Philadelphia Club in National Race This Year Will Be Walloping Club, Says Wilhelm

CAMBRIDGE CREW DEFEATS OXFORD

Light Blues Win English Rowing Classic by 4½ Lengths on Thames

PENN RELAY TEAM AT RACE

Putney, Eng., April 1.—Cambridge easily defeated Oxford in their annual boat race over the Putney-to-Mortlake course on the Thames today, the Light Blue winning by four and one-half lengths and thereby recording its fourth consecutive victory. The official time was 19m. 27s.

The contest was witnessed by the University of Pennsylvania relay team, which is here to compete in the Achilles Club games next Saturday.

Cambridge won the toss and chose the northern side of the river. This gave the Cambridge crew a great advantage, with the best of the wind and water almost all the way.

After a false start the crews got away, Oxford rowing thirty-eight and Cambridge thirty-six.

At the end of the first mile Cambridge was leading by a quarter of a length.

When they had rowed approximately two miles Cambridge had increased her lead to a full length, rowing thirty-seven and Oxford thirty-six. The Light Blues were fully two lengths ahead at the end of the third mile.

Today's meeting was the seventy-third contest between the universities since 1829, nearly a century ago, when the same historic course was lashed by the sixteen oars of the Dark Blue and the Light Blue. The race, as an annual event, was definitely established in 1856.

Prior to today's meeting Oxford had finished first thirty-nine times and Cambridge thirty-two, the 1877 contest—the most strenuously contested in the history of the classic—being a tie.

Early this afternoon a bleak, biting east wind, which followed an early morning sleet and snowstorm, was chopping up the river, but despite the almost Arctic weather crowds had assembled at points of vantage to cheer their favorite.

The largest number had assembled near Barnes bridge, about a mile from the finish line, where the leading boat, barring accidents, can be safely reckoned a winner.

Cambridge Leads Oxford 40 to 30 in Race Record

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1841	Cambridge	1883	Oxford
1842	Oxford	1884	Cambridge
1845	Cambridge	1885	Oxford
1846	Cambridge	1886	Cambridge
1849	Oxford	1887	Cambridge
1852	Cambridge	1888	Cambridge
1857	Oxford	1889	Cambridge
1858	Oxford	1890	Oxford
1859	Oxford	1891	Oxford
1860	Cambridge	1892	Oxford
1861	Oxford	1893	Oxford
1862	Oxford	1894	Oxford
1863	Oxford	1895	Oxford
1864	Oxford	1896	Oxford
1865	Oxford	1897	Oxford
1866	Oxford	1898	Oxford
1867	Oxford	1899	Cambridge
1868	Oxford	1900	Cambridge
1869	Oxford	1901	Oxford
1870	Cambridge	1902	Cambridge
1871	Cambridge	1903	Cambridge
1872	Cambridge	1904	Cambridge
1873	Cambridge	1905	Oxford
1874	Oxford	1906	Cambridge
1875	Oxford	1907	Cambridge
1876	Cambridge	1908	Cambridge
1877	Dead heat	1909	Cambridge
1878	Oxford	1910	Oxford
1879	Cambridge	1911	Oxford
1880	Oxford	1912	Oxford
1881	Oxford	1913	Oxford
1882	Oxford	1914	Cambridge
		1920	Cambridge
		1921	Cambridge
		1922	Cambridge

No races were held in 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919. Cambridge had scored forty victories, Oxford has an even thirty and one race resulted in a dead heat.

ENGLISH LACROSSE STARS OPEN WITH LEHIGH TEAM

Players in Good Shape for Game at Bethlehem

Bethlehem, Pa., April 1.—Incessant rains the last two days made the outlook for a good fast lacrosse game today between Oxford and Lehigh rather doubtful. However, the field on which the contest will be played is well drained and the surface is in fair condition.

Interest throughout the valley is intense and all indications point to a record-breaking attendance. Lacrosse is a very popular sport in this section.

The Englishmen reported themselves in good condition and likewise with the proteges of Coach O'Neil, who sent the Lehigh stick wielders through a prolonged session of play yesterday afternoon as a final measure in priming for the season's home lacrosse classic today.

The following is the tentative line-up:

Oxford-Cambridge		Lehigh
Scott	goal	Kutslip
Porter	point	Whitney
Parlett	cover point	Enslin
Dennis	first defense	Brumbaugh
Curtis	second defense	Bush
Mark	third defense	Day
Wansbrough	center	Hocker
Coates	third attack	Wilson
Moe	second attack	Gonzalew
Fleming	first attack	Strauch
Gallop	in home	Mazdakis
Bennett	out home	Green

MEALY TRAINING HARD

Determined to Keep Up Winning Streak Against Tiplitz

Johnny Mealey this season's leading comeback in the local lightweight set, is determined to continue his victorious drive which now numbers six triumphs in a row. With this object in view, the bricklayer-boxer yesterday opened wide his speed throttle in training for the eight-round bout with Joe Tiplitz, local slugger, to be staged as the final half of a dual wind-up at the Olympia A. A. Monday night.

In the first half of the double wind-up Harry (Kid) Brown, clashes with Lever Hammer, of Chicago.

The light heavyweights will meet when Ad Stone tackles Charley Boyd.

The pairings for the other bouts are: Buddy Fitzgerald vs. Jimmy Merino, and Earl Hartman vs. Harry Burke.

PENN OPENER OFF

Baseball Game With Fordham Halted by Weatherman

The weather played an April Fool trick on the Penn baseball team.

The Red and Blue ball tossers were all set to open their season with Fordham on Franklin Field this afternoon and the Penn followers were prepared to give their favorites a regular opening day celebration.

But the plans were all wet and the formal opening will take place next Tuesday, when the Ursinus team will come down from Collegeville to help the pupils of Coach Cariss entertain the fans.

Baseball Filmed in Camps and Elsewhere

The Cincinnati Reds were idle yesterday for the third successive day. The regulars play at Springfield, Mo., today, while Ivy Wingo will take the second squad to Evansville, Ill.

The first squad of the Indians is at Oklahoma City today and the second squad is at Wichita, Kan. Manager Tris Speaker is in Dallas, Tex., with James C. Dunn, president of the Cleveland Club, who is ill. Speaker expects to leave for Oklahoma City today.

The Pirates were unable to meet the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville yesterday on account of rain. They are in Kansas City today, having arrived there from Little Rock, Ark. Games will be played there today and tomorrow and Colton Tierney will be feted by the Kansas City fans.

The Detroit Americans play the final game at Augusta, Ga., today. Yesterday's contest was called off on account of rain. On Sunday the Tigers begin their journey northward in the first exhibition game being with the Rochester Internationals at Macon.

The Senators and Braves play their seventh game at Tampa this afternoon. They have taken a two-game edge in the series, with Courtney and McGraw had the pitcher assignment for Washington.

UNHAPPINESS IN MARRIED LIFE "Kansas and Virginia" are two amusing sketches through which Helena Hoyt shows how differences of opinion arise among newlyweds. Read the day's conversations at "Paul and Virginia" in EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. "Make It a Habit."

GREAT MATCHES ON AT INDOOR TENNIS

Seeded Draw Brings Champions of All Sorts Through for Final Tilting Today

RICHARDS GIVES ADVICE

Star Tilts at Indoor Tennis Tourney Today

Noon—Vincent Richards vs. Arnold Jones.

2 P. M. (exhibition)—Mrs. Molla Mallory vs. Miss Edith Sigourney.

3 P. M.—Murray or Biddle vs. Richards or Jones.

Rice or Johnson vs. Tilden.

4 P. M.—Johnson and Richards vs. Tilden and Weiner.

Rice and Jones vs. Fischer and Watson.

8 P. M.—Finals of singles championship.

9 P. M.—Finals of doubles championship.

YOU won't see better tennis matches at a national championship than you'll have a chance to see at the final action today for the indoor Middle States championship.

The stage is the Commercial Museum, Thirty-fourth and Pine streets, and it's a beauty. The great windows and skylights, which are aided and abetted by a generous twinkling of electric lights, shed almost an outdoor illumination on the cement floors, from which that tennis ball in a flattened oblold adds more speed and zip to the play than is ever possible on the green lawn courts outdoors.

Banks of seats all around provide plenty of parking space for the spectators, and the stars themselves insert the last touch. Champions of all sorts are competing and they'll all be in there on this the final day, as the result of the seeded draw which brings them finally together today.

Great Matches

The play was fast and furious yesterday. The proceeds of the tourney go toward boosting junior tennis hereabouts, and it might have been called "junior day" yesterday. Young tennis near-citizens of Philadelphia were scattered liberally through the ranks of the spectators.

Early in the day they were evident everywhere, chasing balls or taking an opposite court to one of the stars who was warming up. It's a feast for them, these matches between the great of tennisdom, and the youngsters are "eating it up."

Also not a few of them were entered and all of them made a good impression. "Sandy" Weiner, the Germantown Academy fourteen-year-old lad, who is Tilden's latest progeny, was stacked up against Lawrence Rice, the giant cave-man from Providence who has dusted off both Tilden and Vincent Richards in his day.

Boy's Style

"Sandy" does a boy's version of an overhend smash on his service that had not a little pace.

He takes them either side with abandon and when his wrists strenghten up a bit he promises to have something.

His great game tickled the audience and it tickled his tutor, Tilden, to pieces.

"That's the greatest match I ever saw a kid of his age put on," said the world's champion when it was over. "He handled himself in great shape and I am here to predict that in a few years he'll make a dent in any tennis court.

"But my bet," Tilden continued, "is Arnold Jones. There's the boy that has everything. I used to give him 30 and beat him every time. Only lately I gave him 15 and it was all I could do to win one lone set. That's how much he's improved. Mark my words, he has everything."

Jones will be seen in the first match today when he plays Vincent Richards, only a youngster, but crowding at the top of the ranking list. Richards is a calm young man and takes the game with a fine sense of humor.

As the very best young player in the business he was asked his advice for the youth of the land to rise to the tennis heights.

"My Idea is This"

Richards pushed back his blond locks, wrinkled his brow and finally said seriously:

"The best game I know is to play a short lob, and rush to the net."

"But a kid won't get away with that."

"Sure he will, if—" Richards grinned, "he takes the baseline with him."

Richards is strong for Lawrence Rice. He thinks Rice will dust them off this summer and at the start of the tournament Rice was his favorite to come through.

The big New Englander came through in fine shape and speedily yesterday in the first three rounds. After hastily stowing away Andy Morgan, Penn, Rice took on Weiner, to whom he fed them, and allowed the youngster to show at his best.

Late in the afternoon Rice played Carl Fischer, one of the best local bets, and Rice won, 6-1, 6-3. This was one of the best matches of the day.

Tilden, Gibbons, Richards and others in the gallery were alike in praising the great shots pulled off by Rice. He has a world of speed and handles every ball that comes across with graceful expertness. You have to earn the points to get them against him, for his errors are fairly rare.

RAIN HANDICAPS GOLFERS IN OPEN

Deluge Forces Players in North and South Tourney to Quit at Pinehurst

HUTCHISON IS FAVORITE

Pinehurst, N. C., April 1.—If ever a golfer had a "bad break," it was Pat O'Hara, former Irish open champion and professional, at the Richmond Country Club, when a severe rainstorm broke during the second round of the North and South open golf championship yesterday and washed a beautiful round of 69 credited to O'Hara off the official scoreboard.

O'Hara was an early starter and played his second to the seventeenth just as one of the ugliest clouds seen above Pinehurst this year cracked wide open and poured water over Moore County, until the sand putting greens were nothing but huge mud pies. It poured for thirty minutes. O'Hara, playing with Pat Doyle, managed to finish with two fives for the 69.

It was a grand round of golf, for a high wind had blown all afternoon and Pat had earned his pars and birdies by the keenest sort of hard hitting and fine playing. But it rained so hard that it was impossible to putt, and as more than half the field was caught in the deluge, Donald Ross did the only feasible thing and canceled the round.

So today's thirty-six-holes and the first round will decide the North and South champion and Jock Hutchison, winner of the event last year and holder of the British open title, was out ahead of the field when the professionals started today over the championship. He is the favorite, but there are plenty of good men close behind.

Jock led in the first round with a 33-37—70. His card yesterday afternoon was 61. Tommy Harmon, who was 72 in the morning, was 83 in the afternoon.

LA SALLE OPENS APRIL 5

Preparing for Game With Textile College Nine

Coach Louis H. Hub is fast rounding his La Salle College baseball team into shape for the opening game with Textile College April 5. Coach Hub's infield is in fine working order, and his catching department is well taken care of. Gransback, formerly of Frankford High; Dougherty, of the Catholic League, and Gaffney, from Germantown High, will take turns in the box.

Many games have been arranged for the Broad and Stiles streets collegians. One of the features will be intercity contests with Manhattan College, of New York. The schedule follows:

April 5, Textile College, home; 10th, Philadelphia Dental, home; 12th, Hahnemann College, home; 14th, Manhattan College, home; 19th, Osteopathy College, home; 21st, Philadelphia Dental, home; 25th, St. Joseph's College, Tabor; 29th, Juniata College, Huntingdon; May 3, Textile College home; Seton Hall, South Orange; 10th, Hahnemann College, home; 17th, P. M. C., Chester; 20th, Manhattan College, New York; 31st, St. Joseph's College, home.

June 1, Alumni, home; 8th, Villanova College (pending); 12th, Albright College, Myerstown.

Boots and Saddle

The outstanding feature at the Bowie track this afternoon is the Inaugural Handicap, seven furlongs, for three-year-olds and upward. Tippity Witchet, the old Maryland favorite, coupled with Biff Bang, the L. T. Bauer entry, appears best at the distance, with Bunga Buck and Gray Gables as contenders. This is the fifth race on the card.

First race—This is for maiden three-year-olds. Better luck is liked here. He ran two good races at New Orleans, and a repetition of either should result in a victory. Billy Gibson also has shown speed, but has been unfortunate. The Sunnyland Stable entry should have a chance for the short end.

Second race—Claiming, three years and up. An ordinary lot with Encrinite perhaps best. Iron Boy and Sandy H. are other fairly good ones.

Third race—The Promenade, a purse for three-year-olds, brings a field of high class. Those which seem best are Elemental, Brilliant Ray and Sweepy.

Fourth race—Twin Cities Purse. Apple Jack II has the speed if he likes the track. Ultra Gold is fast, especially on a heavy track. Mercury also should be close to the wire at the end.

Sixth race—Mile and seventy yards. Joaquina appears to have the speed of the lot. Romeo is fast at times, as also is Attorney.

Seventh race—Fifteen platers of the four-year-old division are entered here. Trickster II should be best on winter form. Legacy and Solid Rock may be nearest the winner of the others.

Amateur Sports

The Tulip Sporting Club would like to arrange games with first-class nines willing to play on Tulip's grounds, at Tulip and Venango streets, for reasonable inducements. Harry Davis, 2207 East Venango street.

The Pen-Mar-Del Club, now under the management of J. Cairns, has secured a field at Forty-ninth and Spruce streets for its games this season. First-class traveling teams wanting games for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays should address W. Leonard, 5331 Pine street.

The Nicetown Baseball Club has secured the P. R. R. grounds, situated at Tenth and Butler streets, to play its home games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in twilight and will travel on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Only the best attractions are being booked, and as the club is a member of the Philadelphia Baseball Association, it has secured the services of Art Sommers to schedule its games.

The South Philadelphia B. C. defeated the Prichard Club in an exhibition game last night by the score of 12 to 3. Any sixteen-eighteen-year-old team desiring to book games with S. P. B. C. and having grounds should get in touch with James Kennedy, 2815 Cross street.

The Twentieth Street P. R. R. will have a first-class ball club on the field this year. The team has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Andy Reaveney, formerly of the Mount Carmel C. C. Club, who will play first base and captain the team. Teams wanting this attraction should get in touch with Joseph Fite, 3916 Aspen street.

The Western Field Club, a fifteen-seventeen-year-old team, desires to book games with teams on its home field. H. S. Leibowitz, phone Belmont 8845.

Fido Ralston, who catching last year for Roy Thomas' Sharpers, is out and who was taken South by the Cardinals, will play independent ball instead of in the minor leagues. He received his unconditional release from the Cards.

The Y. M. H. A. nine would like to book games with first-class teams, either at home or away, for Saturdays, Sundays and twilight games. P. M. Gramm, 2043 North Twenty-fourth street.

The Gloucester City Travelers, comprising many former minor league and semi-professional players, will be in the field this year with Rube Chambers as one of their pitching aces. Any first-class team desiring this attraction for twilight, Saturday or Sunday contests should communicate with Wayne Crawford, Gloucester 192 J, after 6 P. M., or Lombard 7445, between 9 and 3, or by writing 510 Ridgeway street, Gloucester City, N. J.

An all-round ball player wishes to join a first-class traveling team that will offer reasonable inducements. John Long, 1212 South Sixteenth street.

The Red Diamond A. C. would like to arrange games with seventeen-nineteen-year-old home teams. J. Taylor, 2229 South Chadwick street.

TWO "SWEET" BASKETEERS

Miss Mae Adams (left), guard, and Captain Ursula Ludlow, forward, have played a brilliant game for the Daughters of Columbus this season

19 MEN REPORT TO CHAPPIE JOHNSON

Jesse Winters Heads Hurling Staff of Seven for Philadelphia All-Stars

PLAY AT SHETZLINE PARK

The Philadelphia Baseball Association is surely supplying the fans with plenty of baseball and all sections of the city are coming in for their share. In some neighborhoods there are four or five teams and one of these locations is downtown.

Nineteen ball players from this and other cities reported to Chappie Johnson here today and they will compose one of the city's leading aggregations known as the Philadelphia Royal Stars Baseball Club. The former star colored player is manager and he makes the advance announcement that the All-Stars will be one of the teams in the finals for the city championship.

Be that as it may, there is no denying that Chappie has one great aggregation of stars. The home grounds are at Broad and Bigler streets where they will share the new spacious headquarters of Shetzline Park, now under course of construction, seating 12,000 persons.

Manager Johnson has decided to play at home on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The team will travel the other days and the bookings are being taken care of by Art Summers. The season will open with a big street parade on May 1 and there will be a jazz band in attendance at every game. Wednesday will be observed as ladies' day when every lady accompanied by a male escort will be admitted free. Games will start at 3 P. M.

Johnson has seven hurlers on his staff headed by the invincible Jess Winters, formerly of Bacharach Giants. The others are P. Gardner, Lincoln Giants; S. Lee, Norfolk Stars; B. Gardner, Washington Braves; E. Stevens, A. B. C.'s, Indianapolis; A. Britton, Hilldale; A. Mahoney, A. B. C.'s, Indianapolis; J. York, of Hilldale and X. O'Neill, of Savannah, will be the backstops.

The infield will be taken care of by J. Perry, Madison Stars, and William Pierce, Lincoln Giants, first base; B. Kenner, Washington Braves, and M. Lewis, Norfolk Stars, second base; S. Johnson, Buffalo, shortstop; C. Smith, Norfolk Stars, third base.

In the outfield are E. Wicks, of Madison Stars; C. Hill and P. Hill, of Detroit Stars, and C. Fells, of Washington Braves. P. Hill has been named captain of the club. The players will start practice next week and several exhibition games away will probably be played before the opening of the season.

HERMAN-WAGNER WIND-UP IN ALL-STAR MATCHES

Gold, Jackson, Fitzgerald and Rodgers in Other Bouts

Star lightweights, bantamweights and welterweights are grouped in the weekly National A. A. show tonight, including several out-of-town top-notch boxers. Kid Wagner, local junior lightweight, who is after a bout with Johnny Dundee, will have a stiff test in the wind-up of eight rounds, when he faces Babe Herman, the California hard puncher.

Hymie Gold, of Seattle, gets his opportunity to redeem himself before a Philadelphia crowd in the semi-final. Joe Jackson will be Gold's opponent. The coast star has conditioned himself all week at a local gymnasium.

The Australian lightweight champion, Ned Fitzgerald, will box in the third number, his opponent being Roach Rodgers, of Wilmington.

Jack Perry and Billy Devine will clash in the second bout. On the opener Jimmy Gibbons, of Smoky Hollow, will take on Willie Moore, of Southwark.

Umps Get Eleven More

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Umpires' Association was held at the Benedict Club, 157 North Fifteenth street. Eleven applications were acted upon favorably. Several communications concerning umpires from out-of-town clubs were received and answered. An important meeting of the association will be held Monday at the Benedict Club, at which all members are requested to be present.

Young McGovern Kayoes Tyman

New Orleans, La., April 1.—Young McGovern, New Orleans, knocked out Johnny Tyman, of Philadelphia, in the fourth round of their ten-round fight. McGovern outclassed Tyman and dropped him once in the first, four times in the third, and twice in the fourth round before he got over the final punch.

BABE HERMAN HAS A HEAVY WALLOP

Portuguese Boxer Is Known as "Featherweight With Jack Dempsey Punch"

TRAINED WITH CHAMP

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BABE HERMAN has been dubbed the featherweight with the Jack Dempsey wallop. Until a year ago the Babe was an unknown in this part of the country. He hails from California and came on last June to join the camp of Dempsey at Atlantic City, where the champion was training for his match with Georges Carpentier.

Herman, who is a Portuguese, and is twenty-two years of age, has been boxing for several years. Most of his work was done in the four-rounders on the Coast. The first time Jack Kearns watched the little Portuguese in action the latter left an impression on the world champion's manager.

When it was decided to get some one to speed up Dempsey for the Carpentier match, Kearns wired Herman. Every day the 126-pound Californian stepped around for two three-minute sessions with the heavyweight, and the frisky featherweight had Dempsey on the go entirely for the six minutes.

Herman boxed in one of the prelims to the Dempsey-Carpentier match and knocked out his man in an early round. The Babe then was advised to remain East, and now Kearns is lining up a campaign whereby he hopes to get Herman into a championship set-to with Johnny Kilbane.

A Real Comeback

Two years out of the ring apparently have done Joe Welsh more good than harm. The Smoky Hollow welterweight never was rounted to be a knockerout before he quit boxing in 1919, but since coming back he has stowed away two of his five opponents with whom he was matched by Jimmy Trainor.

Tommy Jamison was stopped in his bout with Welsh, while Joe knocked Jack La Belle for a row last Saturday night. Neither of these fellows was a set-up by any means and until they were stopped each was fighting hard for victory. Welsh has changed his style a lot, being more aggressive, which was instilled in him by Trainor, and this has helped Joseph.

Before going into retirement Welsh met, among others, Lew Tendler, Patsy Cline, Benny Leonard, Jack Perry and Paul Doyle. After having five matches, which he thinks have put him on edge, Welsh now wants to go after top-notch competition. Joe would like to get a crack at Jack Britton, and Manager Trainor now is dickering with a local promoter for such a bout some time during April.

Another Comeback

Another man who came back is Sergeant Ray Smith. The sergeant, you know, did quite a little fighting in the Great Guerre, and after the armistice was signed he earned no small rep as a fist flinger in competition with his fellow doughboys.

On being returned to America Sergeant Ray went around the country meeting and defeating a lot of big men, and then, of a sudden, he began to backslide. He lost all confidence in himself and went into retirement.

Then Herman Hindin stepped into the picture. Hindin, who has brought back a number of mittmen, had Smith move from New Jersey to this city and he took personal charge of the sergeant's training.

Since joining hands with Hindin, Smith has had five bouts, standing off Jack Renault, Leo Houck, Jack Barry and Jim Montgomery. Jim Holland, after suffering a terrific trounciing, claimed a foul in the seventh. This claim was upheld by the referee and goes down in the record book as a "W. on F." for Holland. However, Smith showed a lot of stuff.

"I have regained my confidence," said Smith today. "I never felt better and nothing would suit me better than a match with Bob Martin, whom I have met twice. That big fellow, Jim Tracey, of Australia, also can have my game at any old time."

Incarnation Plays East Phillies

The Incarnation Catholic Club, of Olney, meets the strong West Phillies, of Kensington, at the I. C. C. Hall, Eighth street and Lindley avenue, tonight in the deciding game of a series of three. Both teams have gone through successful seasons, and a hard game is expected.

McTigue-Krug Bout Postponed

Jersey City, April 1.—The Mike McTigue-Krug twelve-round mill, scheduled for last night at the Fourth Regiment Armory, in Jersey City, was postponed until an early date in April. No reason for this action was announced by the management.

PHILLIES HITTING CLUB, SAYS "KISE"

All of Wilhelm's Men Have Been Slamming Sphere Hard This Spring

AT COLUMBIA, S. C., TODAY

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

Columbia, S. C., April 1.—"I'm satisfied," said Kize Wilhelm this morning while discussing the Phils' training trip, "that we're going to have a hitting club this season. They say that batters who hit the ball in the spring hit the bumps in July.

"I have seen batters who whaled the ball in the spring exhibition games fall flat when the League pitchers got into real condition and, therefore, the hitting of our boys in the games thus far doesn't count half as much with me as the hitting in batting practices.

"Now, mind you, our pitchers haven't been lobbing them up. I have been out there behind them, and I admit it. I've been riding them to bear down on the ball and they have. When our boys hit that kind of pitching they are hitting real big-league stuff and that is what is pleasing to me."

Early in the training coming down in Leesburg Wilhelm took pains to instruct his pitchers to move around in the box after they delivered the ball. There was a double purpose in his method. First, he wanted to teach his hurlers to field their position, and, secondly, he was anxious to preserve the general health of his twirlers.

Good Lessons

The lessons came none too early, for soon the hitters began slapping the ball through the box with rifle shot speed. The power behind the drives is evidenced by an egg-shaped lump that is now decorating Ken Sedgwick's forehead. Hack Miller rapped one back at the Washington athlete, and Sedge attempted to stop it with his dome. The ball won the argument in the collision.

Every one of the athletes, at times, drives the sphere back at the pitcher. Even Cy Williams, who is naturally a right-field hitter, rips them occasionally through the box.

It has been this riffing of the ball that has carried a cheery sound to the ears of Wilhelm. The Phils' hits have not been squibs of flies over the infield. They have been meeting the ball squarely.

The outfielders in particular have been doing some terrific clouting. In the exhibition games played so far, Bevo Lebourveau has reached the enormous percentage of .600. His bat, held in a choking position, which is near to him, has rapped twenty-one safeties out of thirty-five visits to the disk. Williams has slugged a .424 clip, and Walker has been whaling an even .500. Lee King has not been up there as often as his fellows, but he has made good with .327.

The infielders have not done as well as those who canter in the distant pastures. The veteran Art Fletcher has proved that his batting eye has not been dimmed by hitting .341. Roy Leslie has been stepping out with .333 and Joe Rapp and Frank Parkinson both have been doing nicely with 325.

DONNIE BUSH SUSPENDED

Senators' Utility Infielder Dropped for Failure to Report

Washington, April 1.—President Griffith, of the Washington Club, has served a suspension on Donnie Bush, the former Tiger shortstop, whom the Senators intended to carry as a utility infielder this year, because of his failure to report for spring training with the team at Tampa, Fla.

Griffith, who has several times granted Bush an extension of time for reporting this spring, said he was convinced when Donnie failed to put in appearance again last week, that he was trying to get out of the training grind.

Griffith has withdrawn Bush's contract, which he had not signed although he had agreed to the terms, and said the veteran infielder would have to show a different state of mind before he would offer him another one.

Scraps About Scrappers

The next big bantam match is scheduled in New York between Midget Smith and Joe Lynch. They will box fifteen rounds to a decision on April 20.

Young Somme, an Ohio 112-pounder, has come to Philadelphia for bouts. Joe Castorina is handling the newcomer's affairs.

Louis Effman wants to match George Kene with Lew Tendler, Joe Tiplitz or any of the lightweights around.

Charles Harvey says: "Bermondsey Bob Wells is one of the fastest and one of the best boxers sent here from England since the days of Jem Driscoll, and Driscoll certainly was the wonder man of them all. Bob Wells is as fast as a bullet and has a snappy knockout punch."

Joe Nelson wants to meet Johnny Suff. His manager, Joe Conroy, is willing to post a forfeit for weight, 118 pounds ringside, any time the champion is prepared to box Joe.

Frankie Maguire, of Williamsport, Pa., is in Philadelphia training at Joe Jeanette Coates's gym. Maguire is to meet Jackie Clark at Williamsport April 6.

Jack La Belle, the St. Paul lightweight, is in strict training for a match at Williamsport April 6. La Belle says that he is a lightweight and will box as such in the future.

Answer to query—Tommy Loughran's full name is Thomas Patrick Loughran.

Tommy Wilson is matched with Harry Brooks at Atlantic City Monday night. The former, who has shown good form against such men as Marty Burns, Bobby Wilson, Buddy Fitzgerald and Goulie Welsh, is after matches with Willie Greene and Benny Berrish.

Billy Doyle is to meet Pete Husic in the semi-final to the Billy Gannon-Willie Calhane set-to at Harrisburg April 10. Doyle still is on the hunt for a return meeting with Billy Pinnus.

There is a letter in the Sports Department of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for Al Frasca.

Semi-Pro Baseball Gossip

The Indiana Pros, have signed eight players, Fred Sweigert, formerly of Atlantic City, Amber, Byrne and Riley, of Shaughnessy, Charles, of Melrose, of South Bethlehem, of the Lehigh Valley, Dugan, of Hoboken, and Wolfe, formerly of North Philadelphia. Manager Wolfe would like to hear from independent and semi-pro teams. Address L. H. Weissman, 1534 Pine street, Philadelphia.

The B. O. E. has organized for the season and has signed games with the Sun Ray, General Electric, Nine Nine of Parkside, Owens, of the Manufacturers League, Wadle of the Poolmen League and Harry Underwood, catcher, who will again occupy third base. Address all mail to J. Mueller, 1427 West Oxford street.

The Market Street National Bank has a number of its players returning from last year and it promises to be a strong team in the field. Games can be booked for Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. Address Manager, Box 1, Bensalem, Pa., Northeast Trust League. All home teams, especially those that can't pay much with it, please take notice