

# HARRISBURG LEAGUERS WILL BE READY WHEN THE BELL RINGS MAY 2 AT ELMIRA, N. Y.

## TENNIS COURTS READY FOR USE

Five of Seven at Reservoir Park Were Opened Yesterday

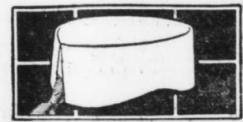
The Harrisburg Park Commission is gradually putting the tennis courts in the various sections of the city in condition and before May 1 it is expected that every court in the city, twenty in number, will be open for use. Five of the seven public courts in the southern section of Reservoir park were opened for the summer months yesterday and the other two will be opened before the end of the week.

The three courts on the Island are being shaped up and with good weather conditions are expected to be ready for use on Friday. The courts at Emerald, Twelfth and Sycamore streets should be in condition by Saturday.

**Work Starts Soon**  
Work will be started soon in changing the one-sixth of a mile track, on the Island, to a quarter-mile track. Work has also been started on the two baseball diamonds on the Island and these will be ready for use within a few days. Golfers are still using the winter greens at Reservoir Park but it is expected that the summer greens will be in shape by May 1. The Harrisburg Golf Club is placing the grounds in condition.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT CANCELED**  
Boston, April 24.—Announcement that the National Open Golf championship tournament, which was to have been held at the Braeburn Country Club in Newton, on June 27, had been canceled because of the war, was received last night by Harry L. Ayer, chairman of the Braeburn Golf committee. Howard F. Whitney, of New York, secretary of the United States Golf Association, sent the notice.

**CLINE-MCGOVERN FIGHT DRAW**  
Philadelphia, April 24.—Irish Patsy Cline, the New York lightweight, and Terry McGovern, of Philadelphia, fought six rounds here last night to a draw. The bout was fast throughout. Both men fought furiously but neither scored a knockdown. Cline weighed 132 pounds and McGovern 133.



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## NATIONAL LEAGUE

At New York---  
Game Postponed—Rain

At Philadelphia---  
Brooklyn . . . . . 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 - 3 - 4 - 3  
Philadelphia . . . 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 - 6 - 1

Batteries—Cadore, Mayer, Myers and Adams; Oeschger and Kilmer. Umpires—Quigley and Harrison.

At Cincinnati---  
Chicago . . . . . 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 - 10 - 13 - 1  
Cincinnati . . . . 0 0 0 0 4 3 0 3 x - 4 - 11 - 1

Batteries—Frudergast and Wilson; Lovoy and Wingo. Umpires—Klemm and Emslie.

At St. Louis---  
Pittsburgh . . . . 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 2 - 7 - 0  
St. Louis . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 - 3 - 2

Batteries—Cooper and Fischer; Watson and Sounders. Umpires—Orth and Higler.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Boston---  
New York . . . . . 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 2 3 - 9 - 9 - 3  
Boston . . . . . 0 0 1 1 3 0 1 0 0 - 6 - 13 - 4

Batteries—Cullop and Alexander; Shore and Cady. Umpires—McCormick and Connelly.

At Washington---  
Philadelphia . . . . 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 - 4 - 9 - 3  
Washington . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 - 3 - 3 - 2

Batteries—Bush and Meyers; Dumont and Henry. Umpires—Owens and Dineen.

## FLETCHER IS AFTER SHORTSTOP RECORD; ANOTHER WAGNER

New York, April 24.—Arthur Fletcher for Hans Wagner's throne as the greatest shortstop in the National League. That's the boom which New York critics and fans have started in behalf of the clever shortstop.

Wagner, who has retired, he believes Fletcher is entitled to recognition as the best shortstop in the National League. It is claimed that in his present form the Giant shortstop looms up as the most efficient shortstop in the Tanager circuit.

Fletcher has never played as good ball since he has been with the Giants, and as his term of service dates back to 1903, as he is flashing this spring. Whether it is the stimulating influence of the great Jimmie Zim one side of him and Charley Herzog on the other, or merely that of being on a prospective pennant-winner that is speeding up Fletcher, the fans here do not know. Anyway he is playing the best ball of any shortstop they have seen since Wagner was at his best.

**Plays Without Error**  
Unless memory fails, Fletcher did not make an error in the spring series in Detroit. He has committed only one misplay since the National League series began. That was on the opening day in Boston, when it was so cold in the Hub that Helmie Zim's remarks to the umpire froze before they reached the knight of the indicator.

In seven games the Giant shortstop has had 29 chances. Nearly all of them have been difficult. He has gone back to Zimmerman and in front of him, and come up with hard-hit balls that looked like hits.

The average man does not fully appreciate the worth of Fletcher. You hear wild discussions daily as to whether Maranville, of Boston, or Bancroft, of the Phillies, is the best shortstop in the National League. John Joseph McGraw wouldn't trade Artie Fletcher for both of them, and that goes!

**Fletcher Good Hitter**  
Maranville had a higher fielding average than Fletcher did last year. The Braves' former leader in the National League with Fletcher second. (This is figuring men who played short in 100 games or more.) Bancroft was third.

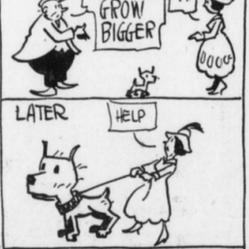
In point of hitting strength Fletcher outclasses both Maranville and Bancroft, so far that there is no comparison. He is a consistent 250 man with the stick, while neither of his rivals will average over 240. Last season Fletcher hit .288, Maranville .225 and Bancroft .212.

Fletcher is as greatly underrated in the National League as Peckinpah is in the American. Giant rooters insist that he is Wagner's successor as the daddy of the older league's shortstop. The way he is going now the great Hans in his prime could hardly surpass him.

**"KID" WILLIAMS WINS**  
New York, April 24.—In a six-round bout last night in a local theater "Kid" Williams, former light heavyweight title holder, outfought Jimmy Taylor, of New York. In the fourth and fifth rounds Williams felled his opponent and the little New Yorker was groggy when the bell ended the fight.

## SOMEBODY LIED

By SULLIVAN  
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# The Sportlight

by Grantland Rice

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Cheer-Up Stuff

"In these dark days and times of trouble writes a bystander, 'why don't you give us some cheer-up stuff? That's what we need now.' 'Cheer-up stuff? Certainly; why not? If you're head about to split? Laugh it off. If your daughter without a fit? Laugh it off. If you're broke, throw a penny. If your bills are more than many? Don't you fret or worry any—laugh it off.

If your teeth begins to ache—laugh it off. If your arm or leg 'yout break—laugh it off. If you find that you are dying. What's the use, pray tell me, of sighing? Don't waste any time in crying—laugh it off.

If you lose a thousand dollars—laugh it off. If the laundry ruins your collars—laugh it off. If the cook decides to leave you—Don't you ever let it grieve you—

But I won't try to deceive you; if you laugh it off, don't let your wife, who has to do the cooking, hear any of your merry guffaws.

If the Giants can overcome one deadly handicap they have the National League race sewed up. This handicap is the fact that the Granddoodle, backed up by popular acclamation, picks them to win.

The Army Game  
It is easily conceivable that war conditions might arise which would practically wipe out golf and tennis, football and track. It is easily conceivable that such conditions might end professional baseball.

But it is not conceivable that any conditions would end baseball playing, even for an interim.  
For baseball is an army game. It is the one game which appeals more to the soldier than all others combined.

Being an American, he takes it to the Philippines or to Mexico, where during the late scramble a six-club league was formed and a full schedule was played.  
Suppose he isn't an American? Well, over \$150,000 worth of baseball supplies have been sent to the European front for use back of the lines. Mr. Lane, editor of "The Baseball Magazine," tells us that the proportion of his subscribers among army people is far beyond that of any other class. "The army takes to baseball as its game. So does the navy. In the first place, it requires no such stretch of territory as golf does, nor any such smooth surface as tennis.

Given an open field of average dimensions, that isn't too hilly and too rough, and a bat and four rocks for bases can complete the equipment for play. The field may not be as smooth as the diamond at the Polo Grounds, but this part of it is soon forgotten if the field is only fairly level.

Baseball is encouraged by army authorities, because it is not only fine training, but is also a recreation and a diversion from the routine of camp life.  
War may reach a degree where it will stop professional baseball. But it would have to be almost totally annihilating to check the game itself.

After R. L. S.  
The little putt, that glides down hill,  
I hate with all my heart;  
And when I miss, the words I spill,  
Might give you quite a start.

Sometimes it's but a foot or two,  
Sometimes it's but a yard;  
But when the line I pick ain't true  
I take it awful hard.

**International Sport**  
When this war is over sport will come upon the greatest international program it has ever known.

Germany has never any part worth speaking of in sport, but the alliance existing among America, England and France will be closer than ever. There is still another reason. Those in the war who have become accustomed to the outdoor life will naturally turn to sport when they get back home again. Those who followed sport in the old days will return to it with renewed devotion. Those who paid little attention to sport will become converts.

There will also be a general craving for excitement, which, with peace declared, only sport can satisfy.  
It will be no easy job to go back from the thrills of the firing line to life back of the counter—to an indoor existence. The existence can then only be the greatest interest and the greatest excitement, it will be even more popular than it was before August, 1914.

Who says the Force of Habit is not a controlling factor? Jack Coombs was a member of the Mackmen when they could beat the Giants without batting an eyelash. Since reverting to the National League Jack has maintained the old order. By tossing his glove into the ball yard victory is assured. So far he has not beaten them nine straight times while wearing Brooklyn harness, but the Colby Carbine is still far from being out of ammunition.

**Revised Again**  
It is easy enough to be a peasant  
When life moves on in the rut;  
But the bloke worth while  
Is the one who can smile  
After blowing a 12-inch putt.

There are occasions when three years might easily be a lifetime. Some one recently spoke to an English golfer in the trenches about a certain tournament held back in "peace times." "Peace time?" he queried with a puzzled look. "When was that?"

"All the Detroit Tigers need," announces an exchange, "is pitchers." And all Germany needed was a bigger and better navy than England's.

## BLUE RIDGE IS PATRIOTIC LEAGUE

Hagerstown, Md., April 24.—The six clubs making up the Blue Ridge League will not stand in the way of players who would enlist in the United States Army or Navy in order that they might "do their bit" for the country. President J. V. Jamison, Jr., has sent out a letter to the Blue Ridge clubs advising them to co-operate with those players who would enlist. And the word has gone down the line that players so inclined on consulting the officers of their respective clubs will find no opposition to their enlistment.

With training season starting next week, the prospects are very bright for a prosperous season in the circuit. The war will not kill baseball. With the country keyed to a "fighting pitch" by the declaration of war with Germany, baseball will be a courted recreation for the enlisted man as well as the professional and business man.

Players will begin arriving in the Blue Ridge towns to-morrow and on Wednesday morning spring training will be under way. The rivalry will be keener than ever this season and the clubs will use all efforts to put strong aggregations in the field for the fight for the pennant. A number of exhibition games will be played prior to the opening of the season on May 10.

## SEASON TICKET FOR GOOD GUESSES

Zib! Bang! Boom! is the way the New York State League will open on May 2. Baseball fans in Harrisburg will all want to see the games in this city and the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH, working in conjunction with Manager George Cockill, will give them all a chance to win a season ticket free.

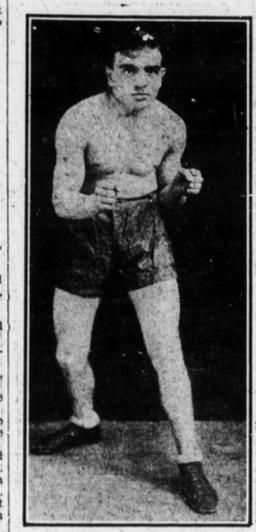
Here is the plan. A season ticket will be given to the fan who guesses the exact number of runs scored by the Harrisburg team during the first two weeks of play. Should the exact number not be guessed the fan nearest the closest to that number will be given the ticket. Every fan in the city is invited to compete. All answers will be numbered as received, and precedence given first correct answer.

**LEBANON VALLEY RELAY TEAM**  
Annville, April 24.—Coach Guyer picked the five men this afternoon who will compose the relay team Lebanon College will send to the Penn relay races on Saturday. The fastest man is Harry Holden, a Philadelphia lad who entered college last fall. MacLaughlin and Williams, of last year's team, also showed good form and are expected to give some accounts of themselves on Saturday. Isaacs, whose running was of a mediocre caliber previous to this season, sprang a surprise and will be the fourth member. Kennedy, a junior, qualified for first substitute.

**LEBANON PLAYERS SIGN**  
Lebanon, April 24.—William B. Maurer, manager of the Bethlehem Steel Company's Lebanon team, announced having signed the following players for the league season of next week, which will open on June 3. Catchers, Hart and Beamesder-

## MURRAY READY FOR HARD FIGHT

Opening Program For National A. C. Includes Ten-Round Bout



JIMMY MURRAY  
Fighting Jimmy Murray will meet Harry Smith, of Philadelphia, to-morrow night in a ten round bout at the Family Theater, Third and Harris streets. It promises to be one of the best contests local fans have seen. There will be other bouts.

Dick Gotwalt, York's best bantam, will oppose Ted Lewis, of Baltimore, a youngster who has been bowling them over in the Monumental city all through the season. Young (Bill-dog) Siler, another Yorker, will have it out with Allen Putt, of Litzitz, these two boys put up the best fight of the evening when Johnny Kilbane boxed in York several weeks ago, and is sure to furnish a thriller again, as they are both of the slug-ging type, the other Barrett protege, is a left hander of the George Chaney style, named Brownie Hall, who will meet Young Dalton, of Steelton, and Dalton must be a good one to stand the pace, as Hall stopped Kid Bretz, Dalton's townsmen in less than 20 seconds, with his terrible left hand, several weeks ago.

**PENN-STATE ENTRIES**  
State College, April 24.—Penn State's entries for the University of Pennsylvania's relay carnival, to be held this week at Franklin Field, were announced to-day by Coach Martin. The following will wear the blue and white: 100-yard dash; Ganzmuller and Marlin; 120-yard hurdles, Barron and Whiting; 440-yard low hurdles, Barron and Whiting; sprint medley, Pond, Ganzmuller, Krall, Shields, Shae (captain); distance medley, Shields, Foster, Whiting, Krall, Shae; two-mile relay, championship, Shae, Shields, Foster and Whiting; four-mile championship, Shae, Shields, Foster, Hunter; freshman one-mile relay, Marling, Thomas, Uffery, Merrill and Holland; shotgun, Krushank and Beck; hammer throw, Cabbage; discus, Cabbage, Beck, Dambly and Jones; javelin, Jones and Dambly; broad jump—Enoch; pole vault, Runyon; high jump, Runyon.

**INJURY TO BALL PLAYERS**  
Cincinnati, April 24.—It developed yesterday that Wortman, shortstop of the Chicago National League club, and Roush, center fielder of the Cincinnati team, who were injured in Sunday's game, were seriously hurt and will be out of the game for some time.  
Physicians say that Wortman's ankle is broken and that he will not be able to play for at least six weeks. Roush will be laid up two or three weeks with a sprained ankle.

## WELLY'S CORNER

George Cockill is not getting all the necessary sleep these days. He wants to have a team ready by May 2 that will show a pace. Getting a good start means extra points for the team. The Harrisburg crew will have to go some against Jimmy Jackson's Philadelphia farm products.

One thing is certain, the tennis courts at Reservoir Park will be looked after this season. Arrangements will also be made to prevent local players from being obliged to wait from one to three hours to get a chance to play.

Tennis tournaments will again be a popular summer sport this year in and about Harrisburg. The local high schools each have good teams and will play matches in various parts of the State. Prominent tennis will come to this city.

Connie Mack's boys came back yesterday at Washington and won out by a nose. Bush was the big boy who pulled the trick, allowing but three scattered hits. Errors figured

in Washington's runs in the eighth. The Macks' had a great ninth inning rally.

That Harrisburg has some promising youngsters working at Lewisburg is shown in the many requests for players for International League managers. The local leader will not make any trades unless he can get the men he needs. He can spare some of the youngsters after the season is on.

At Elmira all records have been broken for the sale of baseball books. Men and women were active in a campaign which closed recently and put some money into the treasury for the Colonels.

Amateurs are having some difficulty in getting started this year. Rain interfered with some of the earlier games and last Saturday the big parade prevented games. This week starts off with postponements of practice because of rain and wet grounds. Two weeks of continuous sunshine is needed to show the old-time pep with local teams.

**TWO MORE BIG SHOOT**  
Pittsburgh, April 24.—Two additional meets in the national trap-shooting schedule were announced by E. Reed Shaner, secretary of the Interstate Association for the Encouragement of Trapshooting, as follows: Kansas State tournament, at Larned, Kan., May 8 and 9, and Tennessee State tournament, at Jackson, Tenn., June 20 and 21. It was also announced that the date of the South Dakota State tournament, scheduled for Alexandria, S. D., had been changed from June 20 and 21 to May 10 and 11.

**SELECTING RELAY TEAM**  
Coach Earl Kunkel is selecting the five men which will represent Central high in the University of Pennsylvania relays Saturday. A definite decision had not been made at the time of going to press, but a fast squad is certain. Five runners will make the trip and are expected to bring home honors, as the Forster street candidates are stronger than ever this season. Other men will take part in the various meets on high school's schedule, in the events which they are trying for.

**HICK-A-THRIFT PRACTICE**  
All applicants for positions on the Hick-a-Thrift nine this season are requested to meet for practice at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon on the Island. Additional practice will be held Saturday at 2 o'clock.

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