

PHILLIES PLAY CUBS AGAIN—JOHNNY ERTLE DEFEATS M'GOVERN—OTHER SPORTS NEWS

JOHNNY ERTLE SHOWS CLASS AS HE WINS FROM M'GOVERN IN WIND-UP AT THE OLYMPIA

St. Paul Bantamweight Forced to Extend Himself—Richmond Boy Is Game

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL THERE'S a reason for everything—even in the boxing game—and last night we learned that Johnny Ertle is the reason why Kid Williams is not anxious to box Johnny Ertle for the bantamweight championship...

For six rounds, the Keopie from the Northwest hammered our local pride over every square inch of the ring and proved that he can hit, block, box at long range, hold his own at inching and in the clinches, and best of all, assimilate punishment. Outside of that, Ertle didn't have a thing.

Having looked over Kid Herman, who gave Williams such a tough battle in New Orleans a short time ago and giving the champion the same batting average as the Kid, we are taking no chances when we assert that Johnny is the big noise among the little guys. Last night he showed the real class and it is the first time he has let himself out since making his debut to the Philadelphia fans. Up to that time it was a secret.

Johnny Is Generous

In the second, however, Johnny came out for air and the going no longer resembled the rocky road to Dublin. He began to caress McGovern with lovely wallops to the head, jaw and body, but still ran into that left jab which McGovern persisted in throwing in his face.

But it was in this round that Ertle conferred a great favor on his foe and made it possible for him to enter any boxing club in the country without slipping some change to the man in the box office. The ducklet for free admission was presented near the end of the round, when Johnny started a right swing from the floor and caught McGovern on the left ear. The auditor organ sprouted like a green onion and when the battle was over it was a beautiful "him" ear, such as all regular boxers wear.

McGovern did not appear to appreciate this act of kindness, for he greeted his teeth, made faces at Ertle and scolded in as if he held something against him. Frank O'Brien, therefore, saw that matters were getting serious, and he breathlessly watched the conflict with nervous apprehension.

Ertle showed that he had no hard feelings, for he allowed his opponent to rush at him swinging both hands, and only used a right or left smash to the jaw to stop the wild attack. These jabs and rights landed with amazing regularity in the fifth round, and McGovern seemed ready to devote 10 seconds or more to slumber on the canvas. He emerged without going to sleep, but was drowsy at the end. The same thing happened in the sixth, and the final clang of the gong was as welcome as a 5 o'clock whistle.

Johnny made a tremendous hit in the

Cares Will Follow Big Men Into Prize Ring

Pugilists in training are not supposed to permit anything to distress or worry them. But right now Frank Moran is sorely grieved over the death of his little pal, Willie Lewis, Jr. On the night the fights Willard the boy's father will be in his corner. Jess Willard will go into the ring a worried man because he will be expecting the news that he is again a father and he is gravely concerned over the health of Mrs. Willard.

Buffalo to Train at Harrisburg

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 21.—J. P. Austin, secretary of the Buffalo International amateur club, left for Buffalo today for use of Island Park baseball field as a 15-day training camp for Buffalo, and his 22 hitters will arrive April 1.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Johnny Ertle defeated Young McGovern, Young Dietsch won from Joe Palmer, the Welsh outpointed Young Palmer, Les Fern best Harry Gorman, Sam Texas outboxed Terry Kestel.

NEW YORK—Jimmy Duffy defeated Frankie Burns, Willie Jackson knocked out George Young in the second, Scotts Welsh knocked out the Bantam, Bret with Irving Zing, Kid Graham was knocked out by Bill Brown in the first.

PHILADELPHIA—Charles White outpointed Matt Wells.

McGovern showed that he was game in the last two rounds, for he stopped many hard punches with his jaw, was not knocked off his feet, and kept tearing in, doing his best, although all hope seemed lost.

Willard-Moran Have O. K. Put On For Battle

Commission's Physician Reports Both Heavyweights Are in Perfect Shape

NEW YORK, March 21.—The State Athletic Commission has placed its official O. K. on Willard and Moran. Dr. Joseph M. Creamer, supervising physician of the commission, visited the training quarters of the fighters and each man was subjected to a thorough examination to determine his fitness to contest ten rounds.

Dr. Creamer reported that both Willard and Moran were in perfect condition, which spiced criticism as to whether they would be ready to fight their best. Chairman Wenck last night sent out the following statement:

"Dr. Joseph M. Creamer, physician of the State Athletic Commission, paid his last official visit to the training quarters of Jess Willard and Frank Moran on Sunday, prior to his ringside examination of the fighters."

"Dr. Creamer expressed surprise at the improvement in Willard since his training siege in New York. He examined Willard on his arrival in New York and had his doubts then whether the champion could get fit for a hard battle in so short a time. Doctor Creamer says Willard is ready right now to go 10 rounds at top speed with Moran or anybody else, and that his present condition is a fine tribute to his training methods, despite all criticism to the contrary."

"Moran was bristling with vigor and ready to fight when he returned from Saratoga two weeks ago, says Doctor Creamer, and, if possible, he is even better today than he was then. He is as hard as iron and the most confident man in the world. Both men are in prime condition."

Scraps About Scappers

Rumors to the effect that Steve Latta, of Hazleton, had died yesterday afternoon were denied today. The welterweight is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but information from his home this morning said that he had an even chance to recover.

Jack McGuigan left for New York today and will sign up several backers for his show at the National Sporting Club, which he returns home. One of the backers in Gotham McGuigan will hook up is Billy Joe Fox, the clever St. Paul featherweight.

The bout between Frankie White and Abe Rabakoff so impressed the spectators at the National Sporting Club that they have been remanded by special request. It was the best bout on special request. What was Thursday night, White will meet tough battle in Joe O'Neil at the Broadway Club. Nelson, who shows in the semi at the Broadway against George Blackburn, is in it for the fact and he is confident he will get back into his old-time stride.

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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BASEBALL AT CHELTENHAM

Elkins Park Players Relect Raymond Carson Captain of Team

BOB RODEN IS MANAGER

Baseball prospects at the Cheltenham High School are very bright and with the opening game with Penn Charter School on Tuesday, April 4, at Elkins Park, the suburban students look forward to a good start with one of the best schools in this section of the country.

Raymond Carson, who led the Cheltenham players last year, was recently re-elected leader for 1916. George Esslinger, prominent in football, track and other sports at Cheltenham, is the assistant baseball manager. In addition to the Penn Charter date, games have been arranged with such teams as St. Luke's School, St. Joseph's College, George School, Lansdowne High, Friends' Central and Lower Merion High School.

The schedule: April 4—Penn Charter School, at Elkins Park. April 7—Friends' Central, at Friends' Central. April 12—Jenkintown High School, at Elkins Park. April 14—Collingswood High, at Elkins Park. April 19—Brown Preparatory School, at Elkins Park. April 21—St. Luke's School, at Wyona. April 22—Norristown High, at Norristown. May 2—Philadelphia Textile School, at Elkins Park. May 4—School of Pedagogy, at Elkins Park. May 12—Camden High, at Camden High School. May 12—Cedarcroft Academy, at Kennett Square. May 18—St. Joseph's College, at Elkins Park. May 19—Lower Merion High School, at Elkins Park. May 24—George School, at George School. May 26—Upper Darby High School, at Elkins Park. June 2—Lansdowne High, at Elkins Park. June 3—Alumni, at Elkins Park.

Reports from Hill School state that the Potomac athletes hope to meet the dual meet with Central High this year, as well as the teams from Lawrenceville School and the Cornell freshmen. In fact, Captain Priore's squad looks strong as likely winners of the Middle Atlantic intercollegiate track and field championships. Mike Sweeney will, as usual, have charge of the athletes.

As both Bordentown Military Institute and Penn Charter are in the dual meet, ball last season, the Quakers are out for revenge this year. Next Saturday the Yellow and Blue team will open the season at Bordentown.

It is hardly likely that the Germantown High School students will devote much time to tennis or track this season, as baseball is the big spring sport for the Queen Lane youngsters. The only change in the roster will be the interior track meet, an annual affair for which the boys make special preparation.

Captain "Art" Mahoney, of the St. Joseph's College basketball team, and Coach Kennedy are getting the candidates ready for the annual basketball meet. The fact that basketball is still holding the interest of many of the Crimson and Gray athletes, St. Joe and La Salle place their dual basketball game tomorrow night.

Swarthmore High School will enter a strong team in the University of Pennsylvania meet this year, with Captain Lutz as the anchor man. Moylan, Alsworth and Polk, three of the basketball stars, are in the quarter mile in good time, and may win places on the team. Percy Alsworth, former Swarthmore College student, is coach of the team.

The Northeast High School athletes are greatly handicapped by a gymnasium and, owing to the continued cold, will probably be unable to do much outdoor training. Captain Mettler, physical director, is making the best of conditions. With such stars as Ferguson, Drew, Whitaker and McCutcheon, Northeast has sure point winners.

Will the combined High School-Penn freshmen dual track meet be held on May 9 or is this the date for the combined Preparatory Schools-Penn Freshmen dual, as rumored? Lists conflict. For Northeast High scheduled the Penn Freshmen meet for the 9th. The Penn Charter School schedule calls for the Preparatory meet with the freshmen on the same date. Which date is correct?

Twenty-two athletes wearing the Yellow and Blue of the Penn Charter school will perform ball practices for the Manheim athletes will be held under the direction of Prof. Philip O. Lewis, physical director and athletic coach. The students are showing unexpected interest in this early spring work, which will prepare them for the harder practice when the candidates are called out next fall.

Larry McLean Is a Magnate

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 21.—John B. McLean, former catcher on the Cincinnati and New York National League Clubs, has accepted the franchise of the New Haven Club of the Eastern Baseball League.

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LARRY LAJOIE BEGINS HIS TWENTY-FIRST YEAR AS MEMBER OF BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB

Began His Brilliant Career on Diamond With the Phillies in 1896



NAPOLEON LAJOIE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 21. WHEN the squad of regulars and battery men of the Athletics started practice yesterday Larry Lajoie, one of the greatest figures ever connected with the national game, started his 21st season as a major league player.

Lajoie joined the Phillies in July, 1896, and has taken the Southern training trip regularly each spring, excepting 1901. The American League invaded the East in 1901, and Lajoie jumped from the Phillies to the Athletics. That spring the Mackmen trained at home on the old field at 23rd street and Columbia avenue.

In all these years Larry went to the training camp assured of a regular position. For 15 years he was the premier second baseman of the country. He also was the greatest hitter in the American League for eight years and in the National for five previous seasons. The coming of Ty Cobb started Lajoie's decline as a batting throne, while the peerless Eddie Collins took his title as the greatest second baseman.

Lajoie is Idol. But Larry was still a wonder and a drawing card. He was always a popular idol, but like all other athletes he is approaching the time when he must bow to youth. It is believed that Manager Mack has in Larry a youngster who is going to supplant the famous veteran as a regular, but Larry declares that it will not happen this season.

Lajoie is absolutely confident that he will have one great season before he is replaced and will be satisfied to step aside to make room for a youngster after the present season. He realizes that Mack is building a new machine must have young blood and he is aiding Connie by developing his successor.

All Lajoie wants is one more season as a regular. If he starts the coming campaign as a regular he will enter a select class in which but four names are enrolled. This roll of honor is for players who have played more than 20 years in the major leagues as a regular. There is no other player in the game today, barring Wagner, who is likely to reach the mark, and Larry may be the last player who will time to play 21 years in the major leagues.

Other Perennials. The wonderful Wagner is starting his 20th season this year, but it is doubtful if he will complete it as a regular. Four men have accomplished this feat and all were marvelous ball players. They were Cap Anson, George Gore, Ebbetts Wallace and Dan Brouthers. Others have played a greater number of seasons as professional ball players, but none have remained continuously in the major leagues.

Cy Young, Willie Keeler, Joe Kelley, Kid Nichols, Bill Hart and others were in the game at the time Wagner came on continuously in the major leagues. If appearances count for anything Lajoie should be the fifth name enrolled in this honor list.

Larry reported this spring lighter than usual, as he has been working lightly for a few weeks in order to report close to his normal weight. He realizes that he is no longer a youngster, and that it is now harder to take off weight. Therefore, he wanted to report in good shape so that he would be better able to stand the hard grind of spring training as prescribed by Manager Mack this year.

His Great Deeds. One could go on at length, telling of Lajoie's career in the major leagues. It is enough to say that they will never be forgotten by the fans, and long after he is

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Jumped to Athletics When American League Was Formed. Is Still Good



NAPOLEON LAJOIE

It is a hard task when one considers what Larry is giving up the moment he has fitted Malone for the job, but he is willing and anxious to help the Baltimore club, quiet, clean-living youngster like Malone, who is to step in when he steps out.

Lajoie was given a great reception by the spectators at Barr's Field when he started his 21st season and every player on the field and Manager Mack joined in heartily. Larry's job may be taken, but no one can discount one of the most wonderful records ever made by a ballplayer. Ty Cobb is going like mad and has surpassed Larry's high-water mark for batting for 10 seasons, but there are few baseball men who believe that 10 years from now Ty will be able to show a grand average equal to that of the famous Frenchman for 20 years.

ROOKIES AND REGULARS. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Alva Williams, the unfortunate who has been receiving Walter Johnson's delivery with his winter hands, is to get a day's rest.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—When the scorekeeper failed to get between the Giant rookie and the San Antonio players an adding machine substituted. The Giant was out 30 times for 21 hits that blossomed into 13 runs. San Antonio got 41 chances at bat, 7 runs.

MACON, Ga.—Terence or Richmond for Catcher Big Schmitt, Toronto for Layden and Columbus for Outfielder Don Brown in the way Manager Duowan has his preliminary tickets of leave made out.

MIAMI, Fla.—Johnny Everts was spiked, Arthur Nohr struck, and Umpire Cleary driven from the field in ridicule as the Braves and the Seminoles fought a 7 to 4 game. The injury to Captain Johnny will not keep him out of the game.

MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—It looks like the White Sox will be hitless winners again this year. They tied the knot in the tail of the Fort Worth club, Texas champions, 7 to 4, though outbit by five blows.

TAMPA, Fla.—A bush league umpire threw a scare into the great Heine Zim. His name is Fromberg. When Zim bounded up to him on a decision Fromberg said "git" and reached for his handkerchief. Heine thought he was reaching for a gun, and moved.

SHREVEPORT, La.—Manager Herzer, of the Reds, ordered a let-up in practice because he observed signs of staleness among his men. Dowd, Caspar, Emmer and Anderson will be let out when the Reds reach home.

PHILS FAVORITE FOR THIRD GAME WITH CHICAGO

Demaree's Hurling and Hitting Make Him King in Phils' Camp

WHITTED HAS SORE LEG

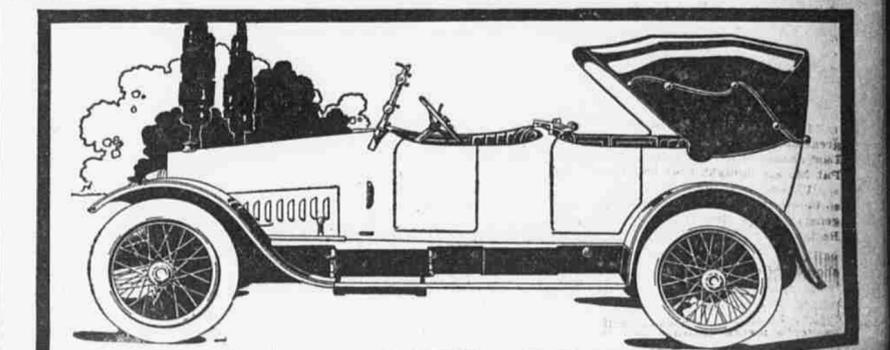
TAMPA, Fla., March 21.—The Phillies showed that they can play baseball just as well on one side of the bay as on the other by trouncing the Chicago Cubs here yesterday, 6 to 2. On Saturday the champion Phils also won a fracon from the Windy City boys, and the two successive triumphs make them favorites for the clash this afternoon.

Al Demaree is the popular man with the Phils this morning, for yesterday he did several things to attract attention. He hurled the last four innings for the Moran Maulers and availed the spheroids across in such artful fashion that "Dutch" Zwilling, who pinched for Hendrix in the fifth, was the only Chicagoan to damage his delivery, although the cartoonist was guilty of losing two passes.

But this is not all. In the sixth inning the Philly twirler smacked out a circuit clout over the head of Cy Williams in center field. The ball dropped on the motorcycle track, far out in the suburbs of the park.

Manager Joe Tinker's Federal and National League stars were completely baffled before the speed and prowess of the champions. At no stage of the game after the first inning were the Quaker lads seriously threatened. They looked almost a class better than their Windy City opponents.

Mayer pitched the first four innings for the Phils and performed in creditable style. The Cubs obtaining only four hits during his reign, although one of them was a circuit clout by Williams over Crayath's dome in the opening frame. "Erick" also did yeoman service with the willow, spinning two solid singles, each of which contributed a run. After Mulligan, who usurped Doolan's place at short, and Plack had been retired in the initial inning, "Cy" Williams rose to the occasion by poling the pellet to the distant reaches of right field, the ball rolling under the fence which guards the race track and resulting in a home run. "This died in order.



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Comic strip featuring Petey and Ira. Petey is a character who is being teased by Ira. The dialogue includes: 'T-EE HEE', 'NOW LET'S REHEARSE THE SECOND ACT—HERE'S WHERE THE HEROINE THAT YOU GLADYS, RUMS UP AND KISSES THE HERO UNCLE PETEY. LET'S TRY IT', 'TEE-HEE', 'OH, PUT SOME LIFE INTO IT', 'WATCH ME GLADYS—YOU SNEAK UP LIKE THIS AND', 'TEE HEE'.

By C. A. VOIGHT

Comic strip featuring Gladys and Petey. Gladys is a character who is being teased by Petey. The dialogue includes: 'WATCH ME GLADYS—YOU SNEAK UP LIKE THIS AND', 'TEE HEE'.