

LOWLY ATHLETICS STILL HOPEFUL—CONNIE MACK AND BAKER CONTINUE KIDS' QUARREL

ATHLETICS BOUND TO CLIMB, SAYS MACK; "BAKER FORGOTTEN"

Western Trip Will Boost Standing of His Team, Predicts Manager—Eastern Clubs All Look Easy, He Says—Baker Dismissed From His Mind, Now Relies on Kopf.

Today is one of the few days of the baseball season when no game is scheduled for this city. The Phillies play their final game in Brooklyn, while the Athletics are in the West.

Before departing for the circuit trip Manager Mack stated that he expected the team to come back home several notches higher than it is at present. This was before the Athletics' manager had his talk with Baker, and he was not including the home-run king in his calculations.

Manager Mack says that bad pitching has been holding the team back and making the absence of Collins and Baker all the more noticeable. He admits that he misses Baker, but also contends that none of the other Eastern clubs looked as good to him as he expected they would. While he would not be so rash as to predict anything startling for the fans, Mack intimated that he could beat any of the Eastern teams with the kind of pitching he expects to get from his staff in a few weeks.

All Eastern Clubs a Disappointment

As bad as the Athletics have looked at times this season, it must be admitted that the other Eastern clubs did not look a bit better. Washington appears the most dangerous club because of its wonderful pitching staff; but there is not enough strength in attack to make the Senators dangerous in a long race.

It might be pointed out that the pitching department won the pennant for the Braves, but it must also be remembered that there was more speed and batting strength in the Boston club when at its worst than the Senators have ever shown.

The big disappointment has been the Red Sox. The pitching staff has been shot to pieces, and this naturally makes Carrigan's team look like anything but a pennant contender. When Speaker starts hitting and Leonard returns to form the Red Sox will undoubtedly be a hard club to beat; but it is no certainty that either of these necessary conditions will be brought about. If Leonard has injured his arm as badly as Pacific Coast League fans say he did in a benefit game in San Francisco last winter, it is doubtful if he will be effective at all this season, while Speaker has unquestionably slowed up to a considerable degree.

Athletics Strong in Spite of Pitching

"I can't say that we are going to have a great trip, because I don't know how my pitchers will shape up; but they look to be coming around in fine shape," said Manager Mack after Saturday's game with the Senators. "They have been showing better every day and the rest of the boys have plenty of fight in them. It takes a good game bunch of players to keep fighting with things going as badly as they have for my club, and it is a most pleasing thing to me to see this spirit prevailing.

"None of the Eastern clubs looked so very good, and I was really disappointed in two. It is said that the West is strong, particularly in Chicago and Detroit, but I think we will hold our own on the trip.

Misses Baker, But Praises Kopf

"Do I miss Baker? Well, naturally, I miss him. His absence has hurt the club more than one can imagine, but I have forgotten all about him. Baker is no longer figured as a member of the club, excepting in the eyes of the powers that be because of his contract with me. Kopf has shown surprising form in the last week, and I look to see him start hitting in a few days. If this lad starts hitting he is going to develop into one of the best third basemen in the game. He is one of the best fielders now and will look even better when he gets more confidence. A few base hits will give him this confidence.

Complete Reversal of Form in Pitchers

"The pitching staff has been a great disappointment. The lads returned home from the South in great shape, and then suddenly they all went wrong at once. Whether it was from lack of work, change in climate or overwork I have not been able to discover, as it was a distinct surprise to me. You say Bressler has been a disappointment. Well, yes and no. The lad is going to be a great pitcher; but if you will look back a bit you will find that he is never of any great value until the real warm weather sets in. When the hot days come around you will find Bressler going as he did last season.

"While I have not the staff that I had back in 1910 and 1911, I have better prospects for the future, and perhaps they may come through all at the same time and in the near future. If they can get started on the present trip it will completely change the looks of our team. Eddie Murphy will be back in the game and Kopf will continue on third base. Baker is gone and will soon be forgotten."

Baker Reverses Himself

Mack was reckoning without Baker when he made the latter remark, and he probably was the most surprised person in North Philadelphia Station when the home-run king dashed up to him just as the team was ready to depart for Chicago. Baker contends that he agreed to play the remainder of the season with the Athletics at the terms named in his contract provided Manager Mack would give him a new contract calling for one year instead of holding the present contract, which has another year to run after the present season.

This Manager Mack will not do. Baker contends that he wants to retire after the present season and does not want to have it said that he ran out of his contract. He says Manager Mack has deliberately misrepresented his case to the public, and that he told his manager and all the players after the last game of the world's series in Boston last fall that he was through with the game, excepting for a little independent ball.

Mack would listen to no such proposition, and is said to have informed Baker curtly to live up to his contract or quit the game. There were naturally two sides to every question, and while there is little or no sympathy for Baker for his alleged holding up the club for more money, one is inclined to believe that the whole case has not been presented to the public.

Where Connie Mack's Stubbornness Hurts

If Baker is willing to play for the season and will sign an agreement to play with the Athletics again if he decides to continue in the game after the present season, Manager Mack owes it to the fans to accept this proposition. He has said that with Baker the team has a fine chance for the pennant, but without him they are virtually out of the race.

Will he sacrifice his pennant hopes rather than take a chance on Baker's word of honor that he will retire after the present season? Any way one looks at it, Mack is carrying his "principles" too far for the satisfaction of the fans. If he cannot get the whole loaf he may just as well be satisfied with half. Baker says that he has never tried to hold up the club for more money, though this is doubted by those who have followed the case closely. The fact remains that he is ready and willing to play this season at the terms of the contract signed last season, and, while his suggestion that Mack destroy his contract calling for his services next season is not to be commended, why not make the best of it?

Advance Money Would Clinch Baker

The fans want to see the Athletics back in the race and want to see Baker at third base. While he will hardly have the white-headed respect of the fans that he had in the past, Baker will nevertheless be welcomed with open arms.

Indications point to peace before the close of this present season, and Baker would have no place to jump even if he did try to "double-cross" Manager Mack and the Athletics if he is free after this season.

Why not give Baker advance money for 1916, which must be returned if he does not play? If Baker accepts this money and signs a receipt for the same no court in the land would allow him to play elsewhere, while, if he is sincere, the Athletics are protected. Baker has forced a showdown by his action in calling upon Mack. Now it is hoped he is either re-signed or the matter is dropped entirely. The constant dickering and haggling is certainly not improving the confidence or playing of his successor.

Dodgers Still a Jonah for Phillies

As was the case in 1914, the Dodgers continue to prove troublesome for the Phillies. Saturday's defeat at the hands of Brooklyn and Chicago victories have pulled the Phillies back to within half a game of the Cubs, who are going with more consistency than any other team in the league, and unless the Phillies come out of their batting slump they will probably lose the lead before the end of the week.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



GOLF TOURNAMENTS IN FULL SWING IN EAST THIS WEEK

Francis Ouimet, Along With Several Philadelphia Crooks Entered in Invitation Meeting on Links of the Baltimore Country Club—This Tourney One of the Season's Best.

Following the three seashore events, tournament golf last week was conspicuous by its absence, but there will be plenty of it this week to make up for the lack of it last.

Beginning today and continuing tomorrow and Wednesday, the Baltimore Country Club will hold its annual invitation affair, and a number of local players will take part, along with Francis Ouimet, the national champion, and the Corkran brothers, Baltimore's only players who received national ratings this year. With Ouimet and the Corkrans in the field, the tournament should be one of the best of the season, and as it comes on the first three days of the week, several of the more prominent metropolitan players will in all likelihood play in today's qualifying round.

Oakland will hold its invitation tourney on the last three days of the week, May 13, 14 and 15, and the club hopes to have just as good a field as that which played at Oakland in the spring of 1913. Travers, Travis, Herreshoff and White were among the competitors on that occasion. Travis is almost sure to play at Oakland, as he won some of his earliest golfing laurels there many years ago.

Instead of the usual cut and dried club schedule of events the Knollwood Country Club has issued a neatly printed and illustrated periodical called the Knollwood Bulletin. It gives a list of newly elected members and another of candidates for membership. The club now has 56 names on its rolls. The progress of the club's women's golf and baseball teams is noted, and other topics of interest to the members are touched upon. The idea is one which other clubs might do well to copy.

P. H. Moore, chairman of the Tournament Committee of the Oakland Golf Club writes hopefully concerning the three-day invitation meeting scheduled to start at the Bay-side Club on May 13. The desire is to have this year's affair a representative one. Those who do take part in the tournament will find the course at its best.

Hamilton, K. Kerr, Max Blair and Roy Webb have already signified their intention of taking part, and it is re-

sonable to suppose that Gardner White, for a number of years the Oakland leader, will return to the scene of his earlier triumphs. An effort will be made to get Jerome Travers there, and also Fred Herreshoff. The last named won the Oakland tournament a couple of years ago, defeating Travers and White in memorable matches.

Prizes have been offered for sixteens, as well as beaten eight, contestants may select their own partners for the qualifying round. Among the Harvard golfers competing for places on the team for the spring matches resumed practice at the Oakley Country Club, J. G. Heyburn, the captain, does not expect to pick the men for the varsity team until after the college championship tournament scheduled for next week. Even so, the preparation has progressed to such a point that he has fairly definite ideas of the team to make.

Five players remain from the "B" list to take part in the coming matches. They are E. P. Allis, the intercollegiate champion; L. H. Canan, R. P. Griffin, J. W. Hubbell and Herb Hubbard. Among the new aspirants for the team are F. C. Carlton, W. A. Clark, Thomas Dean, Hayden Goodspeed, W. B. Hunt, C. H. Kendall and B. T. King and Phillip Winsor. The three men who stand out most prominently among the sephomores are F. I. Amory, J. H. Hutchins and J. J. Wylie.

The largest spring schedule is one of the fairly definite ideas of the team to make. A team will go to Providence next Saturday to line up against Rhode Island State. Woodland will be the next opponent on the Woodland course on May 12 and on May 13 Harvard will visit the River Golf Club. On May 18 Harvard and Pennsylvania will fight it out over the Oakley course.

Penn has two men from the freshmen class who seem fairly certain to make an excellent showing. They are Heyburn, a brother of the Harvard captain, and Frank Dyer, one of the most promising of the younger set. Besides these there is a quartet remaining from last year, Gay, Kennedy, Lovett and Townsend and Captain Webster.

EXPERTS IN BOWLING

CLASH AGAIN TONIGHT

White Elephants Hold Lead in National Association Tourney—This Week's Schedule.

The first week of the National Bowling Association championships, brought to a conclusion on Saturday at the Terminal Alleys, was productive of good scores, while big crowds have witnessed the attack of the experts on the wooden pins. In all, 38 of the 38 teams entered bowled their three-game series, and the schedule was carried out without a break of any kind. The remaining 20 five-man teams will roll their games tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday. The opening matches in the three-man team classes will be rolled on Thursday evening. The leading five-man teams in the three classes are as follows:

Class A—White Elephants, 2521; Jenkinson, 2784; Tigers, 2743; Continental, 2740; Camden (N. J.), 2610; Color Press, 2609; Near-side, 2496; Southwestern, 2482; Maritime, 2474. Class C—Herald Credit, 2341; Mucke No. 1, 2224; Accounts, 2218; Marine, No. 2, 2217; Jewelry, 2190. This women team schedule follows: Tonight—Alpha No. 1 and No. 2 teams of Philadelphia Turngemeinde; Terminal Bronchos; Westco, of Western Electric League; Strawbridge & Clothier Wholesale team and Specials. Tomorrow night—At Hotel: Sokman Mfg. Co. of Drug League; Astina, of Insurance League; Rexalls; Edward and Active, of Casino Club; Section A. Wednesday evening—Warren and Crusader teams of Wilmington; Terminal Colts; Switchboard, of Western Electric League; Philadelphia Electric and the Artisan team.

Inman Beats Gray at Billiards

NEW YORK, May 10.—Melbourne Inman, playing the game of his life, just managed to beat George Gray, the Australian billiard champion, in a match of 18,000 up, level, for \$200 a side, by the narrow margin of 429 points. It was Inman's second game since he returned to London after his extended tour of the United States and Canada.

DEVON-POINT JUDITH POLO ON TOMORROW

Practice Game Today at Bala. Play at Bryn Mawr for Hunt Club Cup.

A busy polo program has been arranged for this week. Today the Country Club field at Bala is to be given over to practice, beginning at 4:30 o'clock. Tomorrow on the same field, the final game for the special cups, presented by the Philadelphia Country Club, between the Devon team and Point Judith quartet, is scheduled to be decided. Play will be called at 4:30 o'clock, and the public is invited to be the guests of the Country Club. Provision will be made to accommodate 5000 spectators.

On Wednesday, at Bryn Mawr, the first match for the Hunt Club Cups will be played. The teams as drawn are Philadelphia Country Club, composed of Chick Erick, Thomas Stokes, Standley Stokes and E. Lower Stokes, against Bryn Mawr, with Alexander Coxe Yarnall or Mather, Alexander Brown, Ed W. Hopping and Victor Mather in line-up.

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FREE-FOR-ALL TROTTING RACE ON LEXINGTON TRACK

Peter Volo and Etamah Two Entries for Big Event. LEXINGTON, Ky., May 10.—Edward Tipton, president of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, here, who has never been accused of overlooking a bet when it comes to staging a feature event for the fall trots at Lexington, proposes to offer a rich stake for the free-for-all trotters which would let Peter Volo, 2:30 1/2; Etawah, 2:30 3/4, and Lee Axworthy, whose backers have long wanted them to get together, as well as Joan, 2:04 1/2; Rhythm, 2:04 1/2; Maymack, 2:04 1/2; Star Winter, 2:08; Margaret Druen, 2:05 1/2. During the closing weeks of the season of 1914 at Lexington there was talk of a match race between Etawah and Peter Volo, and at that time the owners of Joan and Rhythm were willing to make it a four-cornered affair.

Each of the quartet had shown itself to be up to miles in 2:04 or better, but whatever chance there might have been for such a race was spoiled by the wretched weather which made the closing meeting such a dismal affair.

Herzog Is Spiked in Arm

CINCINNATI, O., May 10.—When Pittsburgh defeated the Reds at 4 to 3 yesterday, Manager Herzog, of the Cincinnati team, was spiked in the arm when Johnston slid into second base in the fifth inning. He had to retire from the game.



IN THE ULTIMATE ANALYSIS

They may rant and rave and rumber in the pugilistic jumble. On a blend of fancy footwork, or of speed; On the pug who's quick and shifty Or insidiously sifty With the sidestep at the moment of its need; They may slip him all that's coming With the boost-implemented strumming, But I'd rather slip my kelly from the roof, In the hip-hip and the boosing— In the scoping and low-toosing— To the bloke who packs a kick in either hoof.

They may boom the ringing praises Of the bearcats and the doxies Who are artists of the shift and counter punch; They may play up the elastic And the subtle-toed fanatic From the bracers who are cornered for a hunch; He may be there with the party—

With the counter light and airy, But I'd rather, however they may spoof, Shoot my bank roll on its journey Out the trail of any tourney With the bloke who packs a kick in either hoof.

"My dear sir," writes a mild and courteous bystander, "Are you crazy? Jean Willard would kill this Coffey guy in about five rounds. Coffey would never hit Willard's solid paw, and if he did it wouldn't hurt him. Whereas, on the other paw, or on both paws, Willard would tear Coffey's head off in less than eight rounds. You can put that in your pipe and smoke it."

Thanks, but we've quit smoking hop. And you may be right, at that. Put Us Down for 85 Cents. Dear Sir—Now all you want to do is have about two thousand bet that by October the Giants will be higher in the National League than the Yanks will be in the American League. And higher by more than one position in the standing of the clubs. FAIR PLAY.

What's the Hurry? Dear Sir—How about the Boston Braves being such big favorites in the National League race? They were going to start right in and break up the league, but the league is still going on, and the Braves are not even near the top.

The Braves, with Evers back at second, and James, Tyler and Rudolph all ready to move at old-fashioned speed, may be something else again. They will be there, or thereabouts, for an accounting at the proper moment.

A number of folks make the mistake of rating Johnny Evers' worth according to his batting and fielding averages. The Crab yields his share of base hits and fancy stops. But the inspiration and the spur he imparts to his mates are well above any uplift he can bring in a physical capacity. He is the greatest dispenser of the Old Pep the game has ever known.

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MEET AT OLYMPIA CLUB TONIGHT

THREE BALL PLAYERS HURT East Spruce Professionals' Catcher Injured in Shore Game. ATLANTIC CITY, May 10.—The catcher for the East Spruce Professionals, Roy Ringley, of Philadelphia, had the misfortune to break the middle finger of his right hand in an attempt to stop a wild pitch. The ball was misjudged through an ugly bound and hit the tip squarely, tearing it back in the injury. The Philadelphiaans lost the game to the Melrose A. C. of this city, 12-4.

Little Sammy Behler, four years old, was knocked unconscious on being hit on the head with a foul ball. Owen Jessup suffered a like fate later in the rather disturbing baseball exhibition.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad and Bainbridge Harry Edgar, Mgr. TONIGHT, 8:30 SHARP LOUISIANA vs. DUTCH BRANDT Adm. 50c. Bal. Res. 50c. Arena Res. 75c. 51.

LOUISIANA

DUTCH BRANDT

The boxers shown in the above picture are two serious contenders for Kid Williams' bantam laurels. Louisiana dropped the titleholder in the latter's last fight. Brandt is booked to meet the Kid in New York next week.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—IT MIGHT BE SOME CRAVAT, LOUIE, BUT NO TIE, WITH CRAVATH AND A BAT IN THE GAME

