

Army Instructor Finds Griffmen Apt Pupils in Opening Military Exercises

GRIFFITH'S SQUAD IN HOUR'S DRILL

Corporal Dean Says Athletes Learn Rapidly in Opening Military Workout.

SCRIBES TAKE FIELD, TOO

Joe Cantillon Confers With Old Fox—Johnson Attracts Augusta Fans.

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AUGUSTA, Ga., March 12.—Preparedness hit the camp of the Griffmen with a rush today. Corporal J. H. Dean, in charge of the local army recruiting station, started upon his course of intensive military instruction, driving his squad across the ball park for about an hour. At the close of the drill, the players, began their baseball practice. The war correspondents hustled for shady seats.

"I find these men particularly intelligent," said Corporal Dean after the drill. "They pick up the points of the foot movements far quicker than the average rookie entering the army. The average man joining the army is absolutely green in every way, but the baseball players have the idea of concentrated movement highly developed. I suppose they get that from their game."

Show Army Stride.

It was only the simplest movements that Corporal Dean showed the players this morning. The men were told off in fours and shown how to take the regulation army stride. Marching commands were taught them, such as oblique, to the rear, double quick and at ease. The officer in charge explained carefully every command before giving it, and considerable progress was made.

Manager Griffith has issued a general invitation to all Augustans over eighteen years of age to join in the daily drill sessions and it is expected that a number will avail themselves of the opportunity to learn a little about marching.

Scribes Will Stick.

W. H. Larry, of the St. Albans, Vt., hotel owner, who has been working out here with the Griffmen, took part in the first day's drill, and will continue. Some of the war correspondents found the going rather rough, but all insisted they should stick it out.

Walter Johnson's first day's work-out was short. The big fellow, who looks drawn and thin, was careful of his salary arm, but he took a long run around the park, and worked as hard as the rest in batting practice. It is doubtful if he engages in any real pitching for another week.

Cantillon in Camp.

Joe Cantillon, owner and manager of the Minneapolis American Association Club and former manager of the Washington club, took his first peek at the Griffmen today. When he departs for Macon to look at the Yankees, he hopes to have one pitcher and one outfielder promised for his own team this spring. Cantillon arrived late last night and today was closeted with Manager Griffith for half an hour. Neither would discuss names, but the minor league mogul admits that he is looking for some players.

Hopes To Find Players.

An arrangement exists between Cantillon and Griffith by which the Washington club assists Minneapolis with players, having an option on any player Cantillon may have as a reward. It was through this arrangement that Mike Menckens was obtained as several other clubs were after him. Cantillon has been wintering in Minneapolis, but he is now preparing to take his team to Kansas for training purposes. He believes he will pick up at least half a dozen good players from big league clubs.

Arrives Unexpectedly.

When he is ready to take his turn on the mound, he will be attached to the second team to give the first team the benefit of facing his speedy shots. Johnson's arrival here yesterday afternoon was absolutely unheralded. Manager Griffith had not been notified that the big pitcher was coming, and was surprised to see him alight from the bus in front of the hotel.

I was in Washington for two days," explained Johnson.

"I have left my wife and baby there now, and came right down. My baby is about seven months old. I look for him to get strong again." Manager Griffith did not expect to see Johnson until the latter part of the week, and thought he was in Kansas.

Walter Attracts All.

The news that Johnson had arrived quickly spread around the hotel, and he was the magnet for all eyes during the afternoon and evening. He attracted more attention than the city fire department.

The first practice game will be played Wednesday or Thursday.

Two a day will be the program, once these games get under way. The players are beginning to lose interest in the daily practice which lacks competition, but Manager Griffith does not care to risk injuring any of his regulars by overdoing things so early.

Most of the pitchers are now able to pitch two or three innings,

with the exception of Harry Harper and Walter Johnson. The soreness is rapidly disappearing from the other players, and all are eager for the contests to get under way.

Sawyer at Third.

Carl Sawyer will play third base for the second team. The Californian is in excellent condition, and hopped into the practice today with great vim. Mike Moran's weak wing has forced him off third base. He and Crane are taking turns picking up the grounders around the short field. Moran played short for the Rosedale, and the W. E. and A. teams in Washington last season, and is familiar with the position.

Change Classifications In Bowling Tournament

Two Points Added to Figures In All Events of District Duckin Association Championships This Spring.

Bowlers must attain higher averages than ever before to roll in classes A and B of the seventh annual tournament of the District Duckpin Association, to be held at the Grand Central alleys beginning April 30.

At a meeting of the executive board of the association yesterday, it was decided to increase the classifications of the last tournament two points for the coming event. This means that a bowler who competed in class A of the 1915 championships with an average of 101 must now average 103 to roll in the topmost section. The same principle was applied in figuring the other two classes, B and C.

Here's All the Dope.

Following is a table of the classifications:

Class A.	
Individuals	103 and over
Doubles	206 and over
Teams	314 and over

Class B.	
Individuals	97 to 103
Doubles	194 to 206
Teams	285 to 314

Class C.	
Individuals	90 and under
Doubles	182 and under
Teams	274 and under

In establishing new figures for the tournament, the association leaders reckoned on the general increase in scores occasioned by changes in the game since the last tournament.

Fees Unchanged.

Entrance fees will remain the same. In addition to the 50 cents for mem-

bership in the association, the bowler will pay \$1 per individual in singles, doubles and teams.

Eight of the eleven alleys at the Grand Central will be used in the tournament, the remainder to be left open for patrons of the establishment.

Committees for handling the tournament were appointed yesterday as follows:

Halley is Chairman.

Membership and classification—Harry B. Halley, chairman; Moe Goldberg, vice chairman; Harry F. Krauss, John T. Meany, Joseph B. McCann, W. S. Stamper, Edward Crowley, and George L. Isemann.

Schedule—George Cox, chairman; Sam Gheen, vice chairman; Moe Goldberg, William Boyd, J. Williams, Joseph P. McCann, Edward S. McKnew, Harry Stanford, Nick Chaconas, Andrew Goddard.

Reception—Harvey T. Rogers, chairman; John T. Meany, Henry T. Rodier, R. K. Helphenstine, Jr., W. Whelan, David Fegan, Tommie George, C. B. Hunt, Thomas Keane, W. H. Muir.

Committee of Two.

Printing and publication—R. K. Helphenstine, Jr., chairman; Moe Goldberg.

Prizes—George L. Isemann, chairman; Jack Williams, Harvey T. Rogers, Moe Goldberg, Harry B. Halley, George Cox, Harry Krauss.

Auditing—C. I. Crissey, chairman; George Cox, vice chairman; William Boyd, Earl Lewis, David Fegan, E. J. Hodge, Sam Gheen.

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FORMER TECH STAR TRIES AT HILLTOP

Jake Roberts is Making Strong Bid for Georgetown Varsity Nine.

Jake Roberts, Tech's baseball captain of two years ago, is working out with the Georgetown University team and stands a fine chance of landing a regular berth.

Roberts was rated as one of the best scholastic outfielders developed here. He is a good hitter, fast on his feet, and is good enough to make an excellent showing in college baseball.

The Georgetown varsity has this year Washington boys trying out this year. Capt. Bill Cusack is a local lad and is making his fourth year in the varsity. He was a graduate of the Georgetown Preparatory School.

Brooke Brewer is entered in the 300 in New York at the A. A. U. championships on Saturday. The Maryland State star was not at his best on Saturday night at the Meadowbrook games. Brewer was the only scratch man of five to get into the finals, and won third place in the handicap event, despite the fact that some runners had as much as fourteen feet handicap.

Tennis candidates at George Washington, Catholic University, Maryland State, and Georgetown are expecting to work outdoors as soon as courts are available. Some of the teams are scheduled to play early in April.

Georgetown has the first date with the Nationals as soon as they return home. The Hilltoppers will play at the Georgia avenue park on April 3. Last year's rain knocked out the engagement.

Maryland State will get baseball candidates out in earnest today. Coach Byrd has concluded his indoor track season with the exception of Brewer's performance in New York Saturday.

The States have several good college teams listed for games here next month.

Georgetown will have outdoor track work in the near future. Coach O'Reilly intends going after the South Atlantic A. A. titles this spring. Having won the indoor championship, Georgetown is expecting to come through outdoors.

LONGBOAT U. S. SAILOR

Famous Indian Runner Enlists in Naval Reserves.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 12.—Tom Longboat, a famous Indian marathon runner, who fought with the Princess Pat regiment in Flanders, is a recruit in the naval reserve. He enlisted here aboard the destroyer Paul Jones this morning.

Tom Longboat is a Canadian, and has taken part in many marathon races in the United States and Canada during the last ten years. He was a contestant seven years ago in the Marathon Derby at the Polo Grounds, in New York, but dropped out several times from exhaustion. St. Yves, a French entrant, won the race.

AFTER UMPIRE EASON.

LOUISVILLE, March 12.—Frank Conroy, an umpire last year in the American Association, has sent in his signed contract for the coming season. This leaves but one vacancy on President Hickey's staff of umpires, and it is understood he is trying to secure Maj. Eason, last year with the National League, to fill the place.

BIG YEAR IS DUE FOR SANDLOTTERS

Many Drawbacks of Last Season Are Out of Way, Says Bob H. Young.

Amateur baseball will come back with a rush this season, if the opinion of Robert H. Young, president of the District Amateur Association, is worth anything, and those who know Bob Young will tell you that generally he is right.

When few fans turned out for the games last year, as compared with other seasons, and the players took less interest than usual in the pastime, everyone conceded that sandlot baseball was on the wane. And truly it was.

Things will be different this season. There will be no national guard sent to the border to take away the many young men who journeyed there last June (unless Uncle Sam decides to take another crack at Villa), and the papers will not be filled with election news to detract the populace's attention from baseball.

Getting Early Start.

Amateur baseball had other things to contend with last season and small wonder is expressed now that the season was a flivver.

The players are getting together early for the coming campaign which is a sure sign that enthusiasm will be at its height. An effort will be made to foster the game among youngsters, thus ever before, and already a league for youngsters of sixteen years and under is being organized.

Semi-pro Eliminated.

The day of the semi-professional player in amateur ranks is about past, according to Young. "There was a time when business houses paid players to compete under their names for advertising purposes," says the veteran leader, "and this had a tendency to take away much of the real sport in amateur baseball. This condition appears to be eliminating now. Every effort will be made this season to keep the game on as sound an amateur basis as possible."

BASKETBALL SEASON WINDS UP THIS WEEK

Yale and Princeton, Tied for First Place, Clash for Title on Wednesday.

Yale and Princeton will fight it out for the intercollegiate basketball championship when they clash in the final game of the league season in New Haven on Wednesday night.

The standings of the teams follows:

Team	G.	W.	L.	P.C.
Yale	9	8	1	.889
Princeton	9	8	1	.889
Pennsylvania	10	5	5	.500
Dartmouth	10	3	7	.300
Columbia	10	3	7	.300
Cornell	10	1	9	.100

Ortnet, the Cornell captain, holds his lead in the race for individual honors by a slender margin. He scored 123 points in the league season, one more than Sison, of Dartmouth. Kinney, of Yale, however, with one more game to play, will probably pass both, because he already has 116 points.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING.

Name—Team—Pos.	G.	W.	Pts.
Ottner, Cornell, F.	10	25	123
Sison, Dartmouth, F.	10	20	122
Kinney, Yale, F.	9	23	115
Leach, Columbia, G.	10	19	103
McNichol, Penn., G.	10	21	96
Harvey, Princeton, F.	9	19	83
Paulson, Princeton, F.	9	19	82
Olsen, Yale, F.	9	20	77
Farrer, Columbia, F.	10	20	76
Mudgett, Dartmouth, F.	10	27	74
Harvey, Princeton, F.	9	18	73
Mallon, Yale, F.	9	18	71
Lattour, Columbia, F.	9	18	71
Jefford, Pennsylvania, F.	10	14	71
Roberts, Columbia, F.	10	15	70
Pennell, Cornell, F.	10	13	69
Lozier, Pennsylvania, F.	10	13	68
Houck, Cornell, F.	8	12	68
Fiske, Cornell, F.	9	12	67
Katz, Columbia, F.	8	9	67
Emery, Pennsylvania, F.	10	11	67
Alshon, Dartmouth, F.	10	10	66

BOAT DOESN'T MOVE

Coach Wright, of Penn Crews, Has Training Scheme.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 12.—Joe Wright, the University of Pennsylvania rowing coach, has devised a scheme to teach candidates watermanship without sitting in a shell. He has planned a novel arrangement fastened to the side of the slip at the College Boat Clubhouse rigged as a boat.

The embryo oarsman can swing his sweep through the water, while Coach Wright can stand by and see that his stroke is correct. Maybe Wright will evolve a plan to test the power of a stroke or how many pounds his embryo varsity oars are pulling.

PLAYERS IN AIR TRIP.

MIAMI, Fla., March 12.—Beginning today the drive week is on. Stallings plans to put the Braves through their paces with a will. Several of the players went up in a flying machine yesterday.

DODGERS POPULAR.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 12.—The Dodgers are popular here in spite of everything. Twelve hundred natives and other folks saw the two teams of the Brooklyn play a Sunday game.

RED SOX ARRIVE.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 12.—The second squad of Red Sox players from Eastern parts arrived here today. Carl Mays signed yesterday and will appear for practice today.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

Big league baseball clubs have experienced some bad weather already, but the outlook for the right kind of baseball days gives promise of the best development.

Every year finds loud walls from big league managers as to the neatness of the elements. It has always been our idea to start major league baseball later in the season when the weather is warmer. It is a question of physical development as well as conservation of the pocketbook. As far as the advertisement is concerned, early spring training is unnecessary these days.

Johnny Overton's mile at the Meadowbrook games, Saturday night ranks as one of the best performances in the world. Few realized the Yale star has eclipsed the world's indoor record by better than two seconds and has come within three and two-fifths of the world's outdoor record.

This was accomplished on a ten-lap track with short turns. Unless all signs fail, Overton will beat the outdoor mark held by Norman Tabor and will shatter John Paul Jones' record in the intercollegiate. Overton is not as large a man as has been reported. He has run a quarter around fifty seconds flat and has also won the cross country collegiate run. This is versatility of a high order. Add to this a most pleasing personality. Overton is a Southern boy which is all the more satisfactory.

A recent letter reported sent to Angel Arragon, of the New York Yankees, is thought to be from Jose Acosta, a well-known sporting writer, and not from Merito Acosta, Griffith's young outfielder. Jose Acosta is the son of the Cuban patriot, sentenced to be hanged. Captain Huston, of the Yankees, read the translation of the letter, which to our mind is a host on account of its fanciful language.

Robert Simpson starred in smashing two records at the Western A. A. championships in St. Louis, Saturday evening. He won the fifty-yard low hurdles in six seconds, which was one-fifth of a second better than the world record, and captured the five-hundred-yard high hurdles in six and three-fifths seconds, erasing two-fifths of a second from the former best figures.

Too often, apparently, remembrance of the skill which was commanded by notable players in any line of athletic endeavor is clouded by lapse of time until there is far from being a just estimate available. The relative value between the past and the present is always hard to determine, but in one case at least there is now a basis of comparison which should set at rest controversy. When Mrs. May Sutton Bundy triumphed over Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the holder of the women's national lawn tennis championship, at Los Angeles on Saturday, she settled for all time the discussion as to the relative merits of these two women, the one a champion of the present, the other a champion of a decade ago.

As May Sutton, Mrs. Bundy was the most talked of woman player in the country. Holder of the English championship as well as the American, she was hailed as the greatest exponent of the game among the women, and her play showed that she was invincible. After her retirement there came from Norway another, Miss Bjurstedt, whose proficiency was such that she was said to be even stronger than the former May Sutton, and those who had seen both, and expressed this belief, were doubtless honest in their convictions. That they were deluded into a wrong estimate, because of the years that passed between the retirement of one and the advancement of the other, is shown in the result at Los Angeles.

SANFORD ATTACKS CAPITAL TOURNAY

Football Ruling for Capital Only

Proposes Several Radical Changes for Present Gridiron Code.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 12.—George Foster Sanford, coach of the Rutgers eleven and long a leading figure in the gridiron game, will suggest to the football rules committee at the meeting on Friday certain changes in the regulations of the great Autumn college sport. He will also defend the multiple kick in case an assault upon that bit of tactics is made.

Mr. Sanford summarized today the matter that he will submit to the committee as follows, the first three paragraphs relating to changes which he favors:

1. That the forward pass shall not be thrown into the territory of the defense a greater distance than ten yards.

2. That a fumbled ball on a running play, when recovered, shall not be advanced beyond the point of recovery, the possession of the ball being deemed sufficient reward for diligence. Exception—That if a ball is fumbled by a man endeavoring to advance it, he alone may recover it and continue it. It is not meant that this proposed change shall in any way affect or apply to the kicking game.

3. The elimination of the so-called out-down from behind. This play has all the elements of treachery and none of good sportsmanship, and is of such a vital nature that the game of football would be much better without it. The play is so distinctive as to make it easily discernible to the officials as to when a penalty will lie.

4. In case the multiple kick is to be attacked, I shall wish an opportunity to speak in its defense, as I believe that it is altogether a constructive innovation and one that I am sure calls for more co-ordination than any other single play in football known to me.

SPENCER AND MAGIN FIRST

Win Six-Day Bicycle Race in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—J. Spencer, of Toronto, Canada, and J. Magin, of Newark, N. J., won the six-day bicycle race, which was started in the Civic Auditorium here a week ago yesterday, and finished Saturday night, after 144 hours of continuous riding. Percy Lawrence and L. Thomas, of San Francisco, were second, and C. Carman, Jamaica, N. Y., and C. Wiley, Syracuse, N. Y., third.

Up to Saturday night, when McNamara and Hill and Red and Cherry were ruled out for refusing to take the track after they had left it to protest a decision, there were ten teams in the race.

CRACK GOLFERS MEET.

TAMPA, Fla., March 12.—Tampa will be the winter mecca for golfers today, when Walter Hagan, Rochester, C. C. Tom McNamara, New York; Wilfred Reed, Wilmington, C. C., and James "Garage" Barnes, Palma Celsa-Whitemarsh Valley, meet over the Palma Celsa Golf Club's links here.

TIGERS ARE WILD.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., March 12.—Rookie pitchers lived up to the Tiger reputation for wildness against Fort Worth. They gave nine passes, but the Tigers won, 8 to 3.

MACKMEN ON HAND.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 12.—All of Mack's regulars are here today ready for the first grilling. It is predicted that Wally Schang's cute little mustache will be unburned if he isn't careful.

BILLY LAMAR HAS PLENTY OF SPEED

Spends Winter With Central High Track Candidates Working Hard.

Billy Lamar, who got a trial last year with Griff and was turned over to Jack Dunn's Orioles, is a changed youngster. Lamar came back here last fall with a long face. His baseball future was in jeopardy. Jack Dunn had taken him aside and said a few things about his prospects.

"You'll never be a big league ball player unless you can run," said Dunn. "Take a tip from me. Speed up. Get some footwork in your running. Learn to sprint."

Seeks Improvement.

Now, Lamar is young, just out of his teens, in fact. He is persevering. He has ideas. "I know I can hit," said Billy. "I know I can throw. I may not know baseball, but I can learn. But I have no speed."

Forthwith the youngster began looking the track coaches over. He hit upon Bill Foley, Central's coach, as a mentor. Foley listened to Lamar's complaint. He gave Lamar permission to run with the Central athletes during their indoor work.

Gets Shoes to Run.

Lamar got his shoes to run. He came out with the track team. The Central kids showed him up. Some of the slowest beat Lamar to it on the indoor track. But the young Billy stuck to it.

Now all this has happened since October. It is almost springtime, and the baseball players are trekking South. With them, seeking a berth with Jim Dunn, is Billy Lamar. And he is a changed lad.

"Lamar can give any of my kids, the fastest included, all kinds of handicaps. He is the fastest man who has run up at Central this year," said Foley recently. "I never saw a fellow improve like Lamar. If he can play ball anywhere near as fast as he can run, he'll be a world-beater. That kid will make good. He took in everything he was told and applied it."

Will Make Good.

Lamar has youth, brains, speed and mechanical ability, as well as baseball sense. He is ready and willing. Our guess may go far a-field, but it looks as though Jack Dunn is going to be a surprised one this spring.

And don't think Lamar did nothing but run this winter. Feeling the need of more education, he went into a business school here and dug in all year. All of which is our idea of real preparedness.

PIRATES TRAVEL MOST

Will Cover 13,180 Miles During Coming Season.

The Pirates, of the National League, will travel further than any of their rivals this year. The Robins, on the other hand, have the shortest mileage. According to official figures, the mileage of the teams in Governor Tener's circuit is as follows:

Pirates, 13,180 miles; Cubs, 12,151; Reds, 11,984; Braves, 11,254; Cardinals, 10,459; Giants, 9,998; Phillies, 9,462; Robins, 9,322. Total mileage, \$7,441.

ROLLS RECORD GAME

Fairmont, W. Va., Bowler Gets 299 at Duckpins.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 12.—Rolling one pin less than a perfect score in duckpins, Sox Rosenmerkle, a local glassworker, established what he claims to be a new world's record at the Temple alleys, in this city.

Rosenmerkle had eleven straight strikes, and on his last frame left the ninepin standing, making a score of 299, or one less than a perfect score for the game.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

District—Resolutes vs. Shermans, at Royal.

Masonic—Columbia vs. Harmony; St. John's vs. Stansbury; Potomac vs. Hiram, at Royal.

National Capital—Southeast Stars vs. Columbian, at Southeast.

Departmental—Labor vs. Agriculture, at Palace.