

How Does It Strike You?

Indifferent Stars
Berry as Coach
Holding in Ring

By THE OBSERVER

WHITNEY WITT has been playing such sensational baseball since he was sold to the New York Yankees that Gotham fans doubt if he will be benched when Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel return to the fold. This is the case of another star who played such indifferent ball in Philadelphia that he forced his sale to another club. Within the last few years four of the brightest luminaries in the big leagues have been passed on by local magnates because they failed to give their best efforts to the interests of the club. They deliberately let it be known that they didn't want to play in our city. Stellar performers they are, but there was only one thing to do and that was to get rid of them. No one can blame Connie Mack or William F. Baker for disposing of the athletes who would not give their best, but why wouldn't these players perform according to their ability? In the old days, New York and Philadelphia were bitter rivals in both leagues, more so in the National than American. None of our athletes clamored to be traded to Gotham. Why the change of heart? Either the local clubs were not paying enough money to satisfy exorbitant demands of these players or there is something wrong with the management. However, once a player affixes his signature to a contract, he should be made to give his utmost to the club under penalty of a heavy fine or a long suspension. Conditions within the ranks of the Phillies and Athletics are better this year. The players seem satisfied and are striving to regain Philadelphia's baseball prestige long since lost. Philadelphia fans are not unfair. Even if both clubs finish in the cellar, the signing of another fruitless season would be counteracted if our athletes went down fighting.

CONTRAST TO Philadelphia's one-time quarrelsome quartet of Witt, Bancroft, Dugan and Meusel, consider the loyalty of Mike McNally, Reading International League third baseman. McNally was handed his release and refused to accept it. He said he would not sign with any other club and would be at Chief Bender's call at any time if needed.

Wants Berry to Coach at Penn
JOSEPH D. GOODMAN, in a letter to the Observer, boosts Howard Berry as a possible all-around coach at the University of Pennsylvania. His letter follows: "Why is it that the University of Pennsylvania has not engaged the services of Howard Berry as an athletic coach? Berry is one of the few Pennsylvania athletes to gain national and international reputation. He was one of the best all-around football players to wear the Red and Blue. His record for the pentathlon still stands. He was a star basketball performer, and is one of the few recruits to be retained by the New York National League club. It seems that he would be of great help as one of the football coaches, and his experience in and knowledge of baseball certainly must be greater than that of the present coach. If Berry were one of the athletic coaches at Penn, it is likely that some scholastic athletes would be attracted to the institution. Moreover, he is a Pennsylvania man, is familiar with Pennsylvania policies, and certainly is more desirable than an outsider. I trust this letter will start a movement for the appointment of Berry as one of the coaches at Penn."

THE splendid times and records made in the women's Olympics at Monte Carlo give American girls an idea of the competition they will meet if they enter the international contests. If the A. A. U. is going to govern women's athletics in this country, plans should be started for an active and extensive season.

HOBIN BOXES TONIGHT

Belgian Meets Palmer at Ice Palace in Eight-Rounder
Piet Hobin yesterday finished his work here for his eight-round battle with Jack Palmer in the Ice Palace feature tonight. The Belgian welterweight is one of the few from the other side who believe that on offense is the best defense. He is an aggressive two-handed boy. A brace of big fellows will clash in the eight-round semi-final, when Dave Rosenberg, of New York, makes his Philadelphia debut against Frankie Britton, of this city. E. O. Phil, champion, of New York, swaps wallop with Young Joe Borrell, of this city. Two six-round battles are on between Lew Paluso and Willie Fuller and Ray Mitchell and Joe Egan.

Other Sports on Pages 20 and 21



Marathon Run

Tonight, 8 P. M.
Between Nativity and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Clubs
50 men in contest. A Team Cup and Five Medals will be awarded. Start and finish, Kensington and Lehigh Avenues. A. A. U. sanction.
ROUTE—South on Kensington Avenue to Front Street, to Berks Street; turn and north on Front Street to Tioga Street, east to Kensington Avenue, south to Lehigh Avenue.

The Big Marathon Handicap Run
Tuesday, May 16, 8 P. M.
Open to all registered A. A. U. athletes, in and out of the city. Three team prizes, two time prizes and twenty individual prizes.
Entry Blanks may be secured and filed with ARMIN A. FRANKEL, Front and Dauphin Sts., or DR. J. MCINTYER SCHELL, 5820 Springfield Ave.

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A'S STAND FOURTH AFTER YANK WIN

Rommel, Assisted by Johnston et al., Beats Waite Hoyt, Baker and His Pals

THIRD STRAIGHT VICTORY

THIRD straight! Back in the first division with a bang! Undisputed possession of fourth place. Sixth homer in three days. Those four terse sentences tell the story of the Athletics' victory over the prima donnas representing the American League end of the New York major League representation. Eddie Rommel, the handsome one from Baltimore, a hold-over earlier in the season, had the Indian sign on the Witt, Baker, Schang combination yesterday, and they were never in it. The Mackmen displayed a light that sent the few thousand spectators who braved the threatening weather into a frenzy. All in all, it was another pleasant afternoon, the third straight, in which Waite Hoyt, who in addition to being an excellent twirler also slings punches, was on the mound for the Yanks, and while he wasn't slammed so very hard, he was found for safety when they meant something. Eight hits, which included Johnston's four-ply shot into the left-field bleachers in the third, were made off the youthful twirler's delivery. Rommel allowed seven, most of them coming in the fifth and eighth, when the invaders made their duo of runs. In the other rounds the walloping Yanks, sans Ruth and Meusel, who aren't missed any more than a barber's only razor, were helpless before Eddie, who cashed in his third win of the season. Baker made a hit yesterday, the eleventh straight game in which he hit safely. With nine victories and as many defeats the Athletics are sitting pretty, as the bleacherites have it, this morning in fourth place, with Chicago, New York and St. Louis up above. The Mackmen's victory topped the Yanks out of a tie with the Browns for first place.

PHILS and Giants Meet
The Phillies got started this afternoon after a two days' rest with the Giants, and if they can wallop the hitters from Gotham as Boston did yesterday there is a chance that the Wilkesbarreites will get back into their winning stride. Lee Galloway's single in the eighth sent across Welch with the winning run. A few seconds later Galloway crossed the plate when E. Miller mused up his grounder by letting it go through his legs to the wall.

Runs Scored for Week in Two Big Leagues

Team	NATIONAL LEAGUE						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Cincinnati	3	6	9	5	—	—	23
New York	10	6	1	—	—	—	17
St. Louis	10	—	—	—	—	—	16
Boston	3	3	9	—	—	—	15
Pittsburgh	1	2	—	—	—	—	10
Brooklyn	4	2	—	—	—	—	6
Phillies	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
Chicago	0	—	—	—	—	—	0

Team	AMERICAN LEAGUE						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Athletics	4	8	11	4	—	—	27
St. Louis	11	13	1	—	—	—	25
Cleveland	9	2	10	—	—	—	21
Boston	2	5	6	8	—	—	21
New York	1	2	12	2	—	—	14
Washington	6	5	2	0	—	—	13
Detroit	0	5	3	—	—	—	8

Jumped all over the Giants yesterday, scoring nine runs after thirteen hits. Art Nehf started for the Giants, but was driven from the mound by so many hits that Pat Shea was wiggaged to the mound. He, too, felt the thump of the Braves' bludgeons. Dick Rudolph, who back in 1914 gave this city a couple of nasty afternoons during the World Series, tried his comeback act for the third time yesterday afternoon and succeeded, holding the hard-hitting Giants to six scattered wallops, an excellent performance after the manner in which the Giants have been hitting of late. The other half of the Beantown aggregation gave Boston a happy afternoon by walloping the daylight out of the Senators. Phillips, one of the star youths on the Washington team, was nicked hard and often, until a wise head removed him from the mound. Eight hits for eleven runs tells the story of the game. Quinn, another old-timer, was the victor. He was found for nine hits, but had his old spitter and wise head working so well that the Senators failed to nick the platter once. The St. Louis Cards mused out Cincinnati in the ninth, 6-5, after the Reds had tied the score in their half of the inning with three tallies, driving Donk from the hill.

NEWSPAPER GOLF TOURNEY

Scribes Make Ready for Play Over Stenton Links, May 8
Scribe-golfers are getting their pencils sharpened and rehearsing their alibis for the tournament of the News paper Golf Association of Philadelphia that will be held at the Stenton Country Club, Monday, May 8. The course is reached via the Chestnut Hill car to Sedgwick street, thence east on Sedgwick street to the clubhouse. It also may be reached by way of the Philadelphia and Reading to Stenton station. President Lappier of the Stenton Club, announces that work is being rushed on the construction of the new locker house so that it will be ready to accommodate the scribe-golfers. "P. B. A." OFF TO GOOD START
Four trophies are to be presented at the end of the playing season by the P. B. A. to the teams and players comprising the Philadelphia Baseball Association. Read the twilight baseball scores every morning in the Public Ledger. "Make It A Habit."

NEVILLE'S WEST PHILA. CLUB STARTS TONIGHT

Will Open Season With Stonehurst at Fifty-eighth and Walnut
Jimmy Neville's West Philadelphia Baseball Club will open its 1922 home season tonight. The game will be played at Fifty-eighth and Walnut streets, and will start at 6 P. M. Stonehurst will be the attraction. Neville originally was scheduled to open his season last night. This game, however, was to have taken place on the Stonehurst grounds. Rain prevented the contest. New stands have been erected on the Walnut street grounds, and everything is in readiness for the game. Stonehurst has a fast team and a speedy contest is expected by the West Philadelphia fans.

KANSAS CITY GETS WHITTED

"Lena" Blackburne Also Purchased by American Association Team
Kansas City, Mo., May 4.—Purchase of George Whitted, outfielder, from the Brooklyn Club of the National League, and Russell "Lena" Blackburne, shortstop, from Milwaukee, was announced today by George Muehlbach, president of the Kansas City American Association Baseball Club. Whitted has a long major league record and has played with St. Louis.

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Philadelphia, Boston and Pittsburgh. Blackburne's home is in Palmyra, N. J., and he played with the Toronto International last year.
"Ping" Bodie to Join Vernon
San Francisco, May 4.—"Ping" Bodie, outfielder, will appear with the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast League, when it plays San Francisco here next week, according to Howard Lorenz. Vernon was sold to Boston. When he refused to be sold to Boston, Commissioner LaVelle suspended him. He is with Vernon and will be allowed to play on May 12.

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