

SPORTS---NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE STARTS SEASON TODAY---HARRISBURG AT ELMIRA

KILBANE WINS OVER CHAMPION

Outpoints Freddie Welsh in Ten-Round Bout; Feather-weight Is Clever

New York, May 2.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, lost a golden opportunity to add the lightweight title to his name here last night in his bout with Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion of the world, but the Clevelander succeeded in defeating his English opponent in ten rounds.

Kilbane earned the advantage in a majority of the rounds. He was handicapped considerably by Welsh's superior weight. The Englishman, who appeared to weigh about ten pounds more than the featherweight king, offended in the early rounds by punching Kilbane in the nose and ear.

One hour before the principals for the main bout entered the ring the clubhouse was crowded. Standing room was at a premium. The ante for admission was raised to \$5, and a number of the lower floor.

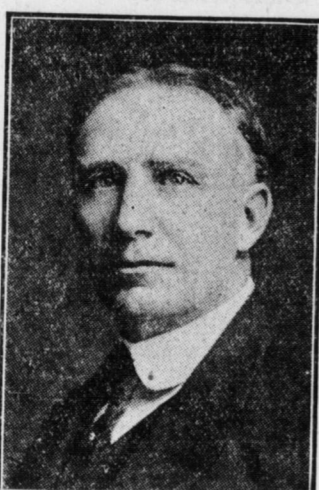
It was the signal for the opening of the 1917 season. Early reports indicated that all of the clubs of this year will be built on the same plan.

There has been a desire on the part of all managers to get as much new material as possible, providing that the players were of known worth and not experiments.

The club owners decided on the double umpire system. In seasons past there has been much fault found with the work of the umpires.

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PLAY BALL IS STATE LEAGUE ORDER TO-DAY



JOHN H. FARRELL, President New York State Baseball League



GEORGE COCKILL, President and Manager Harrisburg Club

"Play ball," that old familiar cry was heard on the J. H. Farrell circuit to-day. It was the signal for the opening of the 1917 season.

Harrisburg at Elmira. Reading at Binghamton. Wilkes-Barre at Syracuse. Scranton at Utica.

Manager George Cockill and other leaders will use all available players in the opening games, and perhaps for a week.

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BANKS TEAM TIES MIVOR FOR LEAD

O'Leary Team Makes Most Marked Advance, Jumping One Game Behind Leaders

The Banks team defeated the McVior combination two games last night on the Taylor alleys and tied the league leaders for first place in the Dauphin-Cumberland duckpin tournament.

The O'Leary team made the most marked advance of any of the teams last night, taking three games and the Academy alleys, and advancing within one game of the leaders.

Table with columns for team names (McVior-Banks, Owen-Myers, Bentz-Palmer, Pikes-O'Leary) and scores.

Table titled 'STANDING OF THE TEAMS' with columns for team names, W, L, Pct.

Table titled 'BASEBALL SUMMARY' with columns for scores of yesterday's games.

Table titled 'WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY' listing games for National League, American League, and International League.

The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

Copyright, 1917, The Tribune Association (New York Tribune). The very few who have had the chance to smash records in sport know the terrific strain which comes just at the finish.

This is but a prelude to the psychology attached to pitching a no-hit game in the major leagues. We have always wondered how a pitcher felt as he was working his hitless way along, once the fifth or sixth inning had been safely passed.

Even then, pitching the last of the eighth, I didn't feel nervous or excited or unduly striven. It was not until the last of the ninth, with only three men to get, that I suddenly realized I'd like to have at least one no-hit game in my kit.

The old idea that a pitcher couldn't hit is being rapidly dissolved. Ray Caldwell is the main pinch hitter of the Yankees. Walter Johnson is the leading pinch hitter of the Nationals.

"It's a wonder to me," writes another golfer, "that some of these modern golf architects haven't picked up the Grand Canyon and moved it over for a hazard to one of their courses."

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WELLY'S CORNER

The big noise starts to-day in the New York State League. President J. H. Farrell reports prospects encouraging. Harrisburg gets going at Elmira weather permitting.

No official announcement has been made by University of Pennsylvania officials that all athletics will be called off at that institution. Indications are, however, that Penn is almost at the point of suspending all athletic activity.

Connie Mack is seeking the service of Joe Dugan, the Holy Cross star. He has been looking Dugan over and it looks like a bargain.

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Advertisement for Bostonian Shoes for Men, featuring an image of a shoe and text describing the product.

Advertisement for Athletic Supporters, School of Commerce, and Forney's Drug Store.

New York, May 2---President Ban Johnson, of the American League, announced here yesterday afternoon that in case the war continued until next spring there would be no attempt to open the 1918 pennant season.

Manager Barrett Has Contracts For Big Bout; Levinsky Meets Houck

Twenty Casino Members Roll Averages of 175

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Yesterday's Scores

National League R.H.E. Chicago ... 0 0 0 7 0 0 0 0 2-9 1 St. Louis ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-5 2

Bringing Up Father



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