his clever hurling. Cotter then went to the hill, and he pitched the ball.

The winners expect to cut a big figure in the independent ranks this season. Scotch Sheridan was on the ball for Forty-eighth Ward in four innings and allowed but one hit. Keenan also hurled for Merrill.

Billy Whitman, of Bridesburg, is not in the least worried over the 6-to-0 rout of the hand-picked Bridesburg by Joe Graham's Forty-eighth Ward Club. Billy also worked three hurlers. During Costello's tenure on the mound he fanned five and popperly whiffed four. He pitched well in the first inning, then started to pitch and he was nicked for five tallies in one session.

The high wind played a part in scoring runs in several of the games. Forty-eighth Ward used the Jersey outfit of the Doylestown Club last year. He pitched great ball, and is one of the best pitchers in this city. When "Chief" Bridley jumped the club last season on the verge of the championship series with Doylestown he pitched wonderful ball under adverse conditions.

Hatch Motors and Delco played a practice game at Darby, and the motorists won the long end of a 9-to-5 decision. The motorists have a gang of sluggers who hurl this year, and they started out right by getting thirteen hits in the opener.

Many more games will be played this season. Regularly scheduled contests, but the general opening day has been reserved for April 29.

## REFUSES BIG OFFER

### Benny Leonard Turns Down \$45,000 to Fight Abroad

New York, April 17.—Benny Leonard, the world's lightweight champion, has turned down an offer of \$45,000 to fight Ernie Rice in London, due to a previous contract. Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager, signed an agreement early last week binding Leonard to do the fight in New York.

When Gibson attached his signature to the proposition came from Louis Healy, who offered Gibson the \$10,000 pounds and transportation for three persons.

## TO CLOSE CAGE SEASON

### Nativity and Sphas Will Play Final Contest Tonight

The curtain on the 1922 basketball season will be drawn tonight when the Nativity five entertains the South Philly Hebrews at Nativity Hall, Belgrade street and Allegheny avenue.

Both clubs have enjoyed a prosperous season and have won a big majority of their games. Nativity has lost but one game, and that to the Sphas.

They have met on four previous occasions, and the down-towners won three times. The Sphas gained the honor of being the only team to defeat Nativity on the home floor. Eddie Gallagher, captain of Nativity, who was injured several months ago, will be back in the game for the first time.

## College Baseball

### BRUCE GAMES TODAY

Holt vs. Columbia, South Field.  
Holt vs. Penn., Franklin Field.  
Columbia vs. Delaware, Wilmington College.  
Lafayette vs. G. Washington, Washington College.  
Crescenta vs. West Va., Westminster, Md.  
Georgia vs. Yale, Springfield, Mass.  
Columbia vs. Maryland, P. P. Robinson.  
Columbia vs. Princeton, Princeton, N. J.  
Columbia vs. Harvard, Harvard, Mass.

## UNCLE DUDLEY

WELL, WELL, — "POP" ANSON DEAD —!

LISTEN, SON — THERE WAS A BALL PLAYER — ONE OF THE GREATS OF ALL TIME — HE WAS A MAN, TOO — A REAL MAN AND WHATEVER HE DID — HE DID WITH ALL HIS MIGHT, AND ALL THE TIME —

DO LIKE TO HAVE IT SAID OF ME, AND WISH IT COULD BE SAID OF MY BOY, TOO — THAT WE BOTH LEARNED TO LIVE AND PLAY LIKE OLD "POP" ANSON —

HE DIDN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF "QUITTER" — HE PLAYED CLEAN AND HE WAS SQUARE — HE DESPISED CROOKED OR UNDERHAND TRICKS — HE PLAYED THE GAME FAIR —

WHAT MORE CAN YOU SAY OF ANY MAN?

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## What May Happen in Baseball Today

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	P.C.	Win	Loss
St. Louis	4	1	1.000	1,000	867
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	880	890
New York	2	2	.500	890	400
Chicago	2	2	.500	890	400
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	490	358
Pittsburgh	1	3	.250	523	390
Boston	1	3	.250	417	383

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	P.C.	Win	Loss
Cleveland	4	0	1.000	1,000	800
St. Louis	3	1	.750	860	890
St. Louis	3	1	.750	860	890
Boston	1	3	.250	490	358
Chicago	1	3	.250	490	358
Detroit	0	4	.000	200	390

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Team	W	L	P.C.	Win	Loss
Minneapolis	4	0	1.000	1,000	320
St. Paul	1	3	.250	800	890
Indianapolis	2	2	.500	400	350
Louisville	1	3	.250	350	350

### SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Team	W	L	P.C.	Win	Loss
Atlanta	3	0	1.000	2,000	500
Memphis	2	1	.667	400	350
Nashville	2	1	.667	400	350
Mobile	2	1	.667	400	350

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn, 10; Phillies, 2.  
Pittsburgh, 4; Cincinnati, 2.  
St. Louis, 5; Boston, 2.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics, 1; Washington, 0.  
Cleveland, 3; Detroit, 0.  
Chicago, 7; Detroit, 6 (ten innings).  
St. Louis, 3; Philadelphia, 2 (ten innings).

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Louisville, 3; St. Paul, 1.  
Kansas City, 1; Columbus, 4.  
Milwaukee, 3; Indianapolis, 2.  
Milwaukee, 5; Toledo, 4 (10 innings).

#### SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Mobile, 9; New Orleans, 0 (11 innings, darkness).  
Atlanta, 5; Little Rock, 3.  
Atlanta, 10; Chattanooga, 2.  
Nashville, 11; Birmingham, 1.

### TODAY'S CARD

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brooklyn at Philadelphia.  
Boston at New York.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.  
Chicago at St. Louis.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics at Washington.  
New York at St. Louis.  
St. Louis at Cleveland.  
Detroit at Chicago.

### FIRST NO-HIT GAME

### Newark Blanks Jersey City in Exhibition Contest

### SHAMOKIN SILKS COMING

### Famous State Ball Club Will Invaade Philadelphia on May 8

### To Examine Garmen

### Runs Scored in Two Big Leagues

## How Does It Strike You?

### Outdoor Sports

### Death of "Pop" Anson

### Criticize Tandler's Style

THE season for outdoor sports is with us and it promises to be one of the liveliest in years.

Major league baseball got off to a flying start last Wednesday, and with the opening of the "big-time" performances all branches of athletics appear like the buds on a cherry tree under the influence of gentle April showers.

The schools and colleges are on the cinder path, the baseball diamond, the tennis court and the river.

Young America is "swatting the horseshide" on the sand lots, and the semi-professional baseball clubs have started their battles.

The golfer is on the links.

Every department of outdoor sport has stepped into the picture.

Never have athletics taken such a hold on the American public, and as well.

Sports build the body, sweep the cobwebs from the brain and make for better citizens.

Whether one is a performer or a mere spectator he is benefited by participation in outdoor sports. Let's have even more of them. They make a nation of MEN.

## THE Passing of "Pop" Anson

OLD-TIME fans all over the country are mourning the loss of "Pop" Anson, once the most noted ball player of them all. "Pop" is dead, but his memory will live.

Big of body, big in character, they all loved him. No black mark was set against his name during a long and honorable career. He was sober and honest. He loved baseball. He played the game honestly, giving his aggressiveness. So aggressively, in fact, that they sometimes termed him a "crack." But that was on the field.

Off it he was known for his sunny disposition, his humor and good nature. In many ways his start was like that of "Babe" Ruth. "Pop" Anson began in as a young giant with the nickname of "Babe." He was hitting 'em hot and wide even as Ruth. As Anson grew older and joined the veteran class his title changed to "Pop."

"Babe" Anson was the "Babe" Ruth of the old days.

## DE BAECKE COACH OF VESPER CREWS

### Member of 1900 World's Championship Eight Has Wealth of Material

### HAS 21 JUNIOR OARSMEN

### TWENTY-ONE junior sweep oarsmen are available for crews to fly colors of Vesper this season. With this abundance of material on hand there are bright prospects of a speedy junior eight and junior four-oared gig crews being developed.

### Coastal Training Daily

### Paul Costello will take care of the single sculling. He is doing daily work hard to get in shape for his race on June 3 with Walter Hoover, of Duluth, Minn., for the Philadelphia Gold Challenge Cup, a senior eight and four will be made up to row in the American Regatta, and Coach De Baecke expects to have a fine senior eight for the People's and National Regattas, both of which will be held here.

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Player	Home Runs
Kelly, Chicago	1
Wheat, Boston	1
Wheat, Boston	1
TOTAL TO DATE	1

League	Total to Date
National League	1
American League	1
TOTAL TO DATE LAST YEAR	1

League	Home Runs 1921
National League	1
American League	1
Total	1

### Home-Run Hitters in Games Yesterday

### Scoring in Basketball Will Be Eliminated

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