

# Yankees Purchase Tract in Bronx, Near the Polo Grounds, for Their New Baseball Park

## Huge Stadium To Be Erected On E. 161st St.

Site, Bought for \$500,000, Half Mile From Home of Giants; To Seat 75,000

By W. J. Macbeth

The New York American League baseball club is about to go home for the first time since Frank Farrell disposed of the old hilltop grounds, in 1918.

Final arrangements were made yesterday by Colonels Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston for the erection of a new plant and home at Macomb's Dam Bridge. This site, which is just across the Harlem River from the Polo Grounds, embraces ten acres or more, and from every consideration of transportation, is the very most accessible spot that could be selected in the metropolis.

Colonel T. L. Huston, one of the very foremost civil engineers of the United States, has substantiated a dream of architecture that will be the very last word in baseball construction. This dream came true, which is printed separately, calls for a stadium which will seat upward of 75,000 patrons.

Relations between the Yankees and the Giants are most congenial, and the Yankees have been assured of a home at the Polo Grounds, as long as they desire to remain. The two colonies had a lease on Brush Stadium, to the end of the season of 1923. But both of these promoters wish to have a park of their own, and the park or stadium, as illustrated, will be constructed just as soon as labor conditions are normalized. Little care will be taken when business conditions are stabilized, and not before.

Location of New Stadium

The new stadium of the Yankees will be located at Macomb's Dam Bridge, between the Sixth Avenue elevated line and the Lexington Avenue (East Side) subway. The site is included between 157th and 161st streets and Dequay and River avenues. The plot, which contains about ten acres, is approximately square, 700 feet to the side. This real estate was purchased from William Waldorf Astor, first and second sons of John D. Astor, by Messrs. Baldwin and Peabody, the latter president of the Mutual Life, who are trustees for the estate.

For many months the Yankee owners seriously considered building on the Hebrew Orphan Asylum grounds, between 136th and 138th streets, and Amsterdam Avenue and Hamilton Place. This particular plot was much more roomy than the Polo Grounds, but the fact that it was limited to the width of two streets circumscribed the erection of such a stadium as planned by the two battling colonies. Necessarily, the cost of such concessions will have to be much deeper than Brush Stadium, and a width of only two streets was found impracticable.

The colonels are solicitous for the same sun hitting proclivities of Babe Ruth, but they mean to keep within the law as prescribed in home rule.

One Street To Be Closed

The closing of one street is required in the new site, but as all the contiguous property is owned by the Astor estate, which will interpose no objection, it is believed that, because of the great importance to the Yankees of the location of the new grounds, the city will make the process of closing one street a formality.

The playing field itself will be more or less the same size as the Polo Grounds. It is proposed to erect at the new stadium to accommodate 50,000 people, only slightly less than the capacity of the Polo Grounds, but the material becomes normal the capacity will be increased to 75,000.

There is a station right at the grounds on the Lexington Avenue subway, which is elevated here, at 161st Street and River Avenue. Also there is another station at the new grounds, at a surface line between the Bronx and Amsterdam Avenue, at 160th Street, passes the main entrance. Another surface line connects Amsterdam Avenue and Broadway, crossing the elevated bridge.

The location was ordered by its excellent transportation facilities to become the site of baseball grounds suitable for the city, as the greatest city in America. Other sites, which were under consideration, were not large enough to give the large capacity required.

Easy to Reach Grounds

Every rapid transit line in the city leads to the grounds. Its main direct arteries of communication are the Sixth Avenue elevated, which also carries the Polo grounds, and the Lexington Avenue elevated, which connects with the wonderful ramifications of the subway system, making the grounds easy of access from every part of the city, as the following running line of the official schedule.

East Side—The extreme ends, Bowline Green and Moshulu Parkways, Wall Street, 27; Grand Central, 16; 125th Street, 5; and Fordham Road, 8 minutes. Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, is 15 minutes. On the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, the elevated line, at the Seventh Avenue, changing to the Lexington Avenue subway at Fifty-ninth Street, the running time is also rapid. The Sixth Avenue elevated line, at the 125th Street, is also rapid. Lines may also be changed by changing at 125th Street, and Third Avenue, and also at Mott Avenue, or by walking one of the blocks at 125th Street.

West Side—On the Sixth and Ninth Avenue elevated lines the new grounds are two minutes' running time beyond the Polo Grounds. The running time on the Broadway-Seventh Avenue (West Side) subway is from Wall Street, 33 minutes; from the north end of the line, that is, 242d Street, 41 minutes; Pennsylvania Avenue, 23; Times Square, 20; Seventy-second Street, 17; Manhattan Street, 31 minutes. From north of Ninety-sixth Street changes must be made at Ninety-sixth Street and also at Mott Avenue.

The populous district of North Broadway, Washington Heights, is also served by a surface line running from Amsterdam Avenue on 154th Street, making the trip in 15 minutes, and by another from Broadway, from Macomb's Dam Avenue, from St. Nicholas Avenue and Fort George, running across Washington Bridge at 161st Street, the trip requiring 12, 9 and 20 minutes, respectively.

The Bronx is well provided with transportation lines. On the Westchester branch of the subway the running time is 5 minutes from 148th Street and Third Avenue and 14 minutes from 158th Street; the White Plains division at 141st Street, 10 minutes, with change at Mott Avenue. Lines are also provided with change at Mott Avenue, 15 and 19 minutes, respectively, from 177th Street, and from Pelham Park branch, 12 minutes; end of line at Pelham Bay Park, 19 minutes, with change at Mott Avenue. Lines are also provided with change at Mott Avenue, 15 and 19 minutes, respectively, from 177th Street, and from Pelham Park branch, 12 minutes.

## "Babe" Disporting Himself in South

HERE is George Herman Ruth, the Son of Swat, as he appeared during his recent sojourn at Dover Hall in Georgia. "Babe" ungrudgingly did most of the chores for the party and was "first at play and first at work." Judging by his smile, the "Babe's" favorite pastime is eating.



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## Babe Ruth Out To Make New Batting Record

Hopes to Better Even His Last Year's Performance of Fifty-four Home Runs

Babe Ruth, the celebrated son of swat, is out to make of 1921 the most glorious season of his scintillating career. He has designs upon a new home run record—a pretentious ambition when it is remembered that he clouted fifty-four circuit swats in 1920, but at the same time he will aim to prove his great veracity in all round play.

Ruth is to-day, perhaps, the greatest living southpaw. He did no pitching to speak of last year and little for the Red Sox in 1920. But this was because at both occasions he was out for a record in home runs and had no time to think of anything but clouting around the bases.

It will be no fault of Bambino if he does not augment his popularity in New York and throughout the American League circuit in 1921. He is at the zenith of his youth and vigor and proposes to play every advantage to his credit.

Though he played several games every week in Cuba, Ruth did not keep on that keen edge of form known to professional players throughout the championship races, and as a consequence came back to New York many rounds heavier than when he had left the fair town. Once more, among friends, it didn't take him long to realize the fact that the "bay window" was worrying those who had his welfare at heart.

For the last three weeks the greatest slugger of all time has been following the trail of his old friend, the Dover Hall Club, near Brunswick, Ga., and in North Carolina. He spent two weeks at Dover Hall in such distinguished company as T. L. Huston, Irvin S. Cobb, Wilbert Robinson, Pfeffer, "Sport" Herman, of Chicago; Harry Busick, of Baltimore, and a dozen others.

It was at Dover Hall, while pursuing a baseball pilgrimage some New York fans had heard of, that Ruth was bitten by the bug to do the job in the pending season to the shrine of Versatility. He saw therein an article which proved him the greatest pitcher of all time in the matter of percentage of victories won.

"Now, what do you know about that?" asked Ruth. "I never suspected it. But believe me, I am going to improve that record and put it as far beyond the reach of posterity as my home run record ever to be."

"I can start right in pitching next year where I left off in 1918. The old record was 1.10 per cent. I don't think I would have been willing to pitch the last two seasons regularly, while mulling in the outfield other days, but my mind has been made up. I might as well pitch my home run proclivities."

"Now I've got all the advertising necessary out of the swatting end of my bat, and I intend to show I can hit and play just as well as I can about. I would like nothing better than to pitch, play the outfield and take a turn at first base now and then. I know how to win twenty-five games. If they give me a regular turn in the box, I'm going to try myself for such work, because Huggins will be none too happy to see me in the box. I'm going to try myself for such work, because Huggins will be none too happy to see me in the box."

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## Golfers Renew War On Open Gambling At Tournaments

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 5.—The campaign against open gambling at important golf tournaments, which was started last season by the officers of the United States Golf Association, is receiving hearty support from those connected with the sport in Pinehurst. There is an important tournament golf here than at any other place in the United States from November to April and the gamblers always attempt to "work" the local tournament.

First signs of open gambling appeared in connection with the St. Valentine's meet, when a pool of considerable size was made on the sixteen golfers who qualified in the first division. This was got up by an inside set of gamblers, who paid \$10 each to pull one of the names out of the hat. Those who were fortunate enough to draw one of the four or five favorites then offered to sell their man for from \$25 to \$50.

When the golf authorities heard that the pool making was being carried on they took measures to prevent any bargaining in the clubhouse.

## Philadelphians Beat N. Y. A. C. In Trap Shoot

Hammond High Scratch Amateur Gunner at Travers Island; Tomlin First 'Pro'

More than 100 gunners took part in the shoot over the Travers Island traps of the New York A. C. yesterday. The feature was an intercity shoot against the gunners of Philadelphia. Twenty-five amateurs came from the City of Brotherly Love and shot against as many members of the home organization. The conditions called for the five best scores in each team to count on the prize.

Philadelphia won the shoot. Its five best men, who were W. M. Hammond, C. H. Newcomb, E. Hall, G. S. McCarthy and F. E. Clarke, had a grand total of 483 targets, five more than the record of the five best gunners of the Winged Foot aggregation. Incidentally, W. M. Hammond was the high scratch amateur gunner of the day, with 99 out of 100 targets. The high scratch professional was Fred Tomlin, who had the remarkable run of 100 straight kills.

Owing to the large field and the gathering darkness, it was impossible to shoot of many of the events that ended in the usual ties. These will be decided next week. The conditions under which the gunners shot were ideal. The sky was rather dark, forming a good background, against which the blue rocks loomed up big and round. As a result, the scores were all high.

Special Invitation Shoot—200 Targets

Name	Hits	Score	Total
W. M. Hammond	99	100	199
C. H. Newcomb	98	100	198
E. Hall	97	100	197
G. S. McCarthy	96	100	196
F. E. Clarke	95	100	195
W. M. Hammond	94	100	194
C. H. Newcomb	93	100	193
E. Hall	92	100	192
G. S. McCarthy	91	100	191
F. E. Clarke	90	100	190
W. M. Hammond	89	100	189
C. H. Newcomb	88	100	188
E. Hall	87	100	187
G. S. McCarthy	86	100	186
F. E. Clarke	85	100	185
W. M. Hammond	84	100	184
C. H. Newcomb	83	100	183
E. Hall	82	100	182
G. S. McCarthy	81	100	181
F. E. Clarke	80	100	180
W. M. Hammond	79	100	179
C. H. Newcomb	78	100	178
E. Hall	77	100	177
G. S. McCarthy	76	100	176
F. E. Clarke	75	100	175
W. M. Hammond	74	100	174
C. H. Newcomb	73	100	173
E. Hall	72	100	172
G. S. McCarthy	71	100	171
F. E. Clarke	70	100	170
W. M. Hammond	69	100	169
C. H. Newcomb	68	100	168
E. Hall	67	100	167
G. S. McCarthy	66	100	166
F. E. Clarke	65	100	165
W. M. Hammond	64	100	164
C. H. Newcomb	63	100	163
E. Hall	62	100	162
G. S. McCarthy	61	100	161
F. E. Clarke	60	100	160
W. M. Hammond	59	100	159
C. H. Newcomb	58	100	158
E. Hall	57	100	157
G. S. McCarthy	56	100	156
F. E. Clarke	55	100	155
W. M. Hammond	54	100	154
C. H. Newcomb	53	100	153
E. Hall	52	100	152
G. S. McCarthy	51	100	151
F. E. Clarke	50	100	150
W. M. Hammond	49	100	149
C. H. Newcomb	48	100	148
E. Hall	47	100	147
G. S. McCarthy	46	100	146
F. E. Clarke	45	100	145
W. M. Hammond	44	100	144
C. H. Newcomb	43	100	143
E. Hall	42	100	142
G. S. McCarthy	41	100	141
F. E. Clarke	40	100	140
W. M. Hammond	39	100	139
C. H. Newcomb	38	100	138
E. Hall	37	100	137
G. S. McCarthy	36	100	136
F. E. Clarke	35	100	135
W. M. Hammond	34	100	134
C. H. Newcomb	33	100	133
E. Hall	32	100	132
G. S. McCarthy	31	100	131
F. E. Clarke	30	100	130
W. M. Hammond	29	100	129
C. H. Newcomb	28	100	128
E. Hall	27	100	127
G. S. McCarthy	26	100	126
F. E. Clarke	25	100	125
W. M. Hammond	24	100	124
C. H. Newcomb	23	100	123
E. Hall	22	100	122
G. S. McCarthy	21	100	121
F. E. Clarke	20	100	120
W. M. Hammond	19	100	119
C. H. Newcomb	18	100	118
E. Hall	17	100	117
G. S. McCarthy	16	100	116
F. E. Clarke	15	100	115
W. M. Hammond	14	100	114
C. H. Newcomb	13	100	113
E. Hall	12	100	112
G. S. McCarthy	11	100	111
F. E. Clarke	10	100	110
W. M. Hammond	9	100	109
C. H. Newcomb	8	100	108
E. Hall	7	100	107
G. S. McCarthy	6	100	106
F. E. Clarke	5	100	105
W. M. Hammond	4	100	104
C. H. Newcomb	3	100	103
E. Hall	2	100	102
G. S. McCarthy	1	100	101
F. E. Clarke	0	100	100

The winning of the match for the Army hinged on their ability to defeat Columbia in the final event, the 640-foot relay, as the score stood 25 to 30 when the starter sent the contestants into the water for this event. It was a close and exciting race, which the Army men won by a length.

Local swimmer won by Goodman Army, Eberhardt, Columbia, second; Timberlake, Army, third. Time, 22:45.

Plunge won by Staher, Columbia, first; Army, second; Eberhardt, Columbia, third. Distance, 75 feet.

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Columbia Wrestlers Lose to Lehigh, 16 to 15

The Columbia wrestling team was defeated by the Lehigh University team in the local gymnasium yesterday afternoon in a series of fast bouts, the meeting being on a time advantage decision in the last bout. The score was 16 wins to 15 in favor of the Lehigh team.

## Coombs May Be Coach Of Williams Baseball

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Feb. 5.—Although no official announcement has been forthcoming as yet, Jack Coombs, former star pitcher of the Athletics in the days when Connie Mack's club was the world's champion, is the likely choice for coach of the Williams College baseball squad this spring.

He would succeed Ira Thomas, who has been excused from keeping his agreement with the Purple.

Coombs would be a fine choice for coach here, as a man who can develop pitchers is badly needed in charge of the nine. It has been a number of years since Williams boasted of much strength in the box.

In addition to the twelve games already booked against American League clubs not less than eleven exhibitions have been arranged with fast minor league opposition. Two games each with Boston, of the Texas League; Louisville, of the American Association; and Mobile and New Orleans, of the Southern Association, have been booked. One-day stands will be observed at Fort Worth, Galveston and Memphis. Fordham University will play the Giants at the Polo Grounds on April 12, the day before McGraw's men open the championship season with the Phillies in Quaker Town.

Four More Games Likely

Four games additional to those already mentioned are likely to be played. Mr. O'Brien is still casting about for an opponent for the Polo Grounds on Monday, April 11, an open date. It is not likely long to go a begging.

Though nothing definite has been closed, tentative dates for four exhibitions have been arranged in Texas. If these materialize the Giants will play Ty Cobb's Detroit Tigers on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13. They will also play San Antonio, of the Texas League, in San Antonio on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6.

The Detroit bookings seem next to an absolute certainty. The Tigers had intended to train at Hot Wells, a suburb of San Antonio, but circumstances have forced them to invade the city proper. As with the Yankees and Dodgers in Jacksonville, Fla., the last

## Chace Wins Three Races in Schoolboy Swim at Rutgers

From a Special Correspondent NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 5.—Lawrenceville School won the metropolitan interscholastic swimming championships at Rutgers College to-day with a total of 29½ points. Berkeley Irving, of New York, was second, with 19, and Poly Prep, of Brooklyn, was third, with 16.

Paul Chace, of Berkeley Irving and the New York A. C., captured the 50, 100 and 220-yard events. Ed Schiessel, of Commercial, Brooklyn, took second in the fancy diving contest. Poly Prep captured the relay.

The summary:

50-yard swim—Won by Chace, Berkeley Irving, first. Rutgers Prep, third. Time, 6:27.

100-yard swim—Won by Chace, Berkeley Irving, first. Rutgers Prep, second. Metzger, Ashby Park, third. Time, 9:52.

220-yard swim—Won by Chace, Berkeley Irving, first. Rutgers Prep, second. Hawkins, Lawrenceville, third. Time, 23:42.

500-yard swim—Won by Blair, Lawrenceville, first. Schiessel, Commercial, second; Hutchinson, Lawrenceville, third. Blunke for distance—Won by McGraw, Lawrenceville, first. Rutgers Irving, second. Metzger, Ashby Park, third. Distance, 45 feet.

Relay—Won by Poly Prep, Lawrenceville, second team, second; Lawrenceville, first team, third. Time, 14:35.

Team score: Lawrenceville, 29½ points; Berkeley Irving, 19; Poly Prep, 16; Rutgers Prep, 7; Ashby Park, 3; Commercial, 3; Marsand, 1; Scranton, 1.

## Dodgers Get Contracts Of Two Young Hurlers

The Brooklyn club yesterday received the signed contracts of the following players for the season of 1921:

Paul F. Schreiber, who last year pitched for the Lakeland club of the Florida State League, and J. Ralph Phelps, a left-handed pitcher, recommended by Larry Sutton. Phelps is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs about 175 pounds and is twenty-three years old. He has been playing independent ball.

Both these players will report to Manager Robinson at New Orleans on March 7.

Germantown Beats Lawrenceville

TRINTON, N. J., Feb. 5.—Lawrenceville was defeated here to-day by the fast Germantown Academy team in a well played basketball game by a score of 29 to 18.

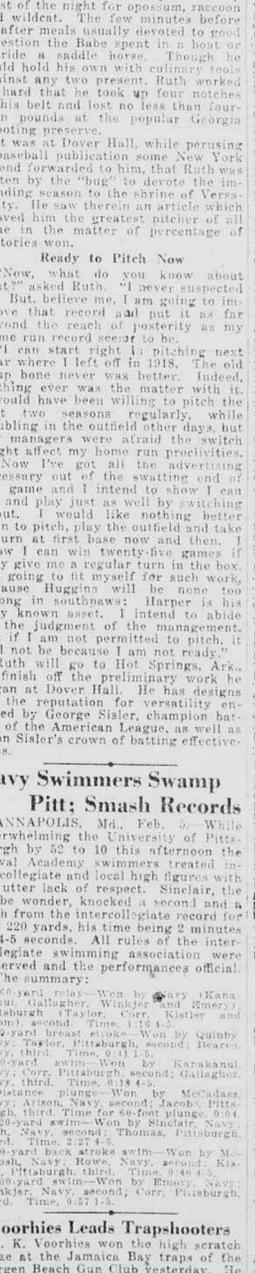
Navy Swimmers Swamp Pitt; Smash Records

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 5.—While overwhelming the University of Pittsburgh by 52 to 10 this afternoon the Naval Academy swimmers treated intercollegiate and local high figures with an utter lack of respect. Singular, the plebe wonder, knocked a second and a fifth from the intercollegiate record for the 220 yards, his time being 2 minutes 27.45 seconds. All rules of the intercollegiate swimming association were observed and the performances official.

The summary:

150-yard relay—Won by Navy (Kavanaugh, Gallagher, Winkler and Bena). Pittsburgh (Taylor) second. Time, 1:58.4.

## New Home of Yankees, as It Will Appear When Completed



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## Schrimpf Sets Record Score In Title Shoot

Perth Amboy Gunner Runs String of 100 at Garden Traps; Bonner 2d, With 99

Adam Schrimpf, of Perth Amboy, N. J., an amateur, won the title of world's indoor trapshooting champion when he shot for a perfect score of 100 birds in the finals of the tournament which was conducted throughout the week in conjunction with the Sportsman's Show at Madison Square Garden. The score is said to be a new record for an indoor tourney.

J. R. Bonner, a local amateur, was runner-up to Schrimpf, with 99. Bonner, who is only twenty-four years old, shot ninety-six straight birds before missing.

Henry Winchester, of Wilmington, Del., was high gun of the professionals in the finals, with a score of 99. Max Aris, of Champaign, Ill., the Olympia champion, had a 98. A. E. Ranney, of the New York A. C., who was the sensation of the qualifying rounds of the tournament, could not finish among the leaders. His score was 95. Jay Clark, of Worcester, was another Olympia champion, had a 95.

Have Remarkable Total

The shooting in the finals last evening was of an especially high character and at one stage of the competition a group of five amateurs had the remarkable total of 490 out of 500 birds. The quintet was composed of H. O. Allyn, of Boston; Clarence Platt, of Bridgeton, N. J.; Adam Schrimpf, of Perth Amboy; A. Albert, of Plainfield; and Daniel Walden, of Hackensack.

Bonner, the amateur who finished second to Schrimpf, had the remarkable score of 196 straight birds, when he missed on his ninety-seventh in last night's shoot. He shot his last twenty on Wednesday night, had a perfect fifty Thursday and ninety-six straight last night. Bonner also had the high average for the season, 343 out of 350.

The women's indoor trapshooting championship was decided in the morning when Mrs. L. R. Piercy, of the Jersey City Gun Club, took first honors with a score of 45 out of 50. Her score is said to be a new indoor record. Mrs. J. W. Hession, of Dobbs Ferry, was the runner-up with a 3