

SPORTS---GEORGE COCKILL'S ARRIVAL STIRS UP HARRISBURG BASEBALL FANS

FANS CLAMOR FOR REAL RING BOUT

"Billy" Mehring to Bring Al. Doty Here if Fans Put Up Guarantee

"Billy" Mehring, acting on a number of suggestions, is at present endeavoring to stage a bout in this city between Al Doty, of Canton, Ohio, and Frankie Maguire, of Williamsport, the former having issued a challenge to the Billtown boxer this week.

Globe Right-Posture Tossers Capture Two Contests With Ease

The Globe Right-Posture basketball teams were again victorious in games played last night. The first team trimmed the Enhaut Ex-High School quintet by the score of 24 to 18, and the Junior team humbled the Independent Juniors to the tune of 26 to 15.

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The SPORT LIGHT By Grantland Rice

Copyright, 1917, by the Tribune Association (New York Tribune) Tristram Speaker, the Texas Typhoon, was the Son of Swat who checked Ty Cobb's ten-year reign last season, but for all that Speaker is not the ball-player who is pressing Ty closest for the batting premiership of the game.

Cobb, with a mark of .369 for his complete span, is 26 points beyond the Texan, who is nestled back at .340 for his eight-year total. This is no invariable lead, but for the time being it is safe enough to compare another Sunland slugger now on top of Cobb's flying heels.

The citizen we refer to is none other than Joseph Jackson, the Carolina Howitzer, who refuses to be shaken loose, even by a Tycoonian pace.

Cobb has been setting a terrific pace since Jackson entered the major league, six years ago, and while the Georgian still has a margin, it is far from being a wide and woolly one.

For while the Greenville Joe has been hanging on grimly, only a stride or two away.

Starting the 1917 campaign, he will be only six points behind Cobb in the complete account of base hits, and six points is no particular part of an unvarnished clinch.

Here are the data: Cobb 1,640 Games A. B. Hits Pct. Jackson 872 3,252 1,182 .363

This is quite a bit closer than any noncontaminant figured any one was to Cobb as a hit producer. It is a margin that might be wiped away in two or three months.

And a ball player who can average .363 for six campaigns is no soft emphy. One of the toughest breaks in baseball has been the fact that Jackson, able to average .363 for six years, has never led the league at bat. He batted .408 and .395 on two occasions, only to finish in second place.

Travers and 1917 After almost two golfless years, Jerry Travers has at last found time for a brief winter vacation in Houston, Tex. Due in the main to a rheumatic shoulder, his golf there has been well below his average, so there is no line yet upon his championship possibilities for the season ahead.

Travers will undoubtedly play at Oakmont this season in the amateur championship, but only time will tell whether or not he will be able to bring his game back to the old form.

There is this in his favor--any man who can give battle in golf as he has in the past is not to be counted out too soon.

The record of his last four years shows what a rugged opponent he has always been to beat. In his last four years of championship play, counting full span, his golf there has been well below his average, so there is no line yet upon his championship possibilities for the season ahead.

Of these he has won fifteen and lost two. His victims have included Evans, Oulmet, Travis, Anderson and other stars, while the only two through this period who have outdugged him were Oulmet and Marston. If Travers gets a chance this summer to get his game going at odd intervals, as he hopes to, he will be no small factor when the Oakmont program gets under way.

"Giants, picked far and wide to win, are likely to get overconfident." Ordinarily this would be true. But developing overconfidence with John McGraw time the earnest athlete has listened to these two express an opinion of his ability, it is a rare bird who can still extend his plumage in any self-admiration parade.

MANAGER COCKILL STARTS ACTIVITY

Season to Open One Week Later; Wait Call For Meeting in This City



MANAGER GEORGE COCKILL

Following the announcement that he would return to Harrisburg some time Friday or early Saturday, Manager George Cockill returned to Lewisburg today. His visit here yesterday marked the beginning of baseball activity in Harrisburg for the coming season.

What happened at the conference late yesterday afternoon between Manager George Cockill and local boosters will not be made public for at least a week. Cockill is awaiting instructions from President J. H. Farrell as to the time for the meeting of the league in Harrisburg.

It is the belief that the magnates will be here Thursday, March 15. The season will open May 1, one week later than was originally agreed. This may mean the closing date on September 16. Manager Cockill, who is on the schedule committee, will do everything in his power to give Harrisburg Saturday games. Reading will probably be paired with the local team on holidays.

Indications are that the old-time rivalry between these teams will be revived. Cy Parsons, last season's popular pitcher, has signed a contract and will be on hand early. "Lefty" Vols is also certain to play here. To date 22 players have signed up. Early practice will in all probability be held at Buckwell, and the team comes to this city on or about April 26.

McCormick Bowlers Too Much For Independents

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Score. Includes Boyd Memorial League, Academy Duckpin League, Casino Duckpin League, Casino Tenpin League, Enola Y. M. C. A. League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, W, L, Pct. Includes Academy Duckpin League, Casino Tenpin League, Enola Y. M. C. A. League.

Hassett School Five Will Entertain Altoona

To-morrow evening the Altoona Triangle Club will oppose the Hassett School of Gymnastics five on Cathedral Hall floor. The Altoona team is a speedy aggregation and have won a majority of their games this season.

BAKER AGAIN ELIGIBLE

Cincinnati, March 8. The National Baseball Commission yesterday reinstated Pinner Howard Baker to good standing, and recognized the right of the New York National League club to his services. Baker was carried by New York on its reservation list in 1916 as a voluntarily retired player.

CENTRAL PLANS STEELTON RAID

Blue and Gray Bunch After Another Scrap; Ineligibles May Play in Final Games

Central High will meet Steelton to-morrow night. The game will be played on Felton Hall floor, Steelton. Although the blue and gray quintet has lost its league leadership for this season it still has a chance to finish with credit. A big surprise was the Tech victory over the Bethlehem Steel bunch, but plans are being made up for Foster street to gain an even more decisive triumph.

Steelton Is Strong Steelton players are putting up a good game this season, so Central will have good opposition at least. The lineup will include: Hilton, Martz, Frank, Wolfe and Maloney. Special cheering practices are being held at High school and an exceptionally large student delegation is expected to accompany the team.

Rumors are afloat among certain quarters at Central High school that Gregory and Fields will be allowed to participate in two of the remaining league games. However this will not affect the game to-morrow night, but will cause a probable change in the line-up.

SHIELDS SIGNS WITH BINGOES Binghamton, N. Y., March 8. Jimmy Shields, the big first baseman loaned from the Topeka team of the local New York State League aggregation, is to have opposition for his job. Boss Hartman announced to-day that he had handed, upon the recommendation of Heinie Zimmerman, of the Giants, Spike Shannon, a first sacker, who last year while playing with the New York Athletics led his club with the bat with the average of .350 for thirty games.

DARCY TO MEET GIBBONS Chicago, March 8. Les Darcy, Australian middleweight, will fight his first bout in this country in Milwaukee, according to Frank Mulhern, Milwaukee fight promoter. Mulhern, who is here to-day, said Darcy would come west in a few days to accept a match with Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, before a Milwaukee club.

Elmira Lands Jackson to Succeed "Wid" Conroy

Elmira, N. Y., March 8. The management of the Elmira club of the New York State Baseball League has decided to accept the terms of James Jackson, of Philadelphia, as manager to succeed William Conroy. Jackson is a former New York State League player.

WELLY'S CORNER

Manager George Cockill is a busy man. He is a superintendent at the Milton munition plant, coach at Buckwell and manager of the Harrisburg baseball team. As a result of a slight cold Manager Cockill was able to get a few days leave of absence, and he came to Harrisburg yesterday.

Fight fans who like to see a lively ring battle, may get their wish. Manager Mehring is willing to do his part to get Al Doty to Harrisburg to meet Frankie Maguire. It is out of the question to stage a 20-round battle, but it is the belief that Doty's manager will agree to 10 rounds if the cash is in sight.

"Lefty" Wertz of Newport, a star in the Dauphin-Perry League has signed to play with Scranton, Gettysburg was after the crack twirler but he preferred a tutorage under the veteran, Bill Coughlin.

Christy Matthewson and his players showed in a stable yesterday at Shreveport, La. When "Matty" with his "Reds" landed at the ball park they found a sea of mud. Back of the field is a stable, and the players spent the day in liberating up exercises. Players were divided into pairs and each pair was assigned to a stall for special work.

President John K. Tener of the National League is much interested in Harrisburg's baseball outlook. He has always been a big booster for this city and is in communication with Manager Cockill, as to what is going on. To-morrow he will hear from George Harry what has happened within the past two weeks. The local fan will be in New York for a day and will spend a few hours with President Tener and Johnny Heyder.

Members of the Harrisburg Track Athletic Committee are scheduled to meet in the offices of the Park Committee this evening. Arrangements will be made for the track meet on the Island in May, and other matters of athletic importance will be discussed.

The Tech faculty quintet unlimbered their muscles yesterday afternoon in an hour's practice, and incidentally trimmed a picked team by a 31 to 27 tally.

The Bowman & Company girls five went to York last night and were defeated in a well played contest by the Bear Company girls. The final score being 6 to 5.

Two city amateur league contests are billed for to-night on the Technical high school gymnasium floor. The first contest will start at 8 o'clock and will be between the Methodist and Y. M. H. A. fives, while the second game will be between the Rosewood and the P. R. R. Arrow quintets.

The Hassett five were defeated by the Carlisle Indian quintet last night at Carlisle by the score of 41 to 16.

American Teams All Are Supplied With Instructors

Chicago, March 8. With the appointment of drill sergeants to join the Detroit and St. Louis clubs of the American League, President Johnson announced that every club in the league had been supplied with military instructors. The sergeants were ordered by Adjutant General McCain, U. S. A., to join the Detroit squad at Waxahachie, Tex., and the St. Louis club at its camp in Palestine, Tex. The officers were sent from Dallas. President Johnson said that although the league had offered to pay the traveling expenses of the officers, General McCain had declined to accept it. The league, however, will reimburse them for their services.

Special Friday Bargains IN THE HUB'S Re-Organization Sale Only 2 Days More--Sale Ends Sat. Mar. 10th To-morrow, Friday, we will present the most extraordinary bargains ever offered in this city on such high character merchandise for which The Hub has always been noted. The heavy selling has depleted some stocks but to these we have added many higher priced articles thus providing as great and even greater values than when the sale opened. If in need of any of the following special values, marked for Friday's selling only, come early; they won't last long at these prices.