

SHIPS ARE LAUNCHED NOW THE WAY UMPS USED TO BE LYNCHED, WITH GINGER POP BOTTLES

ED ROUSH WOULD HAVE BEEN THREE-TIME BATTING KING, SAYS DOPESTER

Disputed Game Thrown Out in 1918 Knocked Red Outfielder Off Hitting Throne, Where He Sat in 1917 and 1919—"Demon" Elias Shows Figures

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AL MUNRO ELIAS, whose hair-finger brain hops through fingers like the flying parson through the air, presents some startling things that are facts in the world of baseball.

The dope is this, according to the hair-finger brain: Roush blazed the trail, to use a highly original expression, for the sluggers in the parent circuit for 1917. He also captained the 1919 batting championship, and the official 1918 averages give him second place to Zach Wheat, whose percentage was .33396.

"Roush would have led the National League batters in 1915 and held the batting championship the last three years but for a protested game. During the game played at Redland Field, Cincinnati, on April 29, 1918, Roush juggled a fly, then caught it and completed a double play at the plate which the ump allowed.

"Upon the Cardinals' protest, President Heydler granted their protest. With this official edict the complete records of the game went into the discard, and with them went Roush's single and triple and the batting championship of the National League for the season of 1918.

"Roush, if allowed these two hits, would possess the following for the 1918 season: At bat, 438; hits, 147; percentage, .33562, or almost two points ahead of Zach Wheat, the champion."

IT'S tough at that to have a chance for a record taken away when work has been actually done to deserve a crack at the mark.

Favors Keeping All Records

IN KEEPING with fairness in sport, Mr. Elias is willing to rap on the table for attention to the baseball meeting and make a plea to let all records made on the field stand, regardless of rain, protests, National Commission or anything. This sounds reasonable at that. If a ball player raps out a couple of hits in a few innings and then the game is called off on account of rain, why shouldn't those hits count in the official averages? It's not his fault that it rains. He has done his part of the job. He has made his hits, and why shouldn't he get credit for it? The same goes for a protested game.

The protested game that was thrown out by the league president should be similar to tie games. In a tie game the batters get credit or discredit, as the case may be, for their conduct in that game; but the battle doesn't affect the win-and-loss column, either of the clubs or the pitchers. As it now stands, a protest that is upheld has the same effect as if no game is played at all.

Elias points out that Eddie Roush is not the only athlete who has a just claim to register against the present system. Here is what he says: "The other players, Hank Gowdy, of the Braves, and Marty Kavanagh, of the Cardinals, suffered deeply through losing their batting records in games where protests were allowed in recent years.

"Few players during their career in the majors succeeded in turning in five base hits in one game. Kavanagh belted out three singles, a double and a triple in seven tries on June 3, 1918, against Burlington Grimes, Jack Coombs, Dan Griner and Larry Cheney, greatly aiding the Cards in trimming the Robins 15 to 12 in twelve innings.

"Hank Gowdy hammered out four hits off Jimmy Lavender and Erskine Mayer, of the Phillies, on April 17, 1917, a short time before he enlisted in the army. In this game the Braves trimmed the Phillies 6 to 5. Brandford, the umpire, ruled Jimmy Lavender out when Jimmy, in the third inning, ran out of the base line between second and third base. This ruling was protested and won by Moran. The granting of the protest, of course, caused Gowdy's four hits to be stricken from the records.

IT WOULD greatly help statisticians and other recorders if the records of all championship contests be kept intact once a game is played.

Penn Committee Marking Time

FEBRUARY is about to break in on us in a way that the Penn football coach has not been selected. Nobody is losing sleep over this fact, but it's about time the newly appointed football committee get together and named the 1920 tutor. The delay is a handicap to Penn and a double handicap to the candidates for the post. It hurts the Red and Blue in that it retards all football plans in the way of spring training and other things. But that is insignificant as compared to the injury to those in line for the position. Some, particularly Fowell, have held off from accepting a position with some other college in the hope of landing at Franklin Field.

The meeting with the alumni recently seemed to do little good. There were twenty-one old grads present besides the members of the committee. Several men were suggested, including Bob Fowell, Bill Hollenback, John Heisman, Roy Mercer and By Dickson. The alumni did a lot of talking, but no definite action was taken as to the injury to those in line for the position. Several grad grads believed the meeting did more to confuse the committee than anything else. The idea behind the session with the alumni, however, was a good one, for the committee believed it wise—and rightly, too—that it should discover first who was wanted.

Fowell has two staunch supporters in Bud Honner, the captain of next year's team, and Ed Vane, the manager. These men have come out openly in favor of retaining the Mullica Hill farmer, but it is not known who will get the votes of the other three members. It is said that Wharton Stinkler, the chairman, and Earl Van Vleet, the other two members of the body, are uncertain. Nothing is known of Sidney Hutcheson's mind. He is in Florida.

ACTION is what is wanted at Penn. Why there is all this delay nobody knows, but it is an unusual affair at the University.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

JOE WELSH is going to be a lousy gent. The Southwark welterweight shows in the star bout at the Cambria arena tonight and he also will be 50 per cent of the feature fracas of the opening Germantown A. A. next week. Bobby Gunnis is dicker for a number of other contests, so that Welsh must expect to be one of Philly's most frequent performers.

Charles O'Neil, of Tulsa, will get started in the welter division of the Cambria arena with Joseph Walsh as the party of the second part. Morris Tamm, of Philadelphia, will meet more, Joseph George. Ward in the semi-finals of the Cambria arena, Monday night, at 8:30. Young Milligan vs. Joe Walsh, and Young Miller vs. Tommy Warren and Johnny Dugan vs. Jack Rose are other numbers.

Eddie McAndrews will be Joe Walsh's vis-avis in the main bout at the new Germantown Club next week. Willie House is working on the prelin deal now.

Hank McGovern, Peers Richmond's hansom gets back into ring action next week. Max will meet Jack Wallace. He is expected at the Auditorium Tuesday night. Willie House is waiting patiently for a date with Jimmie Wilson in a special show.

Sel O'Donnell, the stout roped lightweight of Fairmount, will meet Jimmie Wilson in the Auditorium next week. His opponent will be Johnny Mackin, of Southwark. The other numbers are: Eddie Joyce vs. Charles Mosser; Jimmy McBride vs. Tommy Loughran and Harry McPherson vs. Dan Crowell are other numbers.

Johnny Murray, of New York, has been smothered in his debut. He is expected to give champion Johnny Kilbane a tough time at the national A. A. Saturday night, the semifinal to this match. Kid Wheeler, of Philadelphia, will meet Frankie Maguire, of Philadelphia. Willie House vs. Johnny Mackin, of Philadelphia, will meet Frankie Maguire, of Philadelphia. Willie House vs. Johnny Mackin, of Philadelphia, will meet Frankie Maguire, of Philadelphia.

FRANKFORD FIVE WINS

Pioneers Take Closely Contested Basketball Game From Germantown Frankford High School basketball team defeated Germantown High, 25 to 20, in a closely contested game at the Germantown gymnasium last night. The game was closely contested and the Red and Blue were evenly matched. The Red and Blue were evenly matched. The Red and Blue were evenly matched.

Eddie Mullin's interest in his bout with Jack Toland will keep him from meeting Johnny Mealy at the new Germantown Club tomorrow night. Jim Dwyer, the champion, will take Mullin's place. Willie House will take Mullin's place. Willie House will take Mullin's place.

Jack Toland has decided to keep 146 for about two weeks. He had a cut reopened on his eye in his bout with Eddie Mullin. Toland made a big hit in his technical round, but lost a bout with Kid Doyle.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



THREE MORE STAR ATHLETES LOST

Icy Weather Makes Only Rough Slidding at Old Penn. Track Team Hit

ARMSTRONG TAKES COUNT

Two track stars have been lost to Penn through the recently adopted degree and three-year rules. Russell Armstrong will be lost in Penn athletics, which makes three more Red and Blue stars out of the running.

Cummings has competed for three years, and this completes his allowance of intercollegiate competition under the new rules. Cummings was among the first ten men to finish in the last intercollegiate cross-country run. He won the junior and senior Middle Atlantic cross-country championships in 1918.

Despite their defeat last night at Weightman Hall by the margin of 44 to 10, the husky basket players remain in the Washington and Jefferson game of the University of Pennsylvania students the most sensational exhibition witnessed on the Red and Blue court thus far this winter. There was no time when the western Pennsylvanians appeared superior, although for the first five minutes of the contest they were in the lead.

The bitter disappointment of Wagner's basketball life was his failure to garner 5000 total bases on hits. Honus by virtue of piling out 248 singles, 64 doubles, 27 triples and 10 homers, piled up the enormous sum of 4873 total bases on hits, falling by just 127 bases to ring the bell at 5000 total bases on hits.

DREYFUSS PANNED WHEN HE PAID \$2100 FOR WAGNER

Experts Said It Was Waste of Good Coin—Hans Broke in With Louisville as an Outfielder in 1897

THE Louisville Club has purchased third baseman Hans Wagner of Paterson for a price not stated, and pitcher Pete Dowling from Paducah, in exchange for \$2000 and Fletcher Jones. It is to be hoped that Louisville didn't throw away very much money on the Wagner deal, as times are hard, and Wagner would set the league-world strike as a third baseman. He is a better outfielder than infielder.

So that night Pulliam sent a wire to Dreyfuss from New York: "Have closed with Paterson for Wagner for \$2100." And so it came to pass that on July 10, 1897, the name of Hans Wagner appeared for the first time in a major league boxscore. In Louisville, they paid heed to the criticism that Wagner was a better outfielder than an infielder, so the big fellow was introduced to fandom as a center fielder.

Yes, Wagner's playing was good. He started out his big league career with a batting average of .200. In four times up he hit a single, tapped a sacrifice and drew a base on balls. He also contributed the first steal to one of the greatest assortments of stolen bases ever acquired by any big league collector of stolen goods.

When the National League cut down from a twelve to an eight club league in the winter of 1899-1900, Barney Dreyfuss bought the Pittsburgh club and took with him the pick of his Louisville Colonels—Clark, Wagner, Tommy Leach, "Denny" Phillips, "Rube" Waddell, Pat Flaherty and several others.

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NEW JERSEY BARS HIGH-DIVING ACT

Porky Flynn and Al Reich Didn't Go Big in Flop-as-Flop-Can Spectacle

MONEY GOES TO CHARITY

Amateur Sports

Stetson Milson Reserves wants to hear from the services A. C. in regard to a game with the Philadelphia team.

LEAGUE CAGE STARS TO GRADUATE IN FEB.

South Philly Will Lose Goldblatt and Dessen. Two Regulars Also to Leave Germantown Five

GOLDSTEIN GOES, TOO

By PAUL PREP Two representatives in the Intercollegiate Basketball League are going to be hit pretty hard next week through graduation. A pair of regular players will be lost to South Philadelphia High School, and Germantown High School will be equally handicapped.

"Label" Goldblatt, who is setting the pace for individual honors in the league scoring, will leave the Southwark school after February 1, and so will Henry Dessen. Three other men of the best guards in local scholastic ranks, which he proved by shutting out "O'Brien" O'Brien Northeast's crack shot, in the game on Tuesday.

John Dieterle and Russell King, first-string forwards of Germantown, will get their diplomas, and their services will be greatly missed. A pair of regular players will be lost to South Philadelphia High School, and Germantown High School will be equally handicapped.

Goldblatt and Dessen expect to matriculate at the University of Pennsylvania. Dieterle, however, has not decided which college he will attend, as he also has a high in mind.

Penn State probably will have Goldstein on its rolls next season. Goldstein has played basketball, football and baseball.

Brown Prep's five is playing a fast game in the case under the tutelage of Joe Pop. Pop, formerly attended St. Joseph's College and also was a catcher with Peoria, Ill.

Victoria have been scored by Brown Prep over Temple Prep, Catholic High, Haverford and the University of Pennsylvania. Other games scheduled are: January 25, Downingtown; 26, Tom School; 29, Hildwood; 31, Delaware State College; February 1, Delaware State College; 2, Delaware State College; 3, Delaware State College; 4, Delaware State College; 5, Delaware State College; 6, Delaware State College; 7, Delaware State College; 8, Delaware State College; 9, Delaware State College; 10, Delaware State College; 11, Delaware State College; 12, Delaware State College; 13, Delaware State College; 14, Delaware State College; 15, Delaware State College; 16, Delaware State College; 17, Delaware State College; 18, Delaware State College; 19, Delaware State College; 20, Newark Central High.

Jack Kelly, of the Vesper Boat Club and national sculling champion, will try to win the Diamond Sculls at the Henley regatta in England this summer, and expects to enter the Olympic rowing races later in Belgium.

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Standings of Teams in Scholastic Basketball

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Win/Loss Record. Includes South Philadelphia High, West Philadelphia High, etc.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (First and Second Teams)

OTHER GAMES Lansdowne High, at Lower Merion; Germantown Academy, at Darby High; Ridley Park High, at Chestnut Hill Academy.

KELLY TO ENTER DIAMOND SCULLS

National Sculling Champion Anxious to Get Trout Abroad and in Olympics

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