

In the World of Sports.

NEW POINTS ON THE BIG NATIONAL RACE

Outlook as It is Viewed from a Chicago Writer's Standpoint.

SIX LEADERS MAY LEAD AGAIN

That's a Probability Based on Present Conditions--Baltimore, Cincinnati and Boston Well Favored. Brooklyn to Have a Hard Year of It, But a Great Brace is Promised for the Colonels--Has Some Fine Material on the Team.

If any judgment can be passed upon the condition of the twelve league clubs at this period of their spring practice it would simply be that the six leaders of last year will again be the six leaders of the coming season and that the six tail-enders will be the tail-enders once more. There may be some little changes in the order of succession.

Baltimore is not to be given a warm run by Cincinnati and Boston. Cleveland will hardly stand first or second unless the cranks of that city turn out and applaud the club as it deserves.

Chicago is just about good enough for fourth position. But, of course, base ball is still the most popular game in the world.

St. Louis may get the flag if it can hold its own in the first division last year. Now no crank can figure the Reds out of a high position.

Of course everybody admits the Baltimore to a top-notch place--but the spring before they won the flag there was not one crank in the world could figure them better than seventh.

It's out a gigantic figure in the glorious game. The Baltimore may lose the flag if--

BALTIMORE, IF--
Hoffer goes wrong. Corbett and Nops prove frisky. Jennings or Keeler is taken ill. McGraw should not be recovered from his long illness. Robinson and Clarke are both hurt.

Chicago may win if--
Denner proves a second Rusie. Callahan is as good as Griffith. McCormick learns to hit the ball. McCarty gets well. Uncle finds a hard-hitting catcher.

Boston may win if--
Duffy regains his batting eye. Stahl proves a good player. Lowe and Collins keep their health. Klobedanz's arm holds out.

St. Louis may get the flag if it--
Eleven other clubs drop dead. Everybody forfeits games. Roger Connor bats over .400. Turner finds the ball as he used to.

Louisville has a chance if--
Hill and Prager become wonders. Rogers can pitch second. Clingman learns how to slug.

A review of the present playing strength indicates that Brooklyn and St. Louis will have a hard year of it. The Brooklyn team has no second baseman and the pitchers are only mediocre. St. Louis is a disorganized mob, but Turner and Hutchinson may do a lot to help out the poor Browns--Turner by hitting as he did in '95, and 1895, Hutchinson by winning p's as he did for Minneapolis.

LOUISVILLE IS FANCIED.

Louisville at present seem stronger than St. Louis, Brooklyn or Washington and fully as fast as New York and Pittsburgh. With such an array of batters as McCroery, Clarke, Pickering, Holmes, Dexter, Werden and Rogers, with the chance of an occasional hit by Dolan, Clingman and Frazer to help out the Colonels will be right in it from a batting standpoint; the pitchers are all right, and Dexter, as an all-round player and inspiring jollier of a team, is worth all the New York and Brooklyn catchers put together. He will be another Mike Kelly, with the advantages of education and courtesy thrown in.

ARE IN THE GAME.

Scranton's Players Went Through the Limering Process--Batting Order for Tomorrow's Game.

If any local crank was in doubt yesterday as to the enthusiasm of the Scranton players of the base ball public at large, he might have an idea or two by a visit to Athletic park in the morning or afternoon. Manager "Sandy" and thirteen of his star performers were on the grounds in the afternoon and for over two hours disported themselves after a fashion that would have done credit to the most expert of the fancy of three hundred of the faithful.

Floyd, Massey, Meany, Yerkes, O'Brien, Deard, Caplan and Daly were the new arrivals. Hit and run, bunt and throw was the programme. A score of amateur assisted in the trying-out work which was of the light variety. No heavy work was attempted as Griffin is directing the men to take things easy and roll into the game instead of falling into it, as he does not choose to risk the possibility of lameness to a good arm or a sprain when the season opens.

After the practice the circuit of the park was made by car and on foot and ended the day with a bath and rub-down in the dressing rooms.

It is a fortunate thing that the men without exception have had two or more weeks of light training which has better fitted them for the more exacting play of the practice season. If "form" counts for anything they are entitled to receive the commendation and hope of Scranton's loyal thousands.

Today there will be a morning and an afternoon session of practice preparatory to the exhibition games of Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The genuine Cuban Giants will play here tomorrow and Friday. Tomorrow's batting order of the two teams will be as follows:

Walters, cf.	Grant, 2b.
O'Brien, 2b.	Garrison, ss.
Daly, rf.	Jordan, c.
Beard, ss.	McBane, 2b.
Egan, lf.	Garvey, lf.
Massey, 1b.	Robinson, cf.
Maguire, 1b.	Miler, rf.
Boyd and O'Neill, c.	Hollon, 1b.
Morse, Welner and Day, p.	Yerkes, p.

It will be seen that the Giants con-

tain several of their old-time favorites, Grant, Jordan, Robinson, Miller and Day. It is not to be expected that the Giants will be defeated, as Griffin will not permit his arm to get lame until the opening day of the season arrives.

Tommy Gillon was the last of the players to arrive. He reached here last night, direct from the long and tedious travel from his home in St. Louis. He looks well and is sanguine of Scranton's chances. Pat Meany and Yerkes, two others of the pitching corps, reached here during the morning. Meany is satisfied to quit the field and take his chances in the box. Yerkes has filled out quite a little since he was seen here in the old State league. He is built on the exclamation point plan, and ought to have speed to give away.

YESTERDAY'S BALL GAMES.

Philadelphia-Syracuse.
Philadelphia, April 13--The Phillies today outplayed and outbatted the Syracuse team of the Eastern league at every point in an exhibition game. Score: R.H.E. Philadelphia.....221105121-38 29 1 Syracuse.....000110200-5 8 4

Batteries--Johnson, Wheeler and Grady; Clements, Maloney, Willis and Shaw.

Washington-Toronto.
Washington, April 13--A cluster of five hits by the Washington, three of them of the chance order, assisted by an error by Shortstop McCale, of the visiting club, gave the home team a 4-2 victory over Toronto. Toronto made a strong showing and pitcher Gaston had the home team guessing. Score: R.H.E. Washington.....10020004-7 19 2 Toronto.....2000000-2 8 2

Batteries--Norton, German, Farrell and McGuire; Gaston and Casey.

Reading-Cuban Giants.
Reading, Pa., April 13--Reading defeated the real Cuban Giants in an old-fashioned game today. Score: R.H.E. Reading.....051010120-31 8 5 Cuban Giants.....0222202-15 12 3

Batteries--Jordan, Day and Robinson; Barkley, Amode and Collins.

New York-Newark.
New York, April 13--New York had a surprise in store for them today when they met the team from the Atlantic league halling from Newark, at the Polo grounds. The Newark played ball like veterans. Score: R.H.E. New York.....020000002-4 7 4 Newark.....000000021-3 5 4

Batteries--Doherty, Stanish and Sullivan; Wilson; Zearfos and Warner; Macklin, Johnstone and Hodge.

Lancaster-Cuban X Giants.
Lancaster, Pa., April 13--Lancaster defeated the Cuban X Giants today without difficulty. Score: R.H.E. Lancaster.....22003241-17 22 1 Cuban X Giants.....010100400-5 9 6

Batteries--Ward, Dolan and Roth; Selden and Williams.

Baltimore-Norfolk.
Richmond, Va., April 13--Brooklyn today defeated Richmond. Score: R.H.E. Richmond.....000000002-2 4 6 Brooklyn.....02302000-7 19 3

Brooklyn-Richmond.
Baltimore, April 13--The champions again defeated the Norfolk team in their second exhibition game on the home grounds. Score: R.H.E. Brooklyn.....20002241-12 11 5 Norfolk.....000000110-2 6 6

Batteries--Horton and Clarke; Newton and Nye.

DIAMOND DUST.
A big delegation from Olympia is expected here for Saturday's game. "Tommy" Johnson is making a bit on the coaching lines at Philadelphia.

Pitcher Fallon, of Minooka, is to be given a trial by Griffin during the practice season.

"Big Bill" Massey has divorced his moustache. His visage looks like a roly-poly, but it indicates disaster to opposing pitchers.

"The Mauch Chunk team was yesterday, completed by the signing of Howard Luckey, one of last season's Wilkes-Barre Eastern league team's pitchers," says a Mauch Chunk dispatch.

The claim made for Almer Powell, the new manager of the Wilkes-Barre club, is that though always a minor league player, he is the richest player in the profession, having accumulated about \$2500.

Harper is coming to time. He has accepted advance money and will be here soon to talk things over, Gunion and Bonner are still wrangling, but they may be expected to get into their uniforms before long.

Two Wilkes-Barre players, Howard Earle and Pitcher Colough, have appended to the national board, the latter for release from reservation, and the former for relief from a fine inflicted by the club--EX.

Beard wagged his head and chuckled: "Goodness me, we may not hit every day, but if this game does get to slugging, there won't be enough balls to keep the game going." Heard isn't the only one who feels that way.

Says a Syracuse paper: "I done some thing for the Yankees. I done some thing for the Yankees. I done some thing for the Yankees." Said another: "I done some thing for the Yankees. I done some thing for the Yankees. I done some thing for the Yankees."

AMATEUR BALL NOTES.
A hotly contested game of base ball was played yesterday on No. 5 grounds between the Dunmore Standard and a picked nine. The game was won by the former, the score being 19-12. Battery for the Standards was LaFontaine and Murtie, and for the other side Davis and Stevenson.

TROUT FISHING ON THE POCONO

Valuable Information About Streams in the Lackawanna-Monroe Region.

WATERS IN SPLENDID CONDITION

Outlook is Good on Cherry Creek, at Canadensis, Resica, Houser Mills, Swiftwater, Parkside and McMichaels--Hints on a Ten-dollar Outfit and When to Use Fly, Minnow and Worm--The Proper Way to Hook a Minnow.

The trout season opens on Thursday. A lot of valuable information concerning streams in this region has been compiled by the Stroudsburg Times and will be read with interest by scores of Scranton fishermen who have whipped many of the waters mentioned.

This region will soon be well filled with fishermen from all parts of this state who know that the finest streams in Eastern Pennsylvania are in this county, and that a city man cannot only get a good mess of the speckled beauties but renewed health and strength for the summer campaign by a brief outing on the creeks. There are but few fish in the Pocono, McMichaels or Broadhead's creeks at this place, but Cherry Creek, just far enough away to make a good walk, the stream is in good shape, notwithstanding the efforts of miscreants who has already been at work with bait nets.

Up at Canadensis the prospects are excellent. The Price Bros., of Spruce Cabin, say:

"The streams were never in finer condition and there seems to be plenty of fish. They were not fished out last season and the outlook for splendid catches are fine. Nothing can happen to spoil the streams so late in the month and we are sure that the fifteenth will find the trout streams of Monroe in such shape that a record season will ensue."

BIG EARLY CATCHES.
From about Resica, well-known land-rod, Henry T. Frankendorf, says: "In regard to trout fishing it should be good this season, as the streams last summer and fall were well up, and trout had a chance to work out of the smaller streams. If the weather should stay warm the season will open with large catches and larger trout than last year."

Isaac Stauffer, proprietor of Laurel Inn, at Houser Mills, writes as follows: "Streams are in first-class condition for trout fishing at present and unless we have some heavy rain between now and the 15th, fishing will be a No. 1. I think the trout fishing will be much better this year than last."

E. D. Huffman, of the Marshall's Creek House, which has long been famous as a rendezvous for fishermen, makes the following statement: "Replying to your inquiry concerning fishing in this section, would say I think the trout fishing will be excellent this spring. The streams are in fine condition at present and the winter has been favorable. No heavy ice as there are some winters and plenty of water. I think there should be some one watching the streams now. I am very strongly impressed that the law is being violated, these fine days, in the thicker woods parts."

In the vicinity of Swiftwater good reports are heard. Dr. Richard Rice, in replying to the query of the Times, says: "Streams never in better condition and fishing promises to be excellent. Many of the streams heretofore have been closed to fishing by the Swiftwater Preservation company, and hence a permit has to be received before one is allowed to fish."

Genial "Wes" Henry, of Parkside, waxes humorous in his reply, which is favorable to fishermen. He says: "Years of March 13, with me. Trout fishing is like speculation, up and down. The streams are in good condition for the opening and the prospects point that everything is favorable, if we can catch 'em."

Ex-commissioner Jerome Kresge, of McMichaels, says that the trout outlook in that vicinity is very good. The Pocono association have all the best territory, but there is still lots of good fishing to be had.

TEN-DOLLAR OUTFIT.
Now that the outlook for the season is known something for an outfit for fishing would not be amiss. An outfit for fishing a trout stream should consist of an old suit of clothes, a pair of rubber boots or wading stockings (these are not absolutely necessary), a belt; rod that should not weigh more than eight ounces, a durable reel of the eelk variety, 100 feet of water-proof line, a number of six foot fly leaders, a dozen small hooks for bait fishing and the following flies: Grizzly King, Poor Man's Fly, Abbey, Red Fox, Dark Fox, Cahel, Brown Hen, VonPatten, Professor, March, Coachman, Lowery, Black Grub, Alder, Green Drake, Gray Drak, Broise Murray, Blue Dune, Boylark, and a few others. The whole outfit can be bought for ten dollars, but if one wishes he can pay a couple of hundred dollars for it.

In fly-fishing observe these precepts: Keep out of sight of the trout as much as possible and strike the instant the fish bites in fly-fishing; not so quickly in bait-fishing.

Remember to use dark flies on a bright day and bright-colored flies on a dark day. A true angler, notwithstanding the nonsensical talk about always using a fly, will not be above using a worm, grasshopper, insect or live minnow when the trout will not take the fly.

The medium size angle worms are the best for bait, and they should be kept while fishing in a box with free access to the air, and just enough dirt to keep them half covered. The worm should be hooked so that the ends are free to wriggle in the water. The bait should be so managed that it is just under the surface of the water, with the worm's tail a split shot or two are often necessary where the current is swift.

In fishing with a grasshopper, real fly, grub, or other insect, one can cast as in fly fishing. When fishing with a worm, let your line run under the hook, along the rocks where the current swirls, under tree stumps and into the deep pools. A live y minnow will tempt trout when nothing else will.

HOOKING LIVE BAIT.
To hook a minnow so that you do not kill him, run your hook under the dorsal fin just below the spinal column. In using a fly or insect as bait twitch it across the pools so that it appears on

the day. On cloudy days trout will bite at any time, provided the bait it wants is offered.

IMMENSE GAME PRESERVE.

Prominent Sportsmen Will Establish One in the Alleghenies.
Altoona, April 13--Plans have been completed by prominent New York and Pennsylvania sportsmen for the establishment of an immense game preserve in central Pennsylvania, comprising 20,000 acres of mountain land in the heart of the Alleghenies.

The tract lies in Center and Clearfield counties and embraces the famous Nittany mountains and the valley of the same name, a spot famous for its wild beauty. This is already the best hunting ground in Pennsylvania, but it will be stocked with many kinds of foreign and native birds, as well as with deer and other large game. The streams will be stocked with trout. Commodious lodges will be erected at various points in the tract.

Governor Hastings is one of the leaders in the project.

Slavin Challenges Corbett.
New York, April 13--Frank Slavin has challenged Corbett to a finish fight before the club giving the largest purse.

FOR WOMEN CYCLISTS.

A novel ball will be given by the Camden Evening News on the night of Easter Monday. It will be exclusively a women's ball, for the reason that the "grand march" will be made on wheels and several of the "dances" on the programme are to be participated in by mounted cyclists.

It is not a woman is not allowed to ride a bicycle on public thoroughfares unless she holds a certificate of efficiency. To secure this certificate she must first pass the police officer, who passes upon her experience and act accordingly. It is a good thing for some riders that such regulations do not exist in this city.

Miss McKinley, the niece of the president, will soon be the first of local lady cyclists to ride the first time in the history of the white house that which has ever been in use at the executive mansion. None of the presidents or male members of the household ever used a bicycle, and none of the ladies of the same place was ever known to be a rider. Mrs. Cleveland was presented with a bicycle by Senator Grant. Mrs. Hanna is a good rider. With Miss McKinley and Miss Hanna as exponents there is every reason to believe that the lady cyclists of the nation could well be doubted during the coming season.

Now that the season of active riding is upon us, it is to be expected that all women riders will be called on more to the necessity of looking over the bicycle before going out for a spin of any distance. Fewer riders would be forced to walk home or use a train, owing to the loss of a nut or two, if they made a practice of trying each nut before starting out on a stay warm the season will open with large catches and larger trout than last year."

Does the woman's cycling costume cost more than that of a man's? Of course, it is to be expected that there are a good many of the old-fashioned cycling costumes at both sides of the question, and bring out the pros and cons. However, it seems that all things being equal, the cost is somewhat less for the woman's cycling costume. This takes everything into consideration, and allows for a well-dressed male in cycling togs, and a female cyclist in the most expensive of the male cycling costume. This takes everything into consideration, and allows for a well-dressed male in cycling togs, and a female cyclist in the most expensive of the male cycling costume.

Green Ridge Wheelmen's Officers.
The Green Ridge Wheelmen last night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, George Mitchell; vice-president, Charles Carr; secretary, L. E. Rowland; treasurer, H. F. Pond; captain, Oscar W. Payne; directors, Ed Bishop and Charles P. Knight. A smoker followed the election.

POP ANSON.
Who was it at creation's dawn
Awoke to scratch himself and yawn;
"I've slept so long my back is lame;
It must be time to start the game?"
Pop Anson!

Who coached young Abel, Adam's son,
And taught him how to hit and run?
The following answer on his query:
And showed Cain how to pitch a curve?
Pop Anson!

Who was it made Methusalem
Sit on the rock because he saw
The other rock, so it appears,
Experience and also years?
Pop Anson!

Who in the time of Jonah said,
When he arrived there sick and sore:
"The whale has pitched you back to town;
I thought he couldn't hold you down?"
Pop Anson!

Who in the time of Pharaoh led
The old Egyptian league and said:
"The Lord is coming on his way,
Until the dawn of judgment day?"
Pop Anson!

Who in the crusades rode in line
And amongst the knights pitched up a
nine
That played a mighty stiff old game,
And who was the of that same?
Pop Anson!

Who in the days when freedom shrieked
Told the front rank often unasked
To make the British tread their cup,
And bade the minute men smoke up?
Pop Anson!

Who is it in these latter days
Still plays and plays and plays and plays?
Who tried the stage to elevate,
But found, alas! he was too late?
Pop Anson!

Who while this world exists will swear
His team's not equaled anywhere
And who will win the rag on May
Some fifteen years or so away?
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EVIL OF NARROW TIRES.

Business Men Could Help Good Roads' Cause by Abolishing It.

One of the worst enemies to good roads in America, says Cycling, is the narrow tire which is almost universally placed on wagons used for business purposes. The ravages caused on really good thoroughfares are nowhere more apparent than in our large cities, where heavily loaded wagons are to be seen by the thousands daily playing havoc with the street over which their travel is directed.

The average business man or firm employing this kind of vehicular traffic could do much to help the good roads movement and to keep the city pavements in good condition by a little sensible work in substituting a wider tire on all such vehicles in place of the narrow ones now in use. The extra initial cost would be more than offset in the lessened expense to all taxpayers, including the merchants.

Duck Hunters Have Rare Sport.
Bellevue, April 13--The recent rainy weather has made the duck shooting along the banks of the Susquehanna river exceptionally fine. Robert John-

son, of Williamsport, has so far made the largest haul, bringing twenty of the web-footed birds down in one afternoon.

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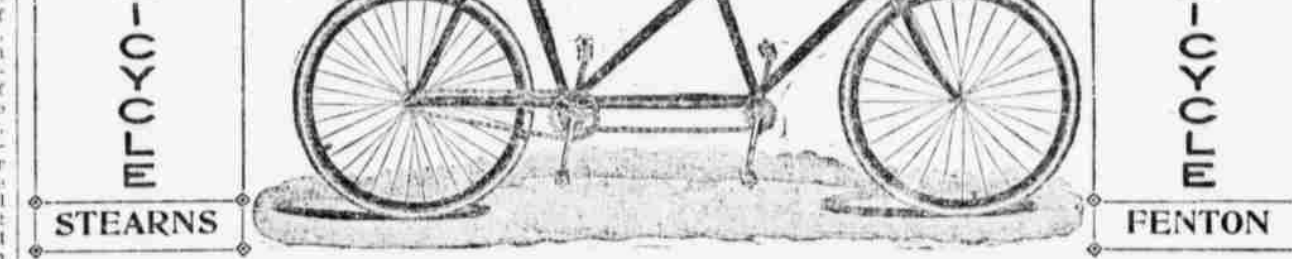
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