

SEASON IN AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAIN TODAY

They Held Inaugural Exercises Last Week, but They Didn't Mean Anything—Phil's Winter Season Lasts Half Hour

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After a prolonged trip which carried them to foreign battlefields, our well-known and highly advertised Athletics returned to the old home town today to do some batting on the local lot. To make sure they would be something to fight, they brought their opponents with them. The Washington club is here to take punishment, or words to that effect.

THEY are back home again and will entertain the public at special matinees every day. Many new attractions are booked and high-class talent will be shown. They will be among us until May 25, which might be considered a long run for this time of the year.

Have Played .500 Ball on Alien Soil OUR A's have made history thus far. They have played ten games on foreign soil and finished with a fifty-fifty, even-Stephen split, or something like that. According to statistics, they copped five and five went flooie. The two other defeats were registered against them right here in Shibe Park, which shows how soon the habit can grow on one.

THE only apparent weakness is in the pitching staff, and Connie will be able to have this repaired while he is home for the next month.

Winter Season Lasts Half Hour THE Winter season lasted about one-half hour at the Phil's grounds yesterday afternoon. Our seasonal pitcher, first name Jess, started to pitch for the home folks, and when sweat out of the diamond another game had been lost. Jess had everything except control, and proved it.

WILHELM took his boys on a long railroad trip today so they could see some of the country. The tourists will play in the East and West, but can't wait until they reach Cincinnati. The Reds are soft pickings this year.

Berry's Pentathlon Record Will Stand THE pentathlon championship, one of the big features of the Penn relay carnival, was started back in 1915, and was introduced into the games by Dr. George Orton, the promoter, who is always looking for new stunts to pull. The pentathlon has gone queer big.

Penn Leads in Pentathlon Marks THE University of Pennsylvania leads in the records for the individual events in the pentathlon. Two of these marks are held by Berry and another by Bartels. J. Howard retains the honors on the cinder track. His time for the 200 meters, 22 2-5 seconds, stands from 1917, and his figures of 4 minutes 50 4-5 seconds for the 1500 meters is six years old. Bartels' record is in the javelin. Last year he tossed the missile 168 feet 11 1-2 inches, and that raised the ante.

FOR the first time since the event was inserted into the program Penn does not have any one entered this year, which doesn't seem to be a bit sociable on the part of the host, but Coach Robertson has no one who has a chance. He figures it's better to be backward than foolish.

EZRAY HOGAN NAMED AS HADDON HEIGHTS PILOT Former Barrington First Baseman Will Pick Team at Tomorrow's Practice

JENNINGS HELPS DRIVE Hughey Talks in Aid of St. Rose of Lima School

THREE Mat Bouts Tonight With the wrestlers in condition, three bouts will be held at the Olympia A. A. tonight. Wikick Zbrzsko, Poander, meets Harry Litofsky, of Palestine, in the main event. Giovanni Malatesta meets William Demetral, the Greek. The opener presents Elmer Jananecia and soldier Levitt.

HAR, HAR! HE'S BROADCASTING



HALF-POUND CAUSES DISPUTE, THEN ACTION

Eight Ounces Difference in Weight Between Hanlon and Chaney Delays Bout, Which Ensues in Rip-Snorter, for Fifty-three Minutes

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

HISTORY repeated itself on the twenty-four-foot square battle ground at the Ice Palace last night, when George Chaney and Jimmy Hanlon sent the fans into another state of frenziedness with their exhibition of bluff, bang, and bawling. This time, however, the Baltimore battering ram's margin of victory was greater than in his terrific tussle with the Denver Iron Man several weeks ago.

Throughout the contest it was a question whether Hanlon would be able to stand the gaff for the entire distance without being knocked out, and he certainly assimilated a lot of punishment—as they say, like a duck takes to water. And still now and then Hanlon flared with straight lefts or right swings to the jaw or snapping punches with Chaney, and there was not a moment devoid of action—real action of the rip-snorter variety.

Low Punching Chaney's low punching on several occasions marred his great offensive, especially in the second session, when two distinctive foul blows were landed. But Hanlon is a fellow who doesn't know what the word "squawk" means, and he never complained to the referee. After the bout his handlers said that there was a dent in Jim's protective cup "as big as a fat."

During the second weighing-in process in the dressing room an argument between respective handlers of the box-

ers took place, and before Hanlon got his socking from Chaney the former's manager, Sammy Goldman, lost a decision when he was socked on the eye by Nate Smith. Sam entered Hanlon's corner with his right optic half closed and in mourning.

While the fans took a lot of punishment during the fifty-three minute period waiting for the weight difference to be settled, it was worth their while to leave the Palace more than a half hour after midnight, because seldom, if ever, will another such battle as that between Chaney and Hanlon be staged.

WEST PHILA. TEAMS START TOMORROW

Many Opening Baseball Games Scheduled for Diamonds Across Schuylkill

PARADES TO BE FEATURE West Philadelphia baseball fans are going to get a lot of baseball tomorrow. Three or four of the biggest teams in the city are scheduled to open the season and parade, flag-raising and band concerts will be numerous.

A brand new park will be dedicated at Forty-ninth and Walnut streets, where Dougman-Armstrong opens its home field with Glenside, two years champions of the Philadelphia Suburban League.

Howard Dougman, president of the Philadelphia Baseball Association, will not see the new field dedicated as he is seriously ill with pneumonia, but the original program will be observed. Director Cortelyou will toss out the first ball.

The Harry Mackey Club, a new team in the city ranks, will play its initial game at Forty-ninth and Spruce streets, and the opening club will be the South Philly Hebrews. Great preparations have been made for the get-away and a parade through the West Philly streets will feature the team.

Harry Mackey has consented to toss out the first ball and his daughter will unfurl Old Glory. Pat O'Brien has signed a nifty bunch of baseball players and a hard-fought game is expected.

Another West Philadelphia team to start will be Shannah, located at Forty-eighth and Brown streets. Johnny Castle is the new manager and has corralled a lot of star players to represent the club.

John has no less than eight hurlers on his staff and expects to give the opening pitching assignment to Al Malone. Al labored for Connie Mack in the South for a while this season and expects to have a big year. The Gartner Club, of Parkland, which plays Shannah in the opener, will depend on Walt Mackin, who was one of the pitching mainstays of the West Philadelphia last season.

Just a few minutes west of the Sixty-ninth street terminal in Highland Park, for years a member of the Delaware County League. But this is another campaign and the town will be furnished with independent ball for the present summer.

The firm of Ford & Kendig has located there with a regular manager, and all Jim Bonner has charge of the team and has an all-star line-up. The season starts tomorrow with Nicetown, and Bonner will pitch Bill Barrett, of the Athletics, against Bob Flynn, who labored for Bridgeburg last season.

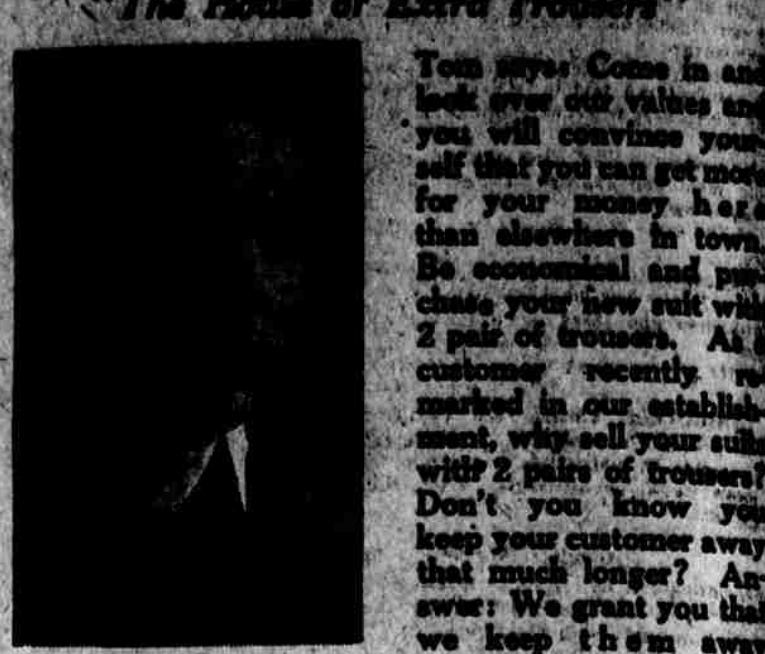
Out in Darby Ed Bolden has everything set for the get-away and has secured Almon Scott, downtown magistrate, to toss out the first ball to start the colored champions on their way.

Hilldale has the usual aggregation of stars back, but they lack Chester, and Frank Miller has another collection of stars, headed by "Jing" Johnson, who will twirl in the opener.

Charley Ray was a winner in eight rounds over Battling Murray, and Peck Miller handed Yussli Pearlstein, of Java, Jerusalem, his first defeat in America.

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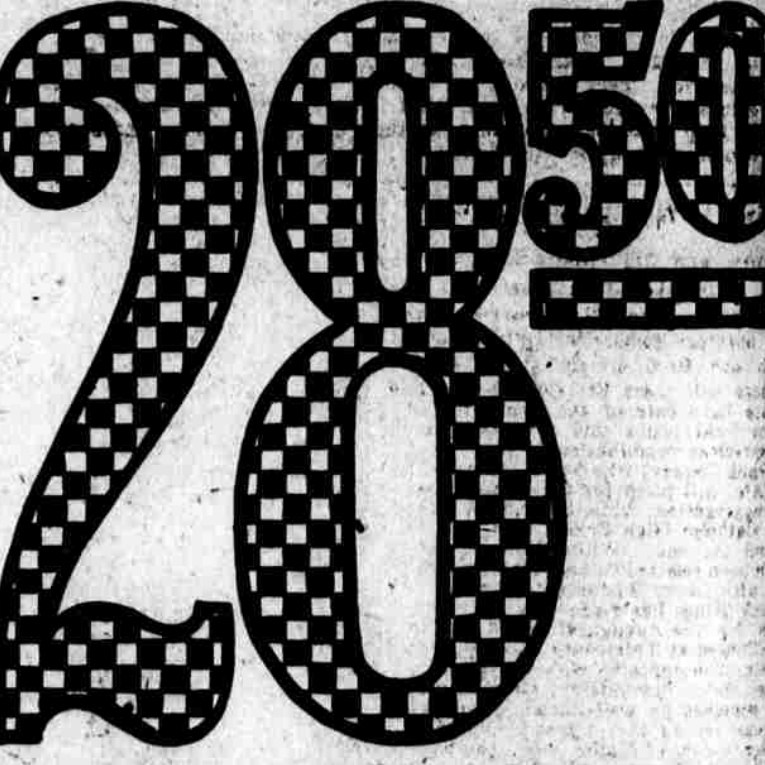
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