

"CACTUS" CRAVATH STARTS PHILLIES WITH VICTORY---SLAMS OUT HOME RUN

WEST END STARTS AT MERCERSBURG

Lose to Academy Team by Margin of One Run; Fast Fielding

The West End A. C. baseball team opened its season at Mercersburg yesterday afternoon, against the Mercersburg Academy nine, losing out by one run after Knight had dropped the third strike of a Mercersburg batter, with two already known. The final score was 3 to 2.

Both teams showed excellent form and the battle was one of the best ever staged on the Mercersburg grounds. The school lads played a more consistent game than the locals, but were unable to hit the local twirlers, the hits being evenly divided. Waltz and Eisenberger, who did mound duty for the West End team, were wild at times, but tightened up in the pinches and fourteen of the Academy players died on the bases. The summary:

Official Score table with columns for Mercersburg and West End, listing runs, hits, errors, and fielding percentages for various players.

With the exception of the New York and Boston Nationals who were snowed-out, all games scheduled in the Major leagues were played yesterday. It was a great opening. Reports from both the National and American league circuits indicate a revival in baseball interest. While war conditions to a certain extent were expected to crimp the attendance, no disappointments were reported. At all games military spirit was in evidence. There were numerous special features in the way of drills, flag raisings and other patriotic stunts. The bands played national selections and the big crowds cheered.

Results Were Close. All results were close with one exception. Boston Americans handed a hard burn to the Yankees. Major Wood was at his game. Ruth held the New York hitters to three singles. Washington blanked Connie Mack's team, score 3 to 0. Walter Johnson was the twirler who spoiled the chances for the Quakers. Cleveland and Detroit had a close battle. The Indians started like a house afire and

Baseball Summary; Where Big Teams Play

National League: Phillies, 6; Brooklyn, 5; Cincinnati, 2; St. Louis, 1; Chicago, 5; Pittsburgh, 3; New York-Boston, postponed.

American League: Washington, 6; Athletics, 0; Boston, 10; New York, 3; Cleveland, 6; Detroit, 4; Chicago, 7; St. Louis, 2.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY: National League: New York at Boston; Phillies at Brooklyn; St. Louis at Cincinnati; Pittsburgh at Chicago.

WHERE THEY PLAY TOMORROW: Philadelphia at Brooklyn; St. Louis at Cincinnati; Pittsburgh at Chicago.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS: National League: Philadelphia, 1; Cincinnati, 1; Chicago, 1; New York, 0; Boston, 0; Pittsburgh, 0; Brooklyn, 0; St. Louis, 0.

American League: Washington, 1; Athletics, 0; Boston, 0; Cleveland, 0; St. Louis, 0; Detroit, 0; Chicago, 0.

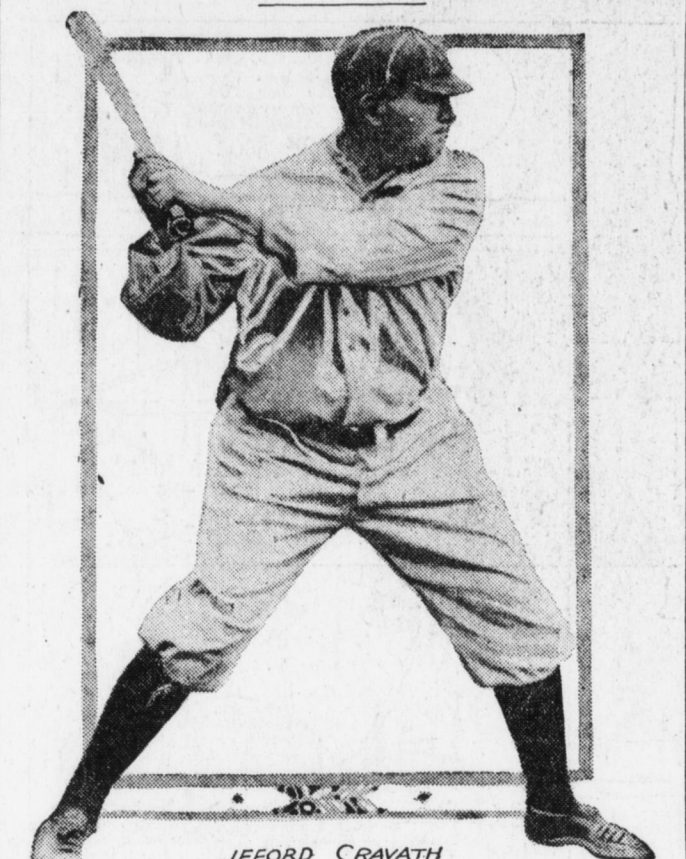
LANCASTER COUNTY DEATHS: Marletta—David Eberley, aged 79, the oldest man of Reynolds Station, died Tuesday night. He is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Miss Julia Rean, aged 78, daughter of the late Dr. H. Rean, died at Rohrerstown Tuesday night. She was a member of the Rohrerstown Reformed Church. One sister survives.

Henry S. Lehman, aged 77, died near Lancaster yesterday. He was a paper hanger by trade and member of the Episcopal Church at Lancaster. His wife and five children survive.

SOMEbody LIED. OUGH. DR. PULLEM PAINLESS DENTIST.

MILITARY SPIRIT IS OPENING FEATURE AT MAJOR BATTLES



secured a lead that could not be overcome. In the National league the one big sensation was Cactus Cravath. His stick was working. He drove in the Phillies' first run in the opening inning with a single. He drove in Whitted with a double in the third inning, and in the fifth lofted a home run out of the lot. The big Californian scored two of his team's runs.

While Alexander the Great won the game, he did not have much to brag about, as the Dodgers touched him for ten hits, while the Phillies got seven off Wheeler Dell in five innings, and one off Leon J. Cadore, a right-hander recalled from Montreal, in four.

Other Battles: Chicago and Pittsburgh had a close game that was marred by chilly blasts and cloudy skies. Larry Doyle was crippled sometime ago. He came into the game and was a big star. Cincinnati handed St. Louis their first jolt. Schneider's good work on the mound was responsible. The schedule for to-day is the same as yesterday. Weather indications were more favorable.

WAR WON'T STOP YORK STATE LEAGUE

President J. H. Farrell has sent out word that the twenty-first annual season of the New York State League will start as scheduled on May 2, in spite of the war with Germany. Farrell is very optimistic over the prospects for the season, and doesn't believe the attendance will be materially affected. It is known, however, that there are certain of the owners, who do not hold the same ideas, and they are in favor, it is said, of curtailing the playing season as soon as any appreciable decrease in the crowds becomes apparent.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Brooklyn--- Phillies 1 0 3 0 2 0 0 0 0---6- 8-2 Brooklyn 0 0 0 2 0 0 3 0 0---5-10-1 Batteries—Alexander, Killifer, Dell, Cordos, Meyers. Umpires, O'Day, Bransfield.

At Chicago--- Pittsburgh 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0---3- 5-2 Chicago 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 1 x---5- 8-0 Batteries: Jacobs, Schmidt; Vaughn, Elliott. Umpires, Klemm, Emslie.

At Cincinnati--- St. Louis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1---1- 4-0 Cincinnati 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 x---3-8-1 Batteries—Meadows, Snyder; Schneider, Wingo. Umpires, Rigler, Orth.

At Boston--- Boston-New York Game Postponed on Account of Snow

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Philadelphia--- Washington 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0---3- 5-1 Philadelphia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0---0- 3-2 Batteries—Johnson, Ainsmith; Bush, Meyer, R. Johnson, Schang. Umpires, Dineen, Owen.

At New York--- Boston 2 0 0 0 0 1 4 0 3---10-14-1 New York 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0---3- 3-0 Batteries—Ruth, Thomas; Caldwell, Nunemacher. Umpires, Connolly, McCormick.

At St. Louis--- Chicago 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 4---7-10-0 St. Louis 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0---2- 8-2 Batteries—Williams, Schalk; Hamilton, Hall. Umpires, O'Loughlin, Hildebrand.

At Detroit--- Cleveland 4 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0---6- 8-0 Detroit 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1---4- 8-4 Batteries—Covaleski, Couch, O'Neil, James, Stanage, Jones, Spencer. Umpires, Evans, Nallin, Morarity.

LONG COURT SESSION ENDS: Sunbury, Pa., April 12.—Northumberland County Common Pleas Court was brought to a close yesterday after the longest session since Judge Moser and Judge Cummings have been on the bench. Seventeen cases had been heard, some of them having been started in 1911.

OAK PLANK FOR BRIDGES: Sunbury, Pa., April 12.—A contract for a carload of two-inch white oak planks for use on county bridges was let to Jacob Trester, of Urban, for \$34 a thousand feet. The award was made by the Commissioners through competitive bidding.

The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

(Copyright, 1917, The Tribune Ass'n.) The Call of the Age "Get in the Game"—so runs the call Along the line of play, When seasoned ash meets speeding ball To drive it on the way; Where base hits echo out the scene Athwart the winning run— Where flying spikes cut through the green Which glistens in the sun. "Get in the Game"—so runs the cry Across the nation's sweep; Where flags are tossed against the sky And silent shades creep; Where camp lights flicker in their glow And pickets pass the sign— To face whatever Fate may throw Against the forming line. "Get in the Game"—the old, old call Has caught a newer note; But still the ancient echoes fall By mountain and by moat; Where life is something more than dreams And softer days have gone Before the greater day that gleams Against a redder dawn. "Get in the Game"—the echo lifts Beyond the grip of fate, And further still the slogan drifts To where the legions wait; The ancient slogan of the clan, Where those have met before To fill the line up, man by man, And find the winning score.

"Isn't it hard," writes a sympathetic bystander, "to become interested in such minor things as baseball when so many greater things are popping all around?" Perhaps, in a way. But life, after all, isn't wholly a matter of the greater things. The details still hold their humble places in the scheme of existence.

War, of course, overshadows sport, just as the tree overshadows the tomato vine. But for all that, as a side dish, the tomato is still esteemed here and there along the highway.

There is still a place for the Cobb-Speaker duel in the records, although it may be a thin affair in a comparative way. Force of habit isn't quite so easily overthrown, even by a war.

Spring Recruits: One looked, in his glow, to the game, To the cheers of the stands; To the drift and the sibilant of his fame In the flag-hunting bands. And one, through the gray smoke ahead, At the time to respond, Looked to the curtain of lead And the trenches beyond.

America has come to the end of its off-season to-day. But the off-season in the European League hasn't even been extended enough to bury the dead.

Those who are not ready to prepare in one way for defense should at least develop the alternative—which is 100 yards in 10 seconds. Each pays for what he gets in full. The price of fame is to be forgotten. The price of life is death.

The entry who is ready for the start will have no fear of the finish—which is the only detail that counts.

The Mackmen, who lost something like 120 ball games last season, are already acclimated against the horrors and terrors of mortal combat. The tail-ender alone is trained for the worst.

In ten or twelve of the major league cities the average fanatic by late July will not care a hang whether war suspends the schedule or not. One detail bereft of all worry is whether or not a ball club in seventh place is permitted to complete its schedule.

The Giants to-day open the first act of the stirring melodrama known as "Who's Going to Stop Us?" There is said to be a punch in each reel, provided some unexpected Charlie Chaplin doesn't step in and gum up the scenery.

PHILLIES' STAR PITCHER HAS LAST SEASON WISH



At the close of the baseball season last year, when Brooklyn beat out the Phillies, Grover Cleveland Alexander, the star pitcher, was quoted as saying, "I beat the Dodgers again, and I hope it will be my luck to go against them in the first game next year." He was the pitcher for the Philadelphia Nationals yesterday in the game at Brooklyn, and won out. However, the big twirler, while showing speed and frequent good spurts, came nearly losing the game. Cravath was the life-saver, and with his big stick. It was late when Alexander affixed his signature to a contract this season, and as he is getting an increase in pay, it is expected that the big star will keep shining this season.

WELLY'S CORNER

The big ball game is on. Crowds yesterday gave evidence that they want amusements as well as war. There was no lack of patriotism at the ball games. Flags were raised, players drilled and everybody was full of military spirit.

Some baseball stars started like a whirlwind yesterday. It was proof that the players worked hard in the South. It was also evidence that the men who want to keep in the game did not overlook training during the winter.

Connie Mack's squad looks like comers according to the fans. They put up a game fight against the Nationals. Manager George Cockill was at the game and took a stand at some of the recruits who will be let loose in the near future.

Something interesting is happening in basketball circles. It has the fans guessing as to what is the representative team in Harrisburg. Rosewood won the amateur league championship. The Motive Power five last night defeated the Rosewood, and last week won over the Independents. On Saturday night Rosewood plays the local team. If they win, who is champion?

Following the lead of Heavyweight Champion Jess Willard, more boxers have signified their intention of entering some branch of the United States military service. Benny Leonard, the clever New York lightweight, will try for the aviation corps. Other ring performers who are ready to offer their services are Leach Cross, Irish Patsy Cline, Jimmy Duffy, Jimmy O'Hagen, Ray Rivers, Stanley Yocum, Soldier Bartfield, Frankie Callahan, Augie Ritner and Eddie Wallace. Dan Morgan is one of the managers of boxers who will volunteer his services.

The Franklin and Marshall College faculty, at a meeting here yesterday, decided to abandon all international athletics for this season. This action is official and has been contemplated for some time. Baseball, track and tennis will be affected. Military drill will be compulsory, and two hours every afternoon will be devoted to it.

Manager "Red" Calhoun Predicts Lively Season; Has Promising Material

Manager J. C. (Red) Calhoun, of the Wilkes-Barre team, was in Harrisburg to-day. He will start his squad working next week. Some of his players are already on hand and warming up. The former Harrisburger has been in the East looking up additional material. He looks for a close race and good season. Manager Calhoun said:

"As long as the troops are not called out of the country sports will be all right. Once there is a move toward the battlefields I fear baseball will get a bump. However, it looks like a great race this year and the New York State League ought to furnish some real thrills. Speaking about his team Manager Calhoun said: "I am going to have winner. It is too early to say what the regular line-up will look like, but the material is there or pick from, and after a few days' workout I will know what to expect. Experienced men is what I want mostly, and I will start off with a bunch that ought to round into shape by June 1."

Broken Rib Again Keeps Wolgast From Bout Here

Johnnie Wolgast, the Lancaster scrapper who was scheduled to meet Frankie Maguire in this city on March 23, stopped one of Johnnie Gill's legs with his weak ribs on Tuesday night at York, and as a result will be out of the boxing game for a month or more.

Chinemaker Billy Mehring, of the Keystone Sporting Club, has been notified by Wolgast that he will not be able to appear here, as scheduled, and that he has decided to quit the game until his ribs are entirely healed.

The local fans will be much disappointed to hear of the injury to Wolgast, as they have been looking forward to the meeting between Wolgast and Maguire. Manager Mehring announced that he has another good boy in line and that he wired him terms last night.

Farm Implement Dealers Plan Permanent Organization

Carlisle, Pa., April 12.—Fifty of the leading farm implement men of the Cumberland Valley, reaching from Mercersburg to and including Harrisburg, held a meeting here yesterday and inaugurated an organization of dealers in Cumberland and Franklin counties. Features of the meeting were a recitation by Miss Swartz, a monolog by E. I. Meek, and explanation of credits by Mrs. Fisher, of the Emerson-Brantingham Implement Company, of Harrisburg. Frank Weakley, teacher of business efficiency and salesmanship at the Carlisle Commercial College, addressed the conference on the subject of "Business Co-operation." C. E. Jackson was the toastmaster. Charles Gillan, of Chambersburg, is the president of the association in this district.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Sunbury, Pa., April 12.—Mrs. Homer H. Hummel, of Sunbury, has brought suit in the Northumberland County court, seeking an absolute divorce. Desertion is charged. According to the plaintiff's statement they were married by the Rev. H. H. Hessler, on December 4, 1911, and lived together at Harrisburg until May 15, 1916. At the time of their wedding he was nineteen and his wife sixteen years old.

RECORD PRICE FOR FARM

Sunbury, Pa., April 12.—What is believed to be a record price for farm property was this paid by Frank C. Shupp to H. R. Sifer for a farm in Lewis township. According to the record in the office of John L. Carr, recorder of deeds, the consideration was \$25,000. The property contains 205 acres and 90 perches. Among other buildings, according to the deed, there are two houses and two barns built on the property.

ROCKWOOD ORGANIZES

The Rockwood A. C. organized at a recent meeting of the club for the workout will be held this Saturday on the grounds at Fifteenth and Herr streets. The following players are requested to report for the trial: Kucker, Martz, Wright, Eckert, Conley, Martin, Mye, Goldsmith, Hummel and Peifer.

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