

BASEBALL GIVEN SOME SURPRISES IN OPENING DAY GAMES --- RIFLE CLUB PLANS

BIG LEAGUE HAS LIVELY START; GOOD PITCHING

First Day Brings Some Surprises to Baseball Fans; Alexander Loses

Only one big league game was stopped yesterday by rain. Detroit and Cleveland were halted in their opening program. Reports from other cities showed stronger enthusiasm than in the Monday games. The National League led in yesterday's attendance.

Philadelphia, April 17.—Erskine Mayer, Pat's first pitcher while Joe Coachger nurses his wrenched knee ligaments, was the individual star performer in the opening game of the local big league baseball season, which transpired at the National League layout yesterday afternoon, with a crowd of about 11,000, liberally besprinkled with uniforms of both sexes, gazing on. He pitched and batted the Phillies into first place (in the local papers, anyhow) in their first combat, the Boston Braves serving as the party of the second part, first 3 to 2.

Giants Easy Winners
New York, April 17.—The New York Giants, champions of the National League, opened the season in an auspicious manner here, defeating Brooklyn, 6 to 4. The game was preceded by a parade of Regulars from Fort Slocum and Naval Reservists from the Pelham Bay station. Major-General William A. Mann, commander of the Department of the East, threw out the first ball. Ideal weather conditions brought out a crowd of 25,000.

New York made a strong start, knocking Marquard out of the box in one-third of an inning, when they scored three runs. Brooklyn also knocked out Tesreau, New York's first pitcher, but Anderson held the Brooklyn batsmen in check, permitting only two hits.

Almost No-Hit Game; Athletics Hard Losers

Boston, April 17.—A doubtful decision in the ninth inning gave the Red Sox a 1 to 0 victory over the Athletics. After Hohlitzel had tied out to Dugan, McInnes doubled to right, Whitman then hit to Pitcher Scott Perry, who threw to Gardner. The Athletics' third-struck ran McInnes back and then threw the ball to Shannon, who chased McInnes back toward third, and, since nobody was there to take the throw, just before McInnes made a slide for the bag Shannon jumped as him and landed outside the diamond. McInnes was apparently out by Shannon's play, but umpire Connolly and Dineen, after a consultation, ruled that Shannon was safe. The Athletics protested, but without avail.

Pittsburgh Drops One
Cincinnati, April 17.—Schneider's superior pitching, combined with costly errors by the visitors, enabled Cincinnati to win the opening game of the season here from the Pittsburghs by a score of 2 to 0. One hit was all that Pittsburgh obtained off Schneider.

World's Champions Lose
Washington, April 17.—Washington opened here today by winning 7 to 6, as the result of an eighth-inning battling rally.

Chicago, April 17.—The American League season opened here with a 6 to 1 victory for St. Louis over Chicago. The visitors pounded the world's champions' pitchers freely to all parts of the field, Geddon leading the attack with four hits, which included a double and a triple. After the game, Owner Phil Ball gave each of the players \$50 as a reward for their good start.

St. Louis, April 17.—St. Louis opened the National League season here with a 4 to 2 victory over Chicago. The locals hit Alexander hard and timely, pounding out nine hits, for a total of seventeen bases, while Meadows held the visitors scoreless until the ninth, when a rally netted two runs.

Draft Calls Killifer
By Associated Press
Kalamazoo, Mich., April 17.—William Killifer, battery mate of Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Chicago Cubs, who was drafted recently, was placed in Class 1A subject to immediate call by the district draft board here. Killifer was originally placed in Class 4A by the local board at Paw Paw.

"Porky" Flynn Badly Beaten
Boston, April 17.—"Kid" Norfolk, of Panama, decisively defeated Dan "Porky" Flynn, of this city, in a twelve-round bout here last night.

SNOOLDES—His Selfish Attitude Drives Slewfoot to Bitter Words



ACADEMY STARS START BASEBALL

Squad Includes Promising Material; Relay Team Cancels Philadelphia Entry

With the beginning of the warm weather the Harrisburg Academy nine has started regular practice. Under the direction of Coaches Gavin and Pritchard, a tryout of candidates was held yesterday and the battery candidates were given their first instruction. There are three promising candidates for the pitching staff in Escalero, Yoffe and Stone.

MacDougal For Catcher
For catcher, MacDougal is a promising candidate. Though he has never caught before, he is an experienced outfielder having played in a few games last year. DeVore and Hoerners also stand a chance for the backstop position.

The infield candidates who seem safe are Loundermilch, first base; Stewart, second; Morgenthaler, shortstop, and Newlin, third. In the outfield are Wren J. Hawkins, Weisig and M. Hawkins.

With four letter men from last year's nine and plenty of new material, the coaches hope for a bright season. The game will be staged this Saturday on the Academy diamond with Baltimore City College. Last Saturday's game was canceled on account of the weather.

NEW SYRACUSE OWNERS

New York, April 17.—Officials and club members of the new International League came out yesterday with details that Joseph J. Lannin was interested in other than the Buffalo club. President Farrell alleged that P. J. Donovan is the sole owner of the Syracuse franchise.

GETTYSBURG WINS OPENER
Gettysburg, Pa., April 17.—Gettysburg opened its baseball season yesterday with a victory when Coach Plank's men easily defeated St. Mary's, 6 to 1. Yarrison pitched a good game, holding the visitors to two hits. It was his last contest, as he has been called by the draft. Scheffer did the heavy hitting, having a triple, double and single to his credit. Score: R. H. E. Gettysburg 6 2 1 Mt. St. Mary's 1 3 1

FERTILIZERS DEATH TO TROUT
Cottleville, Pa., April 17.—The trout season opened in this county Monday and many anglers were out whipping the streams. Few large catches were reported. Among the successful ones were W. W. Mast, the Rev. T. W. McKinney, John Lerch, W. T. Hurst, W. P. Wood, Joseph Penneck, Martin Souders, Fred Souders, anglers say, have exterminated most of the trout in Chester county streams.

SCORES OF YESTERDAY
National League R. H. E. Boston 0 0 0 0 0 11—2 5 1 Philadelphia 0 0 1 0 0 4 0—5 10 2 Batteries, Heame, Rogon and Wilson; Moyer and Beams.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
R. H. E. Philadelphia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 1 1 Boston 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 1 8 0 Batteries, Perry and Perkins; Mays and Agnew.

IMPORTANT TENNIS MEETING
An important meeting of the Harrisburg Tennis Association is scheduled for to-night at 7.30. It will be held in the office of the park commissioner, in the Calder building.

TED LEWIS IS WINNER
Milwaukee, Wis., April 17.—Ted Lewis, champion welterweight boxer, last night outpointed Joe Egan, of Boston, light critics agreed, in a ten-round, no-decision bout which went the limit.

Camp Hill High School Team Has Good Season Regardless of Many Reverses



The Camp Hill High School varsity team, with five victories and nine defeats to its credit, was forced to quit the season before the close of the schedule of games, largely on account of the illness of three players. Coach "Bob" Dunkle, who last year had charge of the team for the first time, declares that if the team had been able to finish the season it would have had the same number of victories as defeats, as the five remaining games on the schedule were to be played on the home floor. Even with the record shown above, the team had a good season considering that most of the players were inexperienced. The team was pitted against aggregations much stronger and more experienced players, which was largely responsible for several defeats. In the above picture, reading from left to right, are Coach "Bob" Dunkle, Adam Nell, captain; Edmund Good, manager; John Baschore, E. Neil, John Nell and Harrison.

RIFLE CLUB TO START SATURDAY

Keystone Members Plan Season Opening at Conewago; Ten-Round Match

Rifle season on the Pennsylvania railroad range will open Saturday. E. F. Dickinson, secretary of the Keystone Rifle Club, a strictly Pennsylvania organization, has prepared an interesting program. The big day starts at 10 o'clock in the morning. Secretary Dickinson says: "It is the desire to keep the interest in this club as high as possible, but on account of the scarcity of ammunition no doubt a number of the members feel that they do not have sufficient to visit the range very frequently."

Handicap Plans
For this occasion it has been decided to make this a ten-round match, to be fired from the two-hundred-yard range, standing position and no rest. Those shooting the Krag rifle will be given a handicap over those shooting the Springfield. There will be two very suitable prizes offered for the two highest scores. The entrance fee will be nominal.

This is the first shoot of the year, and it is urged that every member will make it a point to participate in the match on this day. In order that the necessary arrangements may be made, send in your names promptly. The handicap table follows: 30 points with Krag ties, 40 points with Springfield; 32 points with Krag ties, 41 with Springfield; 34 points with Krag ties, 42 with Springfield; 36 points with Krag ties, 43 with Springfield; 38 points with Krag ties, 44 with Springfield; 40 points with Krag ties, 45 with Springfield; 42 points with Krag ties, 46 with Springfield; 44 points with Krag ties, 47 with Springfield; 46 points with Krag ties, 48 with Springfield; 48 points with Krag ties, 49 with Springfield; 50 points with Krag ties, 50 with Springfield.

BOWLING

Academy League (Academy Alleys)
Aviators 632 788—677 Artillery 714 672—689 McDonald, (A) 159 Gardner, (A) 394
STANDING OF THE TEAMS
Artillery 10 5 567 Aviators 5 10 333
Central Iron and Steel League (Casino Alleys)
Test Room 648 569—652 Purchasing Dept. 611 651—620 P. Stauffer, (P. D.) 296 P. Stauffer, (P. D.) 616
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Major League Doings; Where Teams Play

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
National League
Philadelphia, 5; Boston, 2.
Cincinnati, 2; Pittsburgh, 0.
New York, 6; Brooklyn, 4.
St. Louis, 4; Chicago, 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS
National League
W. L. Pct.
Philadelphia 1 0 1.000
New York 1 0 1.000
St. Louis 1 0 1.000
Cincinnati 1 0 1.000
Chicago 0 1 1.000
Boston 0 1 1.000
Brooklyn 0 1 1.000
Pittsburgh 0 1 1.000

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. L. Pct.
Boston 1 0 1.000
St. Louis 1 0 1.000
New York 1 1 500
Washington 1 1 500
Cleveland 0 1 0.000
Detroit 0 1 0.000
Chicago 0 1 0.000
Philadelphia 0 2 0.000

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY
National League
Boston at Philadelphia.
Chicago at St. Louis.
Brooklyn at New York.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

WHERE THEY PLAY TOMORROW
National League
Boston at Philadelphia.
Chicago at St. Louis.
Brooklyn at New York.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Philadelphia at Boston.
St. Louis at Chicago.
New York at Washington.
Detroit at Cleveland.

Toronto President to Appeal Decision
Toronto, April 17.—President McCaffery, of the Toronto club of the new International League, yesterday announced that he would not accept as final the finding of the National Commission which upheld the validity of contracts signed by Players Lalouge and Schultz with Kansas City, and that he would appeal the decision. He expressed the opinion that the Commission lacked jurisdiction in the matter.

DENY ALEXANDER LATEST REQUEST

Authority From Washington Will Prevent Transfer to Army Service

St. Louis, Mo., April 17.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, who pitched and lost the opening game of the season for the Chicago Nationals in their game yesterday with the St. Louis National, upon his arrival here from Chicago, said he had telegraphed his draft board at St. Paul, Neb., asking for permission to join the Navy. This decision followed a visit yesterday at the Great Lakes naval training station.

Lincoln, Neb., April 17.—There is little chance for Grover Cleveland Alexander, twirler for the Chicago National League baseball team, to enter the Navy instead of going with the April draft quota, from Howard county, Neb., the pitcher's home, according to a statement made here today by Captain Walter L. Anderson, representative in Nebraska of Provost Marshal General Crowder. Unless Alexander is able to secure permission to join the Navy from military authorities at Washington, he will have to go with his contingent from St. Paul, Neb., to Camp Funston, Captain Anderson said.

"Alexander had all winter to join the Navy if he wanted to," asserted Captain Anderson. "Our general orders are to release no registrants to the Navy after they have been called for duty in the Army, and there is no reason why Alexander should be taken out of his present quota." The secretary of Alexander's draft board called state headquarters for the selective service draft for advice in connection with Alexander's request for permission to join the Navy. The secretary said that Alexander stood in the April quota as the tenth man in a list of twelve to go. He was told that unless Alexander was able to induce the higher authorities at Washington to grant his request, he would have to go to Camp Funston.

MAY NOT SIGN THIS PLAYER
St. Louis, April 17.—Jack Smith, one of the best batsmen of the Cardinal team, is still in California, and refuses to accept a small-sized contract. It is said that the young player is really vexed, not at the money offered, but because they won't let his real name be printed on the score cards. His real name is said to be something like Vavrasika Smeikalavik.

MCCARRON LOSES BATTLE

Toledo, Ohio, April 17.—Soldier Bartfield, of New York, won decisively over Jack McCarron, of Allentown, Pa., in a ten-round bout here last night, according to a verdict of men at the ringside. McCarron was badly cut about the head, mouth and over the left eye.

WELLY'S CORNER

"Ike" McCord has been signed to play shortstop on the P. R. team at Altoona. This is a good find for the Mountaineers. "Ike" is some player. He is a Pennsylvania railroad employe and this job will be to his liking. He played with the Raleigh, N. C., team of the Southern League.

The date fixed for a big start of the local amateur and semi-professional baseball teams is April 27. The West End squad has started hard work and this aggregation promises to be in evidence. The St. Mary's C. C. team has been playing for three weeks and ought to show almost mid-season form when other teams are just breaking in.

"Billy" Cleckner is arranging for one big trapshooting contest between the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association and the West Fairview Sportsmen's Association. It is probable that there will be a series of five matches. Two will be held at each place. If there is a tieup a neutral field will be picked.

Leo Houck is a popular boy in Massachusetts, but he always gets the worst of the decisions. On three occasions he has been credited with losing on a decision of the referee. What Houck wants to do is to make a finish of some of so-called New England champs. He can do it, and if he does he can ask any price for a battle.

Manager George Cockill and his Bethlehem League squad is likely to cause some surprise. Cockill's crews usually do when they get started. With no interference Manager Cockill has been able to land a strong lineup and there will be something doing soon.

Grover Cleveland Alexander is going to fight for Uncle Sam. That is a safe bet. Whether he will get into the Army or Navy is still a question. He has written the naval authorities and an answer is expected in a few days.

Corbett Lands Knockout as Promoter For Loan

Chester, Pa., April 17.—James J. Corbett, former world's champion, visited the Remington Arms plant at the noon hour yesterday and addressed more than 5,000 workers. He scored another "knockout" to his long chain of victories when he acted as the lever for subscriptions amounting to more than \$250,000 to the Third Liberty Loan. The subscription to the loan at Remington, including yesterday's sales, has now reached \$750,000. The million-dollar mark is the goal set by Major W. A. Garrett. The sales average \$62.25 per capita.

Corbett held the attention of his listeners at every turn and several times, referring to his big battles in the roped arena, impressed the rifle workers that victory was achieved by hard work.

Y. M. C. A. Cage Series Includes Fast Games

In the Y. M. C. A. Basketball League series last night, the A's and M's won victories. The summaries follow:

A'S
Harris, f. Devine, f.
Fasnacht, f. Poffenberger, c.
Pollock, c. Rexroth, g.
Moyer, e. Wingard, g.

Field goals, Harris, 5; Fasnacht, 9; Pollock, 8; Moyer, 1; Rexroth, 7; Wingard, 6. Foul goals, Pollock, 6; Devine, 2; Rexroth, 1; Wingard, 2. Referee, Killinger.

Second Fray
M'S
Baxter, f. Warley, f.
Shields, g. Cobough, c.
Griffith, f. Williams, g.
Teck, g. Bruce, g.

Field goals, Baxter, 3; Griffith, 6; Shields, 3; Beck, 2; Cobough, 2; McClosky, 4; Williams, 1; Bruce, 2. Foul goals, Beck, 8; Cobough, 7. Referee, Killinger.