

Athletics Loom Big in American League Race, Holding Down Third Place and Setting Dizzy Pace

RECORD CROWD SEES A'S WIN AND PROVES BASEBALL IS POPULAR

Local Fans, Hungry for a Winning Ball Club, Jam Shibe Park to See Athletics in Action Against Detroit

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

A YEAR ago the New York Yankees played a double-header here on Saturday afternoon and Shibe Park was packed and jammed. It was the largest crowd since the World Series in 1914, but nobody was responsible for it except Babe Ruth...

NOW baseball in Philadelphia has taken on a new lease of life. There is more interest in the game, the fans are pulling for the Athletics, the crowds which attend the games are larger and there will be a profit instead of a deficit at the end of the season.

Philadelphia Was Known as Joke Ball Town

FOR the last few years it has been claimed that Philadelphia was a poor baseball town. Visiting clubs used to congratulate themselves if they made expenses during the series. The wise crackers used to say that the umpires usually outnumbered the crowd two to one...

A GOOD ball club will make money, and the Athletics are proving it every day. Perhaps this will prove to be an object lesson to other owners in the league and in the future high-class players will be purchased instead of sold.

Connie Had Lucky Breaks This Year

IN A way, Connie was lucky this season. He had his team all made up in the winter, with Hauser on first, Dykes second, Calloway short and Chick Galloway third. It was an uncertain infield, because Calloway was an experiment at short, and it was the same with Hauser at first and Galloway at third...

THESE two discarded players and another who was not considered good enough to play in Washington converted the A's from cellar chumps to a first division ball club. That's why we say Connie was lucky this year.

Mlle. Lenglen Ill When Molla Leaves U. S.

MOLLA MALLORY is sailing toward England, where she expects to meet Suzanne Lenglen in the championship tennis matches at Wimbledon next month. The American champion is in wonderful condition and expects to repeat her victory of last year.

MRS. MALLORY will be a stronger opponent than any Mlle. Lenglen has met in Europe. Let us hope the French champion is in the heat of health when the big event takes place—if it ever does.

CUEIST WOODS OPPOSES CITY STARS THIS WEEK

Western Champion Will Attempt to Continue Winning Streak Arthur Woods, of Minneapolis, the Western champion and twice runner-up in world's pocket billiard tournaments, is undefeated after a tour of the States and is continuing his winning streak in this city.

Table with 2 columns: League and Wins/Losses. Rows include National League and American League statistics.

MLLE. LENGLEN RETAINS HARD-COURT NET TITLE

Wins Easy Straight Set Victory Over Bessie Ryan, of California Suzanne Lenglen successfully defended her title to the international hard-court tennis championship by defeating Miss Elizabeth Ryan, of California, in straight sets—6-3, 6-2.

STYMIE SETTLES TOURNEY OUTCOME

Marcus Greer Really Won Shore Golf Finals Against Beadle on New Ruling

LOCAL SWEEPS CLEAN

By SANDY MENBLICK, Marcus Greer, the night before the last two rounds for the honors in the annual golf tournament at Atlantic City, remarked that he said the stymie had been restored. He said he thought it was a good thing because it gave an expert golfer a chance, at the same time requiring a skilled shot to overcome.

Both developed stage fright in front of the gallery banked around the green. Greer was a foot from the hole in 5, Beadle a foot on the other side in 6. Greer putted bravely, the ball hit the back of the cup and hung there, a dead stymie on Beadle.

He had no idea how much part it was to play in his own fate on the morrow. A stymie he laid his Llanerch clubmate, John Beadle, in the final round the next day was really responsible for Greer's ultimate victory, one up on the twentieth, and it was the first tournament since it was started where a stymie has virtually settled the issue.

He quipped algebraically, trigonometrically and every other way at that time that he was his own enemy.

Finally he putted and knocked Greer's ball in for a win. That was the works. It made the match all-square.

After a hair-raising ball at the nineteenth, Greer struck one on mound at the twentieth, Beadle's chance.

But there was a lake in front of the tee and a stiff wind blowing in their faces. "What could be more human," murmured the gallery, "than to top one into the lake?"

And that's just what John Beadle did. You may recall that this shot cost Beadle the victory.

But if you'd seen that stymie you'd know that it told Greer plainly that the "lake" was his—keep on and that fate would hand him the plum and cup, sooner or later.

Present and Accounted For The most terrible conditions that ever reigned at the stymie were links prevailing the day before and on the qualifying day so that the field was widely scattered and many failed to play at all.

Consequently the first flight was perhaps not as strong as it otherwise would have been under better weather conditions were reached.

This resulted in a passably easy parage for the four or five hand-picked favorites, but they began to get close to the rocks by the time the semi-finals were reached.

John Beadle and Fred Knight, who met in the final last year of the same tourney, crossed brassies in the semi-finals, but Beadle failed to play at all for the linking he got last year.

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LEONARD-TENDLER BOUT IS REVIVED

N. Y. Commission Hearing on Wednesday May Result in Clinching of Match

2 1/2 PER CENT IS HITCH

By LOUIS H. JAFFE, JUST when it looked as if the Leonard-Tendler bout had been tossed into the discard, owing to indifference on the part of one or two men connected with such a match, it has been revived again.

Why haven't Leonard and Tendler been matched? The real reason will be given, and the answer will be out some time on Wednesday, after a meeting to be held in the offices of the New York State Boxing Commission.

After Tex Rickard had offered Tendler \$62,500 as his end for a match with Leonard at Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, to no avail, the promoter booked the Philadelphia fight.

Then Rickard agreed to give the contender 2 1/2 per cent, and when the difference of 2 1/2 per cent will prove a hitch in clinching the lightweight match, Leonard and Tendler but yet may be staged.

Here's the full statement issued at the New York office of the State Athletic Commission:

Boxers Benny Leonard and Ed Tendler and Managers Billy Gibson and Philip Fitzgibbon, have been summoned to appear before the State Athletic Commission on Wednesday, May 24, at 11 A. M., to give in this commission the exact facts and the whole truth concerning any match or proposed match or the reasons of those proposals.

It was determined to put a stop to the methods adopted by managers and promoters of using their positions and their titles which constitute only an honorary recognition of the fighter's abilities and designation as being the best of his weight, or as it is known, "in their class."

There is no doubt that the people the general public are becoming disgusted with the tremendous amount of reading matter sent to newspapers all over the country concerning the actions of these boxers and their managers—what they have to say of "what we propose to do and not to do," if these matters could be deemed such as actually true, that these are the positive facts, it would be one thing, but we all know that what is published one day is contradicted the next and enlarged upon the following day.

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Dempsey, as Plunger, Wins \$13,500 on Horse Races

Dempsey, the boxer, attended the races at Longhamps on Sunday, May 7, says the Paris Herald, and had a most enjoyable and profitable time there. Jack was in charge of his friend, Charlie Herrick, who put the champion on some good things.

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There will be no exceptions in the various classes from the lightweight to the heavyweight. Every titleholder must accept legitimate challenge and defend his title under the rules and regulations of the governing body.

TO DEFEND GOLF TITLE

Jock Hutchison Decides to Uphold British Honors Chicago, May 22.—Jock Hutchison, who won the British open golf championship at St. Andrew's last year and who recently defended his title here, will not defend his title this year, has reversed his decision and will go to England to participate in the open tournament.

He will leave for New York next Thursday, and will sail Saturday with Mrs. Hutchison. The qualifying round of the British event is set for June 10 at the Royal St. George Club, Sandwich, England.

Caddock and Londo Matched

Walter Caddock and Jim Londo, of Chicago, have been matched to meet in a wrestling bout for the light-heavyweight championship here July 4. It was announced today.

BIKE SEASON HERE WILL OPEN JUNE 1

Five Foreign Pedal Stars Are in the United States for the 1922 Competition

N. Y. ADDED TO CIRCUIT

Thursday night, June 1, will be the opening date of the 1922 bicycle season in Philadelphia when the Velodrome, Point Breeze Park, will be reopened.

John M. Chapman has a corps of men on the job getting the third of a mile saucer in shape for the season, and additional seating space is being erected. Hundreds of fans were turned away last year because of the lack of accommodations.

Jimmy Hunter, the Philadelphia "demon" motor-pacer, has been tuning up motors for several days in preparation for the motor-paced races, which have proved thrilling and sensational every season.

Bobby Walthour, Jr., the Atlanta, Ga., youngster, will make his professional debut as a sprinter on the opening card at the Drome here June 1. He has been riding in winning form for several weeks at Newark, N. J.

Five foreign bike cranks have signed up for the season, and will compete here at different times. They are Colunbatt, champion of Italy; Victor Linnart, triple champion, who holds the world's title, Belgium title and winter title of Paris; George Sorens, champion of France, and Paul Verkyin, of Belgium.

New York City, with a mammoth bowl and seating capacity for 25,000, has been added to the bicycle circuit, so that six cities in the East will hold competitions this year. Reverse Beach, Mass.; New Bedford, Mass.; Worcester, Mass.; Providence and Philadelphia are the other cities in the circuit.

The New York races will be held at the Velodrome, which construction was recently completed.

To Address United Umps Bill Keays, Bill Dwyer and Ed Walsh, American League umpires now in our midst, will be the guests of the United Empire's Association at the weekly meeting tonight at the Hendrick Club.

How Does It Strike You?

Penn's New Policy College Ball Players Tendler-Leonard Bout THE OBSERVER

FRANKLIN FIELD apparently is not the only thing that Pennsylvania is renovating. Some radical changes in the football policy were announced at the recent meeting of the Athletic Council.

The twine of tradition which has been strapped around Red and Blue football for generations were severed. Tom Davies, Pittsburgh star, was appointed backfield coach. He is the first non-Pennsylvania gridiron tutor.

Four football teams will be placed on the field with a regular schedule of games. There will be a varsity, junior varsity, scrub and freshman team. This move should arouse interest to the point of participation.

Four teams mean more spirit, more trips, more candidates and better football. And Pennsylvania needs all of these.

HYONIE RUNS continue at Shibe Park. If no one else contributes, Big Bang Miller comes through with the Ruthian rap. The erstwhile Senator has nine to his credit now and is only two behind Ken Williams.

JACK DEMPSEY has a queer idea of humor. To a reporter he announced his engagement to a "Miss Edith Rockwell, of Boulder, Col." and the story was sent all over the country. Later he explained it was a bit of wit and thought the reporter a dumb duffer when he could not see the joke.

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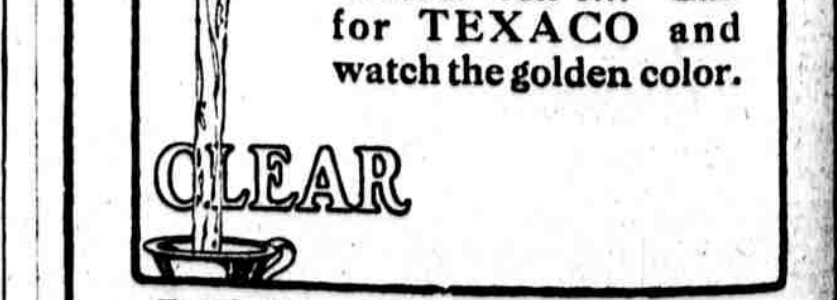
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