MACKMEN ENTER UPON THEIR SECOND TRAINING PERIOD—PENN OARSMEN REPORT

ATHLETICS WILL BEGIN ANOTHER TRAINING SIEGE

Collins and Baker Arrived at Noon—Others Will Follow Later—Macks and Phillies Idle Today.

Following a highly successful but not a close and exciting campaign against the American League allies, Connie Mack's six-time champions, are on the verge of their second training season of the year. At noon today Eddie Collins and Frank Baker arrived. Other members of the squad who will be coming into Philadelphia within the next 24 hours are Bender, Plank, Davis, Schang, Barry, Oldring, and possibly Strunk and McInnis.

All of these players will take a few days' rest while the Athletics are playing out their schedule in Washington. Baker is going to take a day or so off for the purpose of visiting his farm at Trappe, Md., where he will keep the edge on his batting eye by using the shotgun. Eddie Collins will engage chiefly in rest at his home in Lansdowne, with a little literary work thrown in. He is going to write a few advance stories for the EVENING LEDGER with reference to the world's series.

The other members of the club who will be in Philadelphia will divide their time between complete rest and light work at Shibe Park, with the exception of Plank, who is booked to visit his friends and relatives in Gettysburg, Pa. "Chief" Bender, who, with Plank, will do the bulk of the Athletics' defense work in the series, will play golf.

Mack himself will probably be in Washington tomorrow. He will, as usual, leave all of the business details of the series to John Shibe and his corps of assistants, while he devotes his entire time to planning for the series' battles.

There are several youngsters on Connie's string who will be worked against the Nationals in Washington, and these will be given a careful review.

Today the main body of the Athletics is advancing Eastward. Those players who are sentenced to the Washington series will switch off at Harrisburg, while the others will come through to this city. No game is on the schedule, hence the Mackmen took their time and boarded a comparatively late train out of St. Louis yesterday.

Charles Dooin's Phillies are likewise idle. The game on the schedule today was played last Saturday and was one of the brace captured by the locals from Cincinnati. Tomorrow the Phillies will begin their final home series of the year, meeting the Brooklyn Dodgers at Broad and Huntingdon streets.

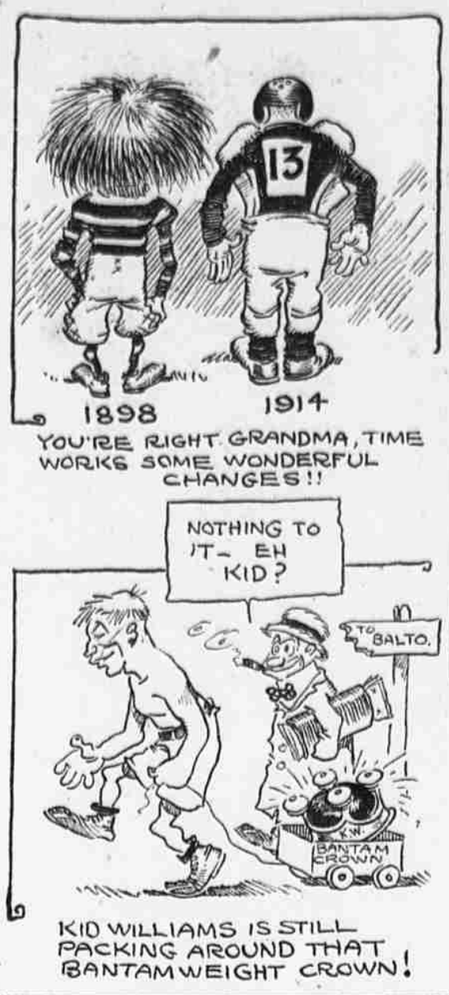
Club officials of the Phillies are reticent on the subject of Hans Lobert's appointment to the managership of the Phillies to succeed Charles Dooin. It is said that when the board of directors meets Lobert is certain to be chosen for the position.

Until the board has acted on this important matter Charley Dooin will remain silent on his plans for the future. If the gossip in baseball circles is true, there is no chance of Dooin's reappointment; at the same time, there is almost as much uncertainty in the workings of the office of a baseball club as there is on the field.

John Coombs pitched yesterday in the American League for the first time since the first two games at Boston in 1913, April 10 and 11. Several times this season Colby John, the "ex-Iron Man," has been sent in to do a little work in exhibition games, but he was not assigned for league duty until yesterday. It is the general belief among physicians who have had Coombs under their care for the last year and a half that he will never be able to regain his pitching form.

At present Coombs is strong. But the trouble is that he has some lurking fear that he may strain his back, which was affected in his last attack in the fall of 1913. This would naturally prevent his putting his strength on the ball.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON CURRENT EVENTS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT



PERSONAL TOUCHES IN SPORT

"Too bad the whiskers on his head ain't such that we could call him Red. He might change his fuzz. Red Lavender—imagine that! I guess that ain't the real moniker! But that's what might have was. Besides that name o' Lavender to kid the hotel register he's got some birthplace, too. It's Montezuma, Georgia, boys. On names alone Jim's one big noise. Let's see what he can do.

To start with, he can pitch good ball, although he isn't very tall and doesn't run to weight. In nine-teen six he first played pro with Corelle, Georgia. That, you know, is Tyrus Raymond's State. It took our Jimmy six long years in bush to make the big league ears take on an upward prick. Then Lavender from green turned ripe and joined the Cubs. It seemed a pipe he had the goods to stick.

Warm weather pitchin's Jimmy's meat. In summer he's a job to beat, he seems to have 'em all. He's even coin to cop a win most any time they stick him in, 'cept early spring an' fall. Since Jimmy left the shortened trees he's had three managers to please—Chance, Evers an' O'Day. That sure looks like he's got the goods or he'd have been back in the woods now, on tanktown pay.—By A. M. Corrigan.

A news story from State College says that Lamb, the big tackle, is going to make one of the best goal kickers of the season for Bill Hollenback's squad. Which, unfortunately for the linotype operator, leads to the appended:

State's team had a monstrous Lamb,
His strength was in his toe,
And everywhere that Bill's team went
This Lamb was sure to go.

They'll bring him down to Philly soon
To battle George Brooke's crew,
And if that toe gets busy, boys,
Good night! old Red and Blue!

Two weeks hence: "Batteries for today's game will be—for the Athletics, Bender and Schang; for Boston, James and Gowdy."

We notice that in West Philadelphia tennis is being played at night. Does this mean that the game is on the verge of being cast into outer darkness?

It is possible for the Athletics to be beaten out by the Braves in the world's series, but there are some things concerning the Mackmen that never could happen:

Ira Thomas now running for Eddie Collins.

Hughey Jennings lauds the Athletics.

To save the South, Baker buys a bale of cotton.

Bender loses his nerve with three on.

Strunk drops an easy fly.

Connie Mack gives out prolific interviews.

The professional soccer football players of England have refused to join the King's army. These fellows must be the original "slacktons for punishment."

According to the experts, the open game will be used throughout the country this year. This is what the opponents of the Blue Laws have been striving for ever since the reform wave began to roll.

You will have to blame this on Walter Trumbull, of the New York World:

The Boston fan is funny.
He's around collecting money,
And while he's seeking places he can bet it
He is boasting, bold and brash,
He'll get something for his cash—
And the Mackmen think they know just where he'll get it.

"Tommy" Meade, who gained considerable fame before he grew too heavy to continue his work in the saddle, is playing at the Walnut Street Theatre this week. Some of the local sportsmen may remember his work.

Walter Camp is credited with the following "Campisms":

"The good coach does not mistake mediocrity for worth, nor is he deceived by the scrub who plays to the signals.

"The quarterback of brains is the one who can so use his plays as to make opportunities for his backfield.

"A coach has not time to convince any one. The man who needs to be convinced is the man who brings defeat.

"A coach shouldn't tell a player all he thinks. He's liable to be misunderstood.

"The unmistakable sign of despair in a coach is when he tries to lash his team with words into making poorly planned plays go."

The Feds have begun their second annual dash for the publicity bureau. They now declare that when the season of 1915 begins they will have 40 players who were with the majors in 1914. The list of 40 was not given out, but it is understood that Sherwood Magee, Lobert and Dooin, of the Phillies, and Walter Johnson, of the Washington club, are in that mythical gathering. This comes as a severe blow to the veracity of some well-come known authorities, who assert that Lobert will be the Phillies' manager in 1915.

"Al" Sharp is cutting down his Cornell squad at Ithaca. That is one way to put the trimmings on a football team. Another method is that adopted here last Thanksgiving by Doctor Sharp in the Penn game.

Now that "Rube" Marquard has won a game, the proposed trade is apt to be called off. Any man who loses a dozen in a row, then captures the thirteenth start, is certainly not unlucky. McGraw hasn't much material, hence he needs luck, and "Rube" seems to be the man with the horseshoe.

The Phillies have still a fighting chance for first division. They are three games behind the Cubs. On the other hand, the Brooklyn club has better than a fighting chance to dislodge the locals from fifth place, as the Daisies are leading the Ledgers by the keen margin of only half a game.

Tomorrow the question of where the Army-Navy games is to be played will be settled. That Philadelphia will again be the scene of this highly attractive contest is certain—that is, if it is played at all.

PUGILISTIC NOTE.
Morris and Flynn are at it again.

THE GOLFERS' AFTERMATH

The grip of the golf germ is almost unbreakable and a proof of this may be found in the size of the field that played in the Senior Tournament at Apawamis, Rye, New York, last week. Despite the heat and strong sun over two hundred golfers, all fifty-five years of age or over, turned out for the event and nearly all of them finished. Among those who are known locally were K. Passmore, of the Philadelphia Cricket Club; F. F. Halliwell, of the St. David's Golf Club; G. W. Statzell, of the Aronimink Country Club; J. F. Fahnestock, and Winthrop Sargent, of the Merion Cricket Club. Their net scores for the thirty-six holes were as follows: Passmore, 147, Halliwell, 172; Statzell, 154; Fahnestock, 162, and Sargent, 159.

A rather incredible, but probably truthful story of freak shots comes out of the west and is as follows. A very deliberate player had driven and was addressing his ball preparatory to playing a niblick shot to the green. His actions and preliminary motions seemed to have been accomplished to his satisfaction, and a player who was on the tee from which he had just driven supposed that he would play immediately. So he drove. But the man who had debated his stroke and as the ball from the tee ran directly between his legs, he swung and lifted to the green not his own ball, but the one that had just been driven.

Another story is told of a man who had duffed his tee shot and intended to have his second shot make up for the lack of distance. He hit his ball a terrific blow with his iron and the ball was seen to fly among the limbs of an ample tree slightly off the line of play. The player and his caddie hunted long and finally discovered the elusive sphere embedded in a large and very ripe apple. Scaling himself firmly on a bough, the golfer proceeded to splatter the apple all over the place and the impact of the blow was enough to free the ball which ran to the edge of the green whence the player took down his putt for a much-needed half.

Gridiron News Gleaned From Leading Colleges

Pennsylvania's Eleven Is to Be Put Through Some Strenuous Workouts This Week.

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

Princeton and Yale have burned their bridges behind them in their determination to play nothing but open, advanced football. Both Coach Pendleton, of Princeton, and Coach Hinkey, of Yale, declare that they have abandoned the conservative game and intend to stand or fall by the open game. This is indeed welcome news, because it can't be denied that in the past the games between these two teams have been frequently about as dull as most Army-Navy games, with the two teams afraid to open up.

Apparently the coaches of both institutions have awakened to the fact that in developing the possibilities of open football their predecessors have only scratched the surface. There's a lot of truth in this. For one thing, they have been too much afraid of losing possession of the ball to try much else but close formation plays, varied by an occasional forward pass, though most of the forward passes have been used as a last resort when everything else had failed.

There is no longer any doubt that "Ted" Merrill has the inside track for the quarterback position on the Pennsylvania eleven. In yesterday afternoon's practice he played this position most of the time, and his work was a continuation of what he did on Saturday against Gettysburg. Merrill is about the only member of the back field who possesses a change of pace and who can straight-arm tacklers. Likewise, he catches punts with some certainty. Merrill's running in the open field is very much like that of Miller, the former Penn State quarterback. Adding a little confidence to Merrill is making a different player of him.

Assistant Coach "By" Dickson is seriously worried over the dearth of first-class ends. The quality of the ends will make or break a team. Speed is not the only requisite, for if it were Pennsylvania would have a fleet-footed pair. The Pennsylvania system requires that the ends shall be heavy men to play against the opposing tackle. This requirement is what makes Murdock's effort to win a position here so difficult. Murdock is willing enough and a born fighter, but throwing his 150 pounds against a 190-pound tackle doesn't worry the opposing tackle very much.

PRINCETON, Sept. 29.—A week of individual coaching for the Princeton football candidates was inaugurated yesterday. Some of the regulars, including Captain Ballin, Shenk and E. Trenkmann, has a day off, but the rest of the squad had a long individual preliminary drill. The varsity and scrub mixed it for half an hour and the first-string men won, 21 to 6.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 29.—The Yale football team had its first practice by moonlight last night. The moon shone over the field before Coach Frank Hinkey shouted "All in" to members of the squad. Signal drill for the varsity and scrimmage for the second and third teams marked the practice. Pumpelly at full-back and Duryea at half played a smashing game for the second team.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 29.—Although there was no scrimmaging for the Harvard varsity regulars and substitutes who played against Bates Saturday, there otherwise was no let up in the work. The linesmen were worked hard on breaking through the tackles, in particular, coming in for a lot of coaching from Crawford Blegden, '02, who played with Cutts on Dave Campbell's team.

REISNER, OF MUHLENBERG
Reisner is making every effort to land the quarterback position on the eleven this year, and has been displaying marked ability.

Yale University's Football Players Enjoyed First Moonlight Practice Last Night on Elis Field.

Neither Morgan nor B. Curtis made a particularly good showing against Bates, while Trumbull has much to learn.

ITHACA, Sept. 29.—Head Coach Sharpe opened the football week at Cornell yesterday afternoon by cutting the varsity squad to forty-seven men, adding six more players to the training table and giving the players an hour's blackboard talk in the new Schoelkopf Memorial clubhouse instead of attempting any practice. The outcome of the Pittsburgh game was more or less expected, the game being considered an unusually severe one for an opener.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 29.—Huebel's work at quarter on the second team was the feature of yesterday's scrimmage at Michigan, the little sophomore three times getting away for runs of more than thirty yards. Curlett, a full on the first eleven, scored the only touchdown, and Capt. Raynsford kicked the goal. Maulbetsch's plunges made the score possible, after an hour's hard fighting.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 29.—The football squad at the Naval Academy put plenty of dash into its work yesterday afternoon, as the opening game against Georgetown is to take place on Saturday next. The midshipmen expect to begin the season with a victory, but do not hope for so decisive a triumph as last year.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 29.—With the Army's opening game less than a week off the football coaches are hard at work. Some of the veterans have forgotten how to catch a punt and the fumbling so much in evidence of late was the serious theme. Wednesday will sound the death knell to daily parades for the cadets, and this will give the squad another hour's practice each day.

CARLISLE, Pa., Sept. 29.—New formations were handed to the varsity Indian players last night by Coach Warner during Carlisle's experimentation with a much-changed backfield. The coaches desire to save the first team as much as possible, and gave the whole squad only an extended rudimentary drill. The novel plays are for use against Lehigh on Saturday.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Owing to the Fordham Varsity's fine showing in holding Georgetown scoreless to a tie game at Washington on Saturday, a day of rest was granted to the squad yesterday. Coach Wyman was greatly pleased with the result of the contest, and the condition of the eleven, Schwab being the only player on the sick list.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Sept. 29.—Coach Daly dismissed most of the Williams regulars after an easy forty minutes signal drill yesterday afternoon. An injury to his knee, received in the R. P. I. game Saturday, prevented Driscoll from taking part in the workout, and it is doubtful whether he will be able to play against Vermont this week.

CENTRAL HIGH ELEVEN WEAK AT WING POSITIONS

Loss of Young and Kerr Severely Felt by Coach Howell, Who Is Shaping Team for Opening Game.

Coach Howell, of the Central High School football team, is working his men hard in order to get them in shape for the first game of the season next Friday. The centre of the line and backfield are composed of veterans, and he is not giving as much of his time to these positions as he is to the ends. Last year C. H. S. had the best pair of scholastic ends in Philadelphia in Young and Kerr, but neither man is now in school, and the material for the wing positions is not very good.

The most likely of the candidates are DeLong, Brenner and Goodell, and it is probable that the first two of these will make the regular berths, although the latter, who is from Villanova, is very fast and may make a place on the team.

Coach Dickens, the new man in charge of football and other athletics at Chestnut Hill Academy, has been working since last Wednesday with a promising squad of youngsters to get them in shape for the first game of the season with Frankford High School, to be played next Saturday at Chestnut Hill.

The squad consists of about 25 candidates, including only five veterans from last year, Captain Gaillard, Ellison and Heberton, backfield men, and Wray and Flood, ends. There are some good men from last year's second team, Felin, a tackle and one of the heaviest men on the squad; Strawbridge, a centre; Wharton, a guard; Ellas, a halfback, and Kitson, quarterback. Among the new men out are Loranger, a back; Richards, an end, and Bally, a halfback.

Manager P. F. Cabell announces the following schedule: October 3, Frankford High School, at home; October 9, Penn Charter, at home; October 16, De Lancey, at home; October 23, Episcopal Academy, away; October 30, Germantown, away; November 6, Cheltenham High School, at home, and November 13, St. Luke's, at home.

BY THE VOLLEYER

Tennis and hot weather make their exit hand-in-hand, but despite all of going you together this year there has been a parting—tennis is still here, but the weather is cold. A few club titles still remain to be decided, and a number of tournaments are now in progress. With the temperature around the 55 and 60 degree mark tennis is hardly a pleasure.

The country club courts are still much in demand late afternoons. Still there is a decrease in the number of players taking part in the game. Students are now in the game, while players in other directions, Kenneth Reynolds, the Merion Cricket Club star, is now back with University work. J. S. Thomas, Jr., Philadelphia Cricket Club, has started his tennis in basket ball, but the winter will see him back at tennis.

In S. Dennis, who with Miss Dennis played in the mixed doubles at the Merion cricket club, is in the singles championship of the world club. Mr. Dennis is most fit in the field, and is the champion for Saturday afternoon. The golden title still remains to be bought at Overbrook.

The race for more interests tennis has not a good start. The interest in the Philadelphia Cricket Club tournament, which includes such excellent players as Dennis, Reynolds, Mason C. Hayes, Edgar S. Shaw, Jr., Maxwell Mc. Kim, Jr., Mr. Dennis, Mr. Reynolds, Miss Dennis, Miss Hayes, Miss Shaw, Jr., Miss Mc. Kim, Jr., Miss Dennis, Miss Reynolds