George Kelly's Bat Has Been the Giants' Big Stick in Games Thus Far With the Phillies

PAIR OF KIDS UPSET THE DOPE AND KEEP CLEVELAND IN FRONT

Sewell and Stephenson Fill Places of Veterans, Play Star Game in the Field and Are Heavy Hitters at the Plate—Phils Also Spring Big Surprise

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
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THE real mystery baseball club in the American League is Cleveland. This team, all shot to pieces in the infield, with what was supposed to be one of the weakest defenses on the circuit, has stepped forward, played some real, regular, slam bang baseball and now tops the standings. Games are won by large scores, winning rallies are staged in the late innings and the percentage in the won and lost column continues to grow. 'Tis strange, VERY strange.

Everybody knows that the real strength of a ball club, defensively and otherwise, is around second base. We had that Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance stuff in the old days; also Eddie Collins and Jack Barry, Evers and Maranville, Collins and Weaver, Fletcher and Doyle and many other noted combinations around the keystone sack. Last year Wambsganss and Ray Chapman starred for Cleveland, showing that it is absolutely necessary to have second and short well guarded.

But how about Cleveland this year? Chapman is gone, Wamby has a broken arm and two raw kids are filling in. Neither has had any major league experience to speak of, although Sewell faced the test in the world series. Just the same, he is inexperienced, and the same goes for Stephenson at second base. Wise critics predicted that both would flop before the superior pitching, but instead of that they are leading the club in hitting! Can't beat anything like that.

The Sewell-Stephenson combination is the talk of the baseball world. Everybody is sitting up and guessing how it happened. Kids are supposed to wait a few years before busting into the fast set; but nothing like that in this case. Two college youths, plucked from the University of Alabama, are out in the open showing the experienced birds how the game should be played and helping the champions to keep their place in the sun.

Baseball is a very funny game when you think about it. Managers and owners are howling about the shortage of players, the high cost of talent and things like that, yet every once in a while a smart person goes out and returns with an armful of young and tender prospects which usually turn out all to too good.

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CONNIE MACK did it in the olden days when he dug up his $100,000 infield, Branch Rickey got Sisler and John McGraw discovered Frank Frisch. Now comes the keystone kids, grabbed from the Dixie belt, inserted in the picture and are making good.

Pair Signed by a Football Coach

MANY stories have been told about the signing of Stephenson and Sewell, but here is the real dope. They were signed together by Xen Scott, football coach at the University of Alabama and a newspaper writer in Cleveland. Xen advised both boys to take a chance at big league baseball after seeing them in action. He got contracts for them, and it is doubtful if the pair cost more than $500. They are worth one hundred times as much now.

And here's a peculiar angle. In college and in the summer league Sewell always played second base and Stephenson short. They worked well together then, but nobody ever dreamed they would be switched. However, they seem to be getting along fine in their new positions and Tris Speaker refuses to change them.

Last year Stephenson was regarded as the best backfield man in the South. He was an ideal build for a football player, six feet tall, 185 pounds in weight and remarkably fast. He could run the ends, buck the line, punt, drop-kick and forward pass. Although his right arm is a trifle crooked because of a fracture, he could throw a football sixty yards, which is going some. That same throwing arm is helping considerably in baseball.

Stephenson was at the training camp in Dallas as a guest of Tris Speaker. He had no idea of joining the club until after he graduated in June, and left the training camp after a short stay to play in a college ball game against Yale. He wasn't given a thought until Wamby broke his arm and Lunte his substitute, was carried off the field with a badly sprained ankle. Then a hurry call was sent to Alabama and Stephenson reported. He must go back to school to make up the necessary work to get a diploma, but he is willing to do that.

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IT IS very strange to see a youngster make good from the start, as was the case with Stephenson. Not only that, Sewell also is kicking in with some stellar work, the club is winning ball games and Tris Speaker should worry even if the dope is all shot to pieces.

Now Take the Case of Our Phillies

ALL of this goes to prove the uncertainty of our great and only national game. For instance, take the Phillies. Down South, in spring practice, the club looked like a big giggle. It was an excruciating joke, and everybody who saw the club in action laughed heartily. This was because of the in-and-out pitching, the patched-up infield and uncertain catching.

It was easy to figure the weakness of the club. You still can do that. With Paulette out, first base is weak. Jack Miller can play for a time, but is liable to go to the sidelines at any minute. Cliff Lee, a catcher and sub outfielder purchased from Pittsburgh, is his substitute. It is doubtful if Lee can play first base. If he could he still would be in Pittsburgh.

Rawlings is a fair second baseman, but Parkinson at short is a kid who still has a lot to learn, and Wrightstone at third is not the greatest fielder in the world. Therefore you can figure with little difficulty that the Phillies' infield is very weak, and how can a club get anywhere with a weak inner defense like that?

BUT the Phils are winning ball games and giving every opponent a stiff battle. They have been playing some of the strongest teams in the league, New York and Brooklyn, and have not been disgraced. In fact, they beaten even by big margins on not better than the opposition's entertainment stars playing with the Giants and Dodgers. Wrightstone is a good third baseman, Parkinson is a good shortstop and Jack Miller is a hear of a first-sacker. That's how the PHILLIES are playing it after seeing them in action.

Therefore, they can't be in football. The club which looks weakest on paper is doing nicely, thank you, in the 1921 series and making the smart sockers sit down in the way they should do and wonder what it is all about. Spirit has been the chief factor in the success of the Phillies. Both clubs are in there fighting, the players are not afraid to make a mistake and every game is fought and disputed to the bitter end.

That is one of the reasons for the popularity of baseball. No matter how good a team looks, it always can be beaten, and no matter how terrible it appears there is always a chance for a big surprise.

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THE Phillies have yet to play a series with Boston. The Braves visited Philadelphia and Brooklyn when they won five out of the six games played. The Phils and Sox will get to the opposite when they meet on the Hub. The Phillies played there five week the long spell ago, and the Bostonians were in Philadelphia at the time of Wolf's Bloomer Dunn. It looks as if it promised to be slaughter before.

Boxing Public Mourns Death of John Smith

JOHN SMITH, [illegible] the state of New Jersey, [illegible] Atlantic City and in placed among the [illegible] sanctuary. He was a [illegible] to win until the Great Referee summoned him.

John Smith [illegible] sport. He was a man, thoroughly [illegible] and contributed respect at a time because he was on [illegible]

[illegible] was boxing [illegible] for boxing in New Jersey. He worked for [illegible] and nothing was too [illegible] sport game.

Last [illegible] in the Log [illegible] the commission's [illegible] developed in the House and when John Smith [illegible] there everything will be [illegible] admiration him. He was nothing.

Mr. Smith [illegible] in Jersey and New York and Philadelphia [illegible] that the patrons were there [illegible] He was in office to [illegible] follow in his footsteps.

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JOHN [illegible]

Kid Williams Faces Test at National Tonight

THERE [illegible] at the National tonight [illegible] Bobby Hart, Kid Williams and Young Andy Chaney and Kid Williams [illegible] the three [illegible]

Kid Williams [illegible] with [illegible]

STETSON STARTS SATURDAY

Hatters Inaugurate Season With Wid Conroy's New York Snip Nine

The Stetson A. A. [illegible] ball season on Saturday when Wid Conroy's New York Snip [illegible] Walter Johannes has [illegible] a [illegible] of sluggers. [illegible] pitching on the Stetson hill for [illegible] weeks.

The lineup [illegible] Ritz, Moller, Ortiz, Rosin, Wecker and Wattis, [illegible] last year's team, with Bariess and Port as a new battery.

Here Mendoza, a Hawaiian, who [illegible] a record of [illegible] for the 100-yard dash, is [illegible] addition. He is a wizard with [illegible] and there will be [illegible] of the contenders of the Chinese team when it first visited this country some years ago.

A track has been engaged for the morning and will begin its concert at 1:30. Thomas E. Wanamaker, superintendent of the Bank Shop, will throw out the first ball and Miss Ruth F. Hoag, daughter of Albert Hoag, fore man of the apprentice young department, will unfurl the flag preceding the game at 2:30.

PENN TRACK TEAM MAY WIN TITLE

Performances Against Harvard Lead Experts to Believe That Red and Blue Can Repeat

HEAD RAN BRILLIANTLY

Penn's chances to win the intercollegiates, to be held next month, received a big boost Saturday afternoon when the Red and Blue trackmen overwhelmed Harvard 69 1-3 to 47 2-3. Up until Saturday afternoon Penn students and graduates were inclined to think that they had anything but bright prospects. Since the meet the sole topic on the campus has been "we ought to win the intercollegiates again."

Of the men who scored points for the Red and Blue last year on Franklin Field in the championships, only Warren Hampton and Sherman Landers have been lost. Earl Eby, Larry Brown and Bob Maxam remain, and this trio proved their ability on Saturday by scoring 23 points. Added to these three, Coach Robertson can count on Donald Head, who flashed across the finish line some twelve yards in front of Captain Dennis O'Connell, of the Crimson, in the two-mile run; George Meredith, who ran a beautiful half-mile; McFadden, who scored in both sprints, and Johnny Bartels, in the field events.

Once the field men show form Penn will be strong enough to match any college team in the land. At present only Dartmouth and California appear to be formidable rivals of Pennsylvania. The Princeton team, which lost out last year, remained virtually intact until the faculty ban set in and deprived the team of several of its heaviest point scorers. Harvard, Yale and Penn State are not figured strong enough at the present writing to be serious contenders for the title.

Coach Robertson was more than pleased with the showing of his men on Saturday, but, as always, he did not wax over-enthusiastic. "I am well satisfied with what the men did against Harvard. I doped out that the score would be a little closer and had we not received the breaks in the high jump there would have been little doubt of the closeness of the score. Don Head ran a beautiful race against O'Connell and should figure in the scoring this year."

Captain Dennis O'Connell, of the Harvard team, was plainly heartbroken over losing the meet, and particularly the two-mile event. After praising Captain Eby and his mates, O'Connell said that he felt Harvard would be much better later on in the season as the team has had but three weeks' outdoor practice.

The best performance of the afternoon from all angles was Bob Maxam's feat in winning the furlong from the speedy Gourdin in 21 4-5 seconds, the same time made by Brown, of Princeton, last May on the same track in the intercollegiates. Several of the officials, who have followed track athletics for many years, were of the opinion that Maxam would have come mighty close to tying or breaking the recent unaccepted world's record made by Charlie Paddock on the coast. The claim was made that the track, because of the rain, was at least a second slow, and if that be true Maxam would have tied the Paddock mark. Maxam's speed can be attested by the fact that he had fully five yards on Gourdin, who is one of the best sprinters in eastern college ranks. Gourdin defeated Maxam by inches in the 100 after a neck-and-neck battle the entire distance.

Captain Earl Eby proved to the Penn followers that he is in great shape for the relays on Friday and Saturday. He turned the quarter in 49 3-5 seconds, exceptional time when the condition of the track is considered. The Red and Blue flier did not over-exert himself in the half, but was content to win out by two yards from his teammate, Meredith.

Don Head by his performance Saturday should be well up with the leaders in the two-mile special race on Friday afternoon. Larry Brown's running in the mile and Smalley's work in the hurdles were other features of the meet.

Pen' Points

The best-place winners in the meet all received [illegible] Tom Nichols and Woodward [illegible] were the recipients [illegible] the others having won [illegible] previous meets.

George Meredith continues to improve with [illegible] By the time the intercollegiates get around the brother of the peerless Ted should rank with the best in the country.

The big surprise of the meet was the manner in which the widely heralded Crimson sophomore fell flat. They were expected to walk away with the track events, but failed in the high jump and shot-put, in which they were expected to be exceptionally strong.

The loss of Bill Chambers, No. 6, in the mile, just after he was stricken with appendicitis Saturday, was one of the hardest blows Coach Harvard has received this season. Chambers is one of the best harriers in the East and was expected to prove a tower of strength in the final regatta.

Pennsylvania and Yale graduates are to compete against the college team in the Bingham Run next month. After the defeat of the Bulldog in Charlie Mitchell's eight several Yale graduates challenged the same number of Penn men to a race and the challenge was accepted.

The baseball game scheduled for Saturday between Penn and Yale might have been a stiff lesson of the sort Penn played here on June 4. Two games are on the Red and Blue schedule for this week.

Johns Hopkins lighted Penn up in a lacrosse game to the tune of 8 to 0 Saturday afternoon. It was the first league game for the Red and Blue, Penn failing to penetrate the home team's defenses to tell the determining factor.

N. Y. Amateurs Win Canadian Titles

Toronto, April 25. New York amateur boxers won three Canadian national titles in a dual meet in Toronto here. Ben Pollack, New York national 135-pound champion, won in that class. Jack Bradley, of New York, won in the 145-pound class, and Mortimer Sellinger, New York State welter middleweight champion, captured the 158-pound crown. Mayor Gaynor of Toronto presented the winners with medals.

What Major League Clubs Did Last Week

The week's record in each league of games played, won and lost, with runs, hits, errors, men left on base and runs scored by opponents, including games of Saturday, April 23, is as follows:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	R.	H.	E.	LB.	OR.
Pittsburgh	6	4	2	42	66	9	32	27
New York	4	3	1	25	31	7	28	13
Chicago	4	2	2	19	47	8	32	25
Brooklyn	5	3	2	16	30	7	19	13
Boston	5	1	4	14	4	1	30	28
Philadelphia	4	2	2	12	33	7	26	13
Cincinnati	6	3	3	28	56	6	18	28
St. Louis	4	1	3	11	36	8	25	15

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	R.	H.	E.	LB.	OR.
New York	4	3	1	22	33	4	30	16
Cleveland	5	4	1	30	52	7	30	24
Washington	4	3	1	23	3	7	20	12
Chicago	4	2	2	11	1	4	26	11
St. Louis	5	2	3	19	10	7	36	17
Boston	4	1	3	7	20	2	26	11
Detroit	4	1	3	17	40	7	30	20
Athletics	5	1	4	25	55	9	43	35

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

ROTARY TO PLAY KIWANIS AT GOLF

Local Business Clubs Will Meet on East Course at Merion on Thursday

MATCHES BY HANDICAPS

By SANDY McNIBLICK

The Kiwanis-Rotary Club annual golf tournament will be played Thursday of this week over the east course of the Merion Cricket Club at Ardmore avenue.

Plans for the affair have not yet been completed, as the entries are still a question, but it is expected that there will be foursomes and singles, an all-day affair to exceed in pleasure the strenuous time had by all last year. This year it is planned to hold both a luncheon and dinner, besides the golf.

Henry W. Buse, secretary of the golf committee, announces that any member who desires to donate prizes may do so, and that main consideration for playing on the teams will be given those sending in their club handicaps pronto!

The following members have previously played and may play next Thursday: J. S. Anderson, W. T. Abell, W. T. Andrews, Henry Bassett, W. B. Brendlinger, H. C. Biddle, J. H. Bowers, J. H. Blodgett, E. G. Cross, C. Castner, E. F. DeWolf, J. L. Dillon, W. K. Dwier, A. H. Edgar, R. E. Eggleston, G. A. Fry, J. E. Fite, Jr., A. H. Geuting, L. F. Grieg, A. C. Hampson, L. H. Heist, H. B. Harper, J. H. Hurtt, Jr., G. A. Henrich, W. H. Hughes, G. H. Jackson, H. T. Jordan, W. D. Lober, H. J. Latta, R. G. Ledig, M. Moore, A. M. Mathews, M. J. Mulkin, M. W. Montgomery, D. J. Maguire, R. W. Phillips, J. H. Pomeroy, M. Roberts, F. Stein, P. C. Stpaies, S. A. Stuard, C. A. Stinson, H. G. Stockwell, Frank Shoble, J. C. Snyder, W. B. Stamford, E. R. Stamford, E. R. Sausser, W. E. Tinker, Charles A. Tyler, J. H. Tracey, B. A. Van Maaren, J. S. Watson, F. D. Williams, W. R. Walton, J. R. Wilson, H. E. Wheeler, G. J. Weissgerber, J. E. Wick, Wriggins and R. W. Yerkes.

About everybody encountered these days has a word to say about the preliminary showing of Alexa Stirling abroad. "She is taking a unanimous racing," is the comment. She has not won, but, playing strange courses in a strange land, before strangers, under strange conditions, she has finished second and third in medal-play events, not her strong suit. Our own reaction is that the strongest of her chances in match play, where we figure she will shine brilliantly in the Britishers' game, is ahead.

Now that the women's team matches are fairly under way, it looks like the Crescent Club, Jersey, and Atlantic City would match the main contenders in the first two leagues, and that the Washington would see a tussle between Lansdowne and Huntingdon Valley, 24 with the chances favoring the latter.

Local schoolboys are beginning to interest themselves in the interscholastic championships, which will be played in May at Merion. Four teams will be entered, but there will be many entrants for the individual title.

There will be a meeting of golf committee chairmen of Huntingdon Valley on May 5 to discuss the game of golf and its implications. It is the time, not a club member, who finds from course to course, same fee same [illegible] over. A great life on the clubs [illegible]

J. Wood Platt will be the guest of honor at the final luncheon of the season of the Winter Golf Group Thursday of this week. Wood is to represent the league in the British championship. Platt will hustle back to defend his title as Philadelphia champion.

Nothing gives Babe Ruth quite the same thrill as does a drive that flies off the tee far down the fairway with the everlasting chunk of a shallow subsoil iff. He's trying it out now with a baseball bat and ball. Hence our homers so far.

The Pittsfield Golf Club has just been organized in Massachusetts as the cheapest club in the country. The initiation fee is $10. A 6,000-yard course has been laid out at a very small cost. Fifteen hundred applications for membership were mailed to prospect citizens and 1500 returned with a $10 bill. Who wouldn't accept?

What May Happen In Baseball Today

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	P.C.	Win	Lose
Cleveland	7	3	.700	.727	.636
Washington	6	3	.667	.700	.600
New York	5	3	.625	.667	.556
Chicago	3	4	.429	.500	.375
Detroit	3	4	.429	.500	.375
Boston	3	4	.429	.500	.375
St. Louis	4	6	.400	.455	.364
Athletics	2	6	.250	.333	.222

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	P.C.	Win	Lose
New York	6	2	.750	.778	.667
Pittsburgh	8	3	.727	.750	.667
Chicago	5	2	.714	.750	.625
Brooklyn	5	3	.500	.571	.444
Boston	4	4	.400	.455	.364
Phillies	3	5	.375	.444	.333
Cincinnati	4	7	.364	.417	.333
St. Louis	1	6	.143	.250	.125

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Jersey City	4	1	.800	Toronto	2	2	.500
Newark	4	1	.800	Syracuse	2	3	.250
Baltimore	3	1	.750	Reading	1	3	.250
Rochester	2	2	.500	Buffalo	0	5	.000

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Boston at Philadelphia.
New York at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Athletics at Boston.
Washington at New York.
Detroit at Chicago.
St. Louis at Cleveland.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Syracuse at Jersey City.
Buffalo at Newark.
Toronto at Reading.
Rochester at Baltimore.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York, 1; Philadelphia, 0.
Brooklyn, 12; Boston, 6.
Pittsburgh, 7; Cincinnati, 2.
Chicago, 8; St. Louis, 7.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington, 3; New York, 1.
Detroit, 7; Chicago, 3.
Cleveland, 6; St. Louis, 3.
Athletics-Boston, not scheduled.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Newark, 4; Buffalo, 2 (first game).
Newark, 7; Buffalo, 1 (second game).
Syracuse, 8; Jersey City, 5 (first game).
Jersey City, 10; Syracuse, 5 (2d game).
Toronto, 11; Reading, 6.
Baltimore, 15; Rochester, 7.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Toledo, 8; Indianapolis, 2.
St. Paul, 5; Milwaukee, 4 (10 innings).
Kansas City, 15; Minneapolis, 3.
Columbus, 6; Louisville, 5.

DOBSON AND ASCENSION TIE

Battle to Scoreless Deadlock in Allied Cup Semifinal

The Dobson and Ascension soccer eleven met in the Allied Cup semi-final match at Cardington yesterday, and, after battling one hour and a half to a scoreless tie, played four extra periods of ten minutes each with no result and the game was called.

The teams will come together on the same grounds next Sunday. Ascension had the better of the run of play, but there were few chances to score. Whitely, of Ascension, had a fine opportunity to win at the start of the first extra period, but failed to take advantage and later in the contest Foster and Brown, of Dobson, should have counted, as they only had Carroll, the Ascension goalkeeper to beat, but were unequal to the occasion.

Blackstone Booking Games

Blackstone Juniors, a strong seventeen-year-old team, has recently made bookings for large games with teams having home grounds and offering fair gate receipts. The following teams are under consideration: Manager M. Meltzer, E. Gutermann, catcher; H. Levin, pitcher; H. Sachnoff, first base; S. Schwartz, second base; Martz, third base; M. Meltzer, shortstop; A. Meyers, outfield; H. Meltzer, center field, and M. Hecht, outfield. All letters to S. Schwartz, 1611 South Lawrence street.

Nearly 170,000 Fans at Seven Sunday Games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At New York	Giants vs. Reds	37,000
At Brooklyn	Dodgers vs. Braves	25,000
At St. Louis	Cards vs. Cubs	15,000
At Cincinnati	Reds vs. Pirates	12,000
Total		89,000

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Chicago	Sox vs. Tigers	35,000
At Washington	Senators vs. Yankees	34,000
At Cleveland	Indians vs. Browns	20,000
Total		89,000

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VESPER'S SENIOR EIGHT HARD HIT

Jack Kelly Replaces Lost Oarsmen With Lighter Candidates. May Not Race Navy

TO TEST BLADES WITH PENN

Jack Kelly's plans to get together a senior eight-oared crew to meet the Olympic champion United States navy eight over the mile and 550-yard course on the Schuylkill in the American Henley Regatta on Saturday, May 28, received a decided setback with the loss of four of his heavier candidates, but Jack is not discouraged in his task and has filled their places with newcomers, although the quartet of aspirants is considerably lighter.

The oarsmen who have been replaced are Smith, No. 2; McConnell, No. 3; MacMasters, No. 4, and Casselbury, No. 5. The new combination has been rowing together for almost a week in this order: Nelson, bow; Carton, Niesley, Moorehead, Myers, Regan, Jack Costello, Kelly, stroke; Ewing, coxswain.

Kelly and Coach Mueller are of the opinion that it is worth while to keep up training for the big test with the navy eight. They will have to show the necessary punch, however, or the plan to compete in the first big local regatta may be abandoned. The men who formerly were in the shell were big and sturdy and brought the average weight up to 178 pounds, whereas the reconstructed crew will tip the scale at about 168 to 170 pounds.

It is planned to row against Penn come night this week and the workout will be welcomed by both, as it will give a line on the ability of the Maroon and Gray sweepswingers and also give Coach Joe Wright a fine chance to try out Yale's conquerors before they leave for Annapolis where they row against the Middies on Saturday.

Strokes and Splashes

The Penn Barge senior four has been somewhat hampered by the loss of its shell, which is undergoing repairs, but managed a workout in the morning. The crew, rowed with E. Federschmidt, stroke; E. Federschmidt, 3; Mulford, 2, and Coffin, bow. Carl Kline, who formerly rowed No. 2 on this four, will represent his club in the senior singles.

Former and active members of the West Philadelphia Boat Club are planning to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary with a banquet on Wednesday evening at the Hotel Warren. Captain McGillivray has received acceptances from a number of well-known oarsmen who will be on the speakers' list, among whom will be Ellis Ward, former Penn coach, and who trained the Quaker crews commencing May 1.

Coach Harold Speidel, of Pennsylvania Barge Club, is finding it difficult to keep a junior eight together, the work of some of the aspirants interfering for early evening rowing. However, he will keep trying out the many likely candidates and in addition will prepare other crews for the coming races.

Ed Graef, of Crescent, is not boasting of the possibilities of his junior eight. The crew, big and capable, averaging close to 175 pounds, has been on the water five weeks and promises to add in making this year's feature race a real struggle. As judged by early indications the Fairmount R. A. Quakers, Crescent, Penn Barge, Malta, Vesper, West Philadelphia and Undine clubs will also strive for the gold medals and trophies in this class.

Charles Salinger is willing to give the Fairmount crewmen the benefit of his experience if they will respond promptly and regularly in their endeavor to fill the eight-oared shell. Fourteen youths of promise are ready to get down to work, and Bill Pirney is about to reconstruct one of their shells for the use of the crew.

"Dud" Gimber, "Dodge" Devaney and Leroy Knechel are stickering to their task of rebuilding strong and [illegible] crews at Quaker City R. C. and are doing steady improvement in the rowing of the candidates.

Lewis B. Kenney has again assumed the Malta R. C. captaincy after a month's second foursoared shell entry in the Henley will be Fred Knoeclan, bow; Shoemaker, Barton, Morley, stroke.

Jack Doyle while stroking the West Philadelphia Clubs junior eight in its workout yesterday afternoon had a narrow escape when that shell was thrown by a runaway horse and wagon. The horse, evidently frightened from the beat, ran down the towpath and overturned the wagon, emerging from the affair with nothing damaged but his dignity.

George Allison and Rialing have been rowing doubles for Undine and it is likely that they will go after Kelly and Gudelis in the Henley regatta on May 28. Carl and Ed Graef, of the Crescents, were out in their new double Saturday.

U. S.-BRITISH TILTS WILL BE 50-50 BREAK

Advance Chatter Makes Tennis, Golf and Polo Results Difficult to Predict—Alabama Steps in Baseball Picture With Sewell and Stephenson

By GRANTLAND RICE

Back to Morning

Let's go back to Morning from the
Twilight and the Shadow,
Where the sunrise floods the upland
and the valley winds in blue,
Where the gleam is on the white thorn
and the lark is in the meadow,
And the flowers by the wayside bend
beneath dawn's silver dew.

We have passed the noon of battle
where the gray dusk gathers over
And the night of doubt hangs heavy
in the gloom of vanished faith;
We turn to lonesome moorlands where
the bloom has left the clover,
And the dreams we knew at sunrise
are but phantoms of a wraith.

But out the road behind us there's a
happy voice, clear calling,
In a song of youth and beauty with
a hope of joy and truth,
And a little boy is laughing where the
silver light is falling
In a gleam of purple magic on the
golden dreams of youth.

The great night swings above us where
the shadows peer with pity
Through the leafless branches swaying
up above a silent stream,
But the April winds come pleading with
a whisper through the city
To come again to Morning, if it's
only in a dream.

The Big Invasion

SMALL wonder that one Jonathan Bull is dashing around in circles to set his athletic house in order as he completes the final defenses of his beleagured nation.

Within the next fortnight or so the Albionic echoes will resound to the trend of Devereux Milburn, Rumsey, Hitchcock, Stoddard, Webb and Strawbridge in polo garb; Bill Tilden and Mrs. Mallory; "Chicks" Evans, Francis Ouimet, Bobby Jones, Bill Fownes, Wood Platt, Alexa Stirling, Marion Hollins and still others. Not to forget Barnes, Hagen and the pro team.

Milburn, Evans, Ouimet, Jones, Tilden, Alexa Stirling, Mrs. Mallory—at least Uncle Sam hasn't piked in picking his invading talent. He has sent his best to look after the greatest international five weeks in sport history—the five weeks between May 23 and June 25, when the British Isles will be a veritable turmoil.

Those who are now over, and who are soon to start, are our leading actors at golf, polo and tennis. If they can't break through, we don't see what can be done about it, except to wait another year and try again.

Advance Prospects

THE advance chatter on the situation leaves the status of both countries at about 50-50.

By what route do we arrive at that destination (slang for "How do we get that way")?

Viz.—Bill Tilden will be a big favorite in the British tennis championship.

Defending his title, he should be odds-on. Not a cinch, already wrapped up and delivered, but who is good enough to stop him?

That gives us the jump.

Now, as to amateur golf. Uncle Sam is content to rest his case with Evans, Ouimet and Jones. J. Bull, unbeaten for seventeen years, believes he can locate a defender from Tolley, Wethered, Jenkins, Scott, Holderness, Lockhart, Armour and eight or ten others of equal skill.

J. Bull is pretty certain that Duncan, Mitchell, Ray, Vardon, Taylor, Herd, Braid, etc., will be strong enough to repel our attack at St. Andrews.

But his golf margin, both ways (amateur and professional), isn't quite so decisive looking as our tennis margin is.

Then we come to polo. The British team has had more international competitive experience; it will be playing upon a home field—two factors that are important. But as seven years have passed since the two countries last met in this enterprise, the outcome remains hazy. Few seem to have any fixed opinion as to what will happen. Certainly, the difference isn't very wide.

The Alabama Reserve

GEORGIA has been pointing with just pride to Ty Cobb, Nap Rucker, Sherrod Smith and others.

Texas, with an equal flourish, has given Speaker, Hornsby and Rogers Young to the game.

But it remained for Tris Speaker to step in between these two States and establish an Alabama reserve.

When Ray Chapman was killed last summer, Speaker promptly summoned young Joe Sewell to fill the gap. Sewell had played short for Alabama the spring before.

When Wamby suffered an injury, Speaker promptly subpoenaed Young Stephenson from Alabama to play second base.

Both responded brilliantly. The two young collegians jumped in with all the skill and confidence of veteran major leaguers. Both are stars. No wonder Speaker looks with a fond eye upon this Southern citadel.

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Boots and Saddle

The Meadows Purse for three-year-olds, at Havre de Grace, bids fair to be a keenly contested race, with Polly Ann thoroughly suited to the heavy going. John's Umma and Silence are likely to furnish the contention. John's Umma is at home on a heavy track and Silence was stoutly restrained the last time out after a slight run out in the stretch.

Horses in other Havre de Grace races ready for their best efforts are: First race (Cosden entry), Excuse Me, Vendor; second, Roisterer, White Haven; third, Pickwick, His Choice, St. Isidore; fifth, Sundial II, Mock Orange, Tantalus; sixth, Albena, Al Pierce, Mather; seventh, Beaverkill, Mormon Elder, Hank O'Day.

Although Tryster was defeated after a terrific stretch drive by Paul Jones, the three-year-old Whitney Derby colts preceding much weight to every horse in the race, his effort was not worthy and will have little effect on his popularity in the big Kentucky race. The mile was run in 1:41 2-5, which was a full second faster than Grateful ran the first mile in the Chesapeake Stakes, which was a mile and seventy yards.

Leonardo II—and the horse which bears him will win the Kentucky Derby—is entered in the Mount Sterling Purse at Lexington today, and will have a chance to demonstrate that he can go over a distance of ground. It is the prediction that he will negotiate the mile and a sixteenth to win handily today, although Roluleau, Jouett and other good older horses are in the race. There is a steep incline in the Lexington track adding to the burden of a three-year-old going that distance this early in the spring.

One great attraction to the Lexington racing is the wealth of juvenile stakes that is turned loose there every spring. The second race today has thirteen million two-year-old colts from such stables as Pair Quince, Pennant, Luke McLuke, Horse, Uncle and King James, Commander McKeekin, Topmast and James R. Drone are good ones. The seventh race, the Reed Hotel Purse, has eighteen two-year-old fillies entered, the cream of the Blue Grass stable, Harry Payne Whitney's All Gold—Remembrance filly Banus will bear watching. Tanya, Kenna filly Comedie d'Armour, by Luke McLuke, is another good one. Senator Cowden's Fair Phantom and the filly Martha Fallon, by McGee, are oth is.

Jack Hare, Jr., Green Grass and Hidden Jewel are fast ones in the pacing stakes at Lexington. The Leland Hotel Handicap, fourth race, will bring Flash Brooklyn, Minute Man, Joyce and other fleet ones to the barrier. The other races are claiming affairs.

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