

TECH ATHLETES TO COMPETE MONDAY IN INTERCLASS SERIES---LOCALS LOSE GAME

COCKILL'S CREW AGAIN LOSERS Errors at First Give Elmira Victory After Harrisburg Takes Big Lead



Copyright, 1917, The Tribune Association (New York Tribune). A correspondent desires to know whether or not Billy Sunday ever batted above .300.

Elmira, N. Y., May 4.—The Elmira team's invitation to Company L recruits and members of Clean and Horelli militia drilling at battalion headquarters here to yesterday's game, together with the fact it was ladies' day, brought out a larger crowd. It was the third game between Elmira and Harrisburg. Cockill shifted his line-up and introduced a new first baseman, Carroll, who succeeded Bold. Parson and Miller formed the battery for visitors while Dessau and Peterson worked for Elmira.

Thirty years ago this season Billy joined in the greatest attack upon pitchers ever known in the history of baseball. The pitching forces of the game have never received such a mighty mauling as they did in 1887. This was the year wherein Bill reached the classic height of .359, the best mark he ever knew.

This was also the year wherein no less than 112 men in three major leagues batted above .300, and seventeen of these went on beyond .400 in the daily fusillades tossed into the pitcher's box. Figure out 112 men batting .300 or better, where last year only twenty men in the two majors reached this select corner in the province of swat. There were almost as many .400 hitters in 1887 as there were .300 hitters in 1916—or as there will be .300 hitters when the 1917 campaign is concluded.

1887, Billy Sunday's star season on the field, smashed all records for heavy artillery, and Bill contributed his quota with flashing effect. The batsmen that season hung up an unbroken curtain of fire around pitching mounds and shattered all the fences in range. Here are a few 1887 marks worth casual observation: O'Neil, St. Louis, .492 Dan Brouthers, Detroit, .419 Ferguson, Philadelphia, .412 Mack, Louisville, .410 Caruthers, St. Louis, .459 Thompson, Detroit, .406 Cap Anson, Chicago, .421 Lyons, Athletics, .459 In addition to these Burch, Burns, Orr, Radford, Robinson and Stacey all batted .400 or more that stirring campaign, while King Kelly stopped at .398.

So Billy was a star in the days when batters were Titans. His speed and agility can be judged from his physical form today, whereas thirty years later he is still as lithe and as active as a leopard or a panther.

Visiting Note I am keeping straight and sober; I am saving up my rooks; And I'll see you in October. When the Giants play the Sox. SLEEPY STEVE. "I am still wondering," writes Sleepy Steve, "whether Mr. Van Loan's puny punt of 7,000 feet was made with a floater, and whether it reached the Gulf of California."

Tris Speaker evidently likes his apartment on the top floor of Batting Hall. Tris says he has signed a two-year lease, but it is reported in legal circles that one T. R. Cobb has produced eviction papers and will take the matter to court at the fall session. Concerning the Cincinnati Reds They may not win the pennant. If Matty only had the w'ing He had in 1905. And then there are the Yankees. Just think how well they'd fight If they had Speaker playing left And T. R. Cobb in right!

"When this war is over," asserts an exchange, "kings are going to be highly unpopular." So are wars. The Smartest "You have written," suggests E. E. L., "about the fastest team in baseball and the hardest hitting, but how about the smartest? Or, don't brains count any longer?" The smartest ball playing machine we have seen for the last two years are the Red Sox. This team, in the main, is composed of veterans, and veterans who insist upon keeping their heads up and their eyes open. They get more out of their general qualifications than any other club we know. Hobby, Barry, Scott, Gardner, Lewis and Hooper especially are all mentally alert at every given chance. For general baseball smartness in the last ten years there is still no club quite up to the level of the old Cubs. This was the clan that used its collective head even more than its hands and feet.

Wars and rumors of wars mean very little to Hank O'Day. Any man who has managed the Reds and Cubs and has umpired for over twenty years and already passed beyond the final barrier of trouble. Having seen the worst, life ahead can only offer hope. Western clubs in the American League that have been accustomed to feeling unscathed since 1914 are hereby warned against a forthcoming shock. Those expecting to feast on the Mackmen of 1916 are liable to absorb indignation before June. This team can hit—and any ball club that can hit is not to be taken too gently—especially upon the day that finds Joe Bush in the box.

May Be Woman in Case, Manager Dan Shay Silent Indianapolis, May 5.—Dan Shay, manager of the Milwaukee American Association baseball club, who is charged with shooting and killing Clarence Euell, a negro waiter at the English Hotel cafe, remained locked up in a cell at Central police station yesterday. The police were searching for a woman who was said to have been with Shay at the time of the shooting, but they have found no trace of her since she disappeared during the hubbub. The trouble leading to the shooting is said to have started over the amount of sugar in the bowl on the table at which Shay was sitting. Shay first made his objection to a colored boy and then to Euell. The latter, it is said, obtained two sugar bowls from near-by tables and placed them before the ballplayer. It was following this that the shooting took place. Shay was sent to police headquarters and Euell to a hospital, where he died an hour later. Shay has refused to make any kind of a statement, other than when shown the revolver to say that it looked like his weapon, and to assert that the waiter called him a vile name. He has not admitted that a woman was with him, although the police questioned him closely on this subject. There were no other diners in the cafe at the time.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK London, May 5.—The following official statement was issued last night: "The admiralty announces that a destroyer of an older type struck a mine May 2 in the English channel, and sank. One officer and sixty-one men are missing and are presumed to have drowned."

CLUB STANDING SHOWS CHANGES OVER LAST YEAR; EASTERN CLUBS IMPROVE

New York, May 5.—A number of marked changes in the standing of the major league clubs at the end of the month of April, as compared with the rating of a year ago, are shown by a comparison of the standing of the leagues on May 1, for the past and present seasons. In the National League a year ago the Philadelphia club was leading with Brooklyn second and Chicago third. Of the trio only Chicago has held its place for Philadelphia was fourth and Brooklyn last at the beginning of the present month. Twelve months ago Boston was fourth, St. Louis fifth, and Cincinnati sixth in the senior league flag race. This season Boston was fourth, St. Louis second, while Cincinnati still held sixth place. Pittsburgh failed to improve her position, being last, led the league.

Leaders Now in Cellar Washington was out in front in the Johnson circuit last year but was last on May 1 this season. Detroit, Boston and Cleveland were all tied for second place in 1916. The race twice broke in Washington's favor, but Detroit seventh and Cleveland fifth. New York was fifth and Chicago sixth last season and both improved their rating this spring, being third and second respectively in the 1917 drive. Philadelphia was last in the struggle was last in 1916, and St. Louis held fourth place a few days ago while the Athletics of last season showed the club holding seventh place.

As a result it can be seen that of the four Eastern clubs the New York Nationals is the only combination to improve its standing, going from last to first place, while the four western clubs have either held their own or bettered their positions over those of the past year. In the American League three of the four Eastern clubs have gained in standing over 1916, while Chicago is the only one of the Western teams to show an improvement over the play of the first three weeks of the previous season. The standing of the sixteen clubs for both the past and present campaigns follows:

Table with columns for National League, American League, and Eastern League, listing teams and their win-loss records.

PENDERGAST IS AMATEUR CHAMP

Syracuse Shot Leads in Current Raiser of National Classic New York, May 5.—Shooting over the New York Athletic Club's traps at Travers Island yesterday, H. J. Pendergast, of Syracuse, the New York State champion, won the preliminary event of the twelfth annual national amateur trapshooting championship with a score of 191 out of 200 clay targets. W. D. Silkworth, of the home club, and Fred Plum, of Atlantic City, N. J., tied for second honors, with 190 each. The first team of the New York Athletic Club captured the team trophy, with 1840 "breaks" to 1743 for the Boston A. A. first team. The New York Athletic Club second team had a score of 1618 and the Boston A. A. second team broke 1606.

Many Gunners on List There were 119 gunners in the big shoot, two of whom were women. Mrs. J. A. Vogel, of Detroit, finished fourth place, with a score of 185, while Mrs. A. G. Wilkes, of San Francisco, broke 168 out of 200. More than 200 entries have been received for the amateur championship event at 200 targets, which will be decided over the same traps today. R. L. Sports, of the New York Athletic Club, the present champion, who finished in tenth place to-day, will defend his title.

WELLY'S CORNER

Weather permitting Connie Mack expected to put Falkenberg in the box to-day against New York. Reports say that "Cy," who has pitched in most every league in the country, is in fine shape. Jimmy Jackson outgeneraled George Cockill yesterday. It does not always pay to take a chance with an experienced, even if there is a four-run lead. Harrisburg now has three games to win from the Colonels to square the preliminary event of the twelfth annual national amateur trapshooting championship with a score of 191 out of 200 clay targets. W. D. Silkworth, of the home club, and Fred Plum, of Atlantic City, N. J., tied for second honors, with 190 each. The first team of the New York Athletic Club captured the team trophy, with 1840 "breaks" to 1743 for the Boston A. A. first team. The New York Athletic Club second team had a score of 1618 and the Boston A. A. second team broke 1606.



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GAMES FREE TO ALL SOLDIERS IN U. S. SERVICE

All soldiers in uniform, in service of the United States, will be admitted free to ball games at Island Park. This announcement has been made by Secretary Frank Gold for the Harrisburg Club. The new order will be in effect commencing next Tuesday, opening day. Secretary Selas returned late yesterday from Elmira. He said: "We are going to be just as patriotic in Harrisburg as baseball soldiers from the army or navy, now on duty, are welcome to all home games. This includes men who may be home on furloughs."

Pittsburgh Will Play Eastern Baseball Schedule Pittsburgh, Pa., May 5.—Despite the restrictions put upon the athletic teams at the University of Pittsburgh, by the school heads in the way of shorter practices and military drills, the Blue and Gold teams are keeping up the high standard of play that has characterized their work for the past few years. The track, baseball and tennis teams are all displaying winning brands of their games and a successful season is looked for in each of them.

WEST END WANTS GAMES The West End Athletic Club baseball team is in the field for home games with any strong amateur or semiprofessional team. Several of the members of the team are National Guardsmen and are required to drill on Saturday afternoons. For this reason the team will be unable to play out-of-town games. Address all communications to the secretary, Charles C. McCahan, 2133 North Fourth street.

SOMEbody LIED by SULLIVAN. A cartoon illustration showing a man lying down and another man standing over him.

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