

NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE MOGULS HERE FOR A LIVELY MEETING TONIGHT

NAVY BASEBALL STOPS WITH WAR

May Prevent Usual Championship Series While Fleet Is in Cuban Waters

Philadelphia, March 21.—Germany has broken up at least one American baseball championship series for 1917. On account of the break with Germany the 1917 championship of the Atlantic fleet of the United States Navy will have to go undecided, as will the championships of the various other navy yards.

Simultaneously with the spring trip of the major leaguers to southern towns each year some part of the athletic allowance of each ship in the navy has been spent for baseball equipment, including uniforms, bats, balls, gloves and other paraphernalia.

Each ship's company also has had its "tryouts" for the team representing the ship. Some former Annapolis star assumed the role of coach and the men work to get in shape for games. As the weather warmed the different ships in the yard would arrange games. This would end in a tournament to decide the championship of the yard.

This championship once decided, the conquering heroes look about for "new worlds." There was only one—the championship of the fleet.

No Plans for Series
This series in tournament form would be played off during the winter maneuvers at the United States naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba. The winning team would then be awarded the Atlantic fleet championship, which carried with it a cup, donated by some official of the navy or the Navy Department.

"We have other things to think about this year," said a sergeant of marines at the Philadelphia navy yard at League Island yesterday. "There are more serious things to think of than baseball training nowadays and we have no time for it."

Since the break with Germany it has been made certain that there will be no spring practice at the local navy yard. The men have been rushed to keep up with the work of preparing their ships for calls to duty at short notice and, in addition to this, ships have been plying in and out of the yard, staying only for indefinite periods. This has left little time for organized practice or the organizing of teams.

The breaking up of the local contingent of the reserve fleet will make impossible the holding of a tournament at the Philadelphia navy yard.

If strained relations continue, winter maneuvers in Cuban waters will be impossible. This will leave the baseball supremacy of the Atlantic fleet "up in the air."

Activities of Local Bowlers Show Some Fine Scores

P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE	
(Association Alleys)	
Association	1860
Passenger Station	1698
Association	651
Myers (Passenger Station)	197
Myers (Passenger Station)	492
DRAUGHTSMEN'S LEAGUE	
(Casino Alleys)	
Guns	1250
Plumb Bobs	1229
Guns	452
Koons (Guns)	121
Fletcher (Guns)	274
COMMERCIAL LEAGUE	
(Taylor Alleys)	
Bowman & Co.	2282
Wm. Strouse & Co.	2241
Bowman	832
Mumma (Bowman)	193
L. Stein (Strouse)	193
Branca (Strouse)	484
ENOLA Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE	
(Association Alleys)	
Rubies	1798
Diamonds	1595
Rubies	608
Knaby (Rubies)	212
Knaby (Rubies)	522
MISCELLANEOUS	
(Flicks Alleys, Lemoyne)	
Single Men	2317
Married Men	2260
Single Men	732
Palmer (Single Men)	193
Reeser (Married Men)	491
(Parthmore Alleys, New Cumberland)	
Single Men	1374
Married Men	1358
Married Men	480
Wise (Married Men)	119
Burke (Single Men)	289

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The Sportlight

By Grantland Rice

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As the last glowing embers from the Stove League were fading to ashes, the Fan Colony thereby gathered was discussing a new turn in connection with the National Frenzy.

This debate was aimed at the playing form of the game, the list including those who led the field in this respect. Form might be described as a combination of natural ease and orthodox methods in delivering results.

Or it might be described as a combination of grace and rhythm. In any event, you obtain the general idea.

The Leaders
The most graceful infelder that ever lived—the most natural—the one embodying the greatest amount of rhythm, beyond any doubt was Napoleon Lajoie, just retired from the main circle after twenty years.

Lajoie, in his prime, although weighing 196 pounds and standing over six feet, was a section of human poetry in his work around second base. In place of starting for a ball he seemed to glide. There was always a certain carelessness, relaxed ease in the way he handled even the hardest chances without even the semblance of effort. He was far more graceful than Eddie Collins, though no more effective, and even the lithe, willowy Johnny Evers was back of the big Frenchman in natural grace of play.

Lajoie's play at times gave out the appearance of indifference, whereas it was only the utter lack of waste motion.

And he was as natural and as graceful at bat as he was around second base. Lajoie's closest infield rivals were Jimmy Collins at third, Bill Bradley at the same job and Hal Chase at first.

These all had symmetry and rhythm beyond measure, their work bringing a delight beyond any results obtained.

The Outfield Leader
The most graceful outfielder that we have ever seen is Tris Speaker. Speaker not only uses unexcelled grace in his department, but he carries an unusual amount of it to bat.

He and Frank Schulte are pictures for the eye to watch. Cobb is effective beyond them all at bat, but he lacks Speaker's grace around the plate.

In the outfield Tris moves after a fly ball or a grounder with wonderful rhythm in every move.

George Burns, of the Giants, is another extremely graceful outfielder, always worth watching.

He has that careless ease in handling a fly ball that Lajoie employed on a grounder, making the play as if he had his eyes shut, without the slightest effort at display.

In the Box
The workman with the best and easiest pitching motion is Walter Johnson, the national star.

Johnson, despite the blinding speed he gets, works without effort, the rhythm of his wind-up and follow-through in pitching being the last word in this art.

Ray Caldwell also has a fine motion, but in natural ease it isn't quite up to the Johnson standard.

There isn't a pitcher in the game who has anything like as much in reserve as Johnson always seems to have—which is one test of form.

John McGraw always thought the late Bugs Raymond had the best pitching motion of them all, but not even Raymond was up to the Johnson mark. Alexander and Mathewson, as great as they were and as great as one of them still is, lacked the great combination of poise, smoothness and general ease which Johnson has.

Back of the Bat
When it comes to catching form it would be hard to displace Ray Schalk. Jimmy Archer is another who works with ease and naturalness back of the bat.

Schalk, in addition to being a great catcher, is a pretty piece of machinery to watch.

Not Always the Test
This list mentioned includes Schalk, Johnson, Caldwell, Chase, Lajoie, Collins, Bradley, Speaker and Burns—all stars.

But form isn't always the test. There was no particular rhythm to Hans Wagner, yet he stands as the greatest shortstop in baseball history ever known. Frank Baker belongs to the more or less lumbering type, but John Franklin, in addition to being a fine hitter, is also a corking good third baseman.

DETROIT TIGERS FROWN ON DRILLS

Detroit, Mich., March 21.—Dispatches received here from the training camp of the Detroit Americans at Waxahachie, Texas, state that the Detroit ball players are in sympathy with a movement started by fellow athletes to abandon the military drills they now are receiving. It is understood that the Cleveland club already has taken such action.

Record Track Response Pleasing to Academy Coach

COACH FRED SCHLICHTER
The first call for the Academy baseball nine was issued by Coach Fred Schlichter, the athletic director of the Academy. There was a good response to this call, so the Academy is assured that there will be a fast team. The schedule is being rapidly completed, and there are some good games scheduled both at home and away. Frank Stinemeyer is also completing a schedule for the second team which will have some good games.

TERREAU HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Marlin, Texas, March 21.—The Giants beat the Fort Worth team here 8 to 6. Slim Saltee held the visitors scoreless for several innings until relieved by Jeff Tesreau, who had just figured in a rear-end collision with an electric car. He and Perritt were straggling along the tracks to the ball park. Pohl pulled Tesreau from the track and saved his life. Tesreau got a severe bump, but that did not hinder him from showing a superior line of spital. Robertson, Holke and Kauff got home runs. Errors by Tesreau and Kilduff helped the Fort Worth.

JACK ENRIGHT FALLS SHORT

Macon, Ga., March 21.—The big league aspirations of Pitcher Jack Enright, formerly of the Delaware county circuit, were at least belated here yesterday, when he allowed the Yankee Yarnigans to come up from an 0-to-0 tie to an 8-to-0 victory in the last three innings of the practice game against the regulars. Manager Donnan decided to call it a day after the sixth inning. Errors by Gilbooley, Baker, Feckinpaugh and others after Enright's toboggan in the fifth contributed to the slaughter.

MRS. ISAAC ZIMMERMAN DIES

Halifax, Pa., March 21.—Mrs. Isaac Zimmerman, aged 54 years, died yesterday at the Hartman Hospital at Harrisburg, where she had been taken a week ago for a serious operation. She is survived by her husband, three brothers and a sister. Mrs. Zimmerman was twice married, her first husband being Carson Kramer, of Rife. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Harrisburg Manager Has No Worry About Pennant Chances



Baseball fans are assured a good season for the coming season. George Cockill, who came in last night to arrange for the meeting to-night of the New York State League, says he will give Harrisburg good sport. Players who will make good in fast company are plentiful, according to the local leader, and he expects to be in the running when the time for a snowup comes.

BOB FITZSIMMONS HAS FACE ALTERED

San Francisco, Cal., March 21.—Bob Fitzsimmons longs to be as beautiful as Tom Sharkey and Bat Nelson. So he is going to follow the example of these two eminent exponents of the fistie art and have his face renovated. Accompanied by Sharkey, who recently had a six-inch cauliflower extracted from his left ear, Fitz invaded a beauty parlor recently.

STORMY SESSION FOR STATE LEAGUE

President J. H. Farrell on Hand Early; Likewise George Cockill
The meeting to-night of the New York State League magnates gathered here to-day for an important session at Hotel Columbus to-night. The meeting has been called for consideration of the report of the schedule committee. Other business is likely to come up and the session may be a stormy one.

Governor Whitman Firm on Abolition of Boxing

Albany, N. Y., March 21.—The Slater-Davis bill, designed to make boxing in New York State unlawful, and which was introduced at the request of Governor Whitman, last night was reported favorably by the Assembly Codes committee. Since the executive first demanded the repeal of the boxing law opponents to the Slater-Davis bill have urged that the Governor accept a compromise that would prevent the abolition of the sport.

Bits From Sportland

In games played last night on the St. Paul floor, both the first and second Tarsus fives were victorious. The first team defeated the Hummelstown Maroons by the score of 56 to 23, and the second five humbled the West End Juniors to the tune of 36 to 22.

Displaying good team work last night the Camp Hill Big Five defeated the West End A. C. quintet by the score of 43 to 38.

The Moorhead Knitting Mills Company girls' five met defeat last night at the hands of the Hershey High School girls' five in a contest played on the Hershey floor. The final score was 20 to 10.

The Middletown Central Grammar School five scored a 35 to 5 victory over the St. Patrick's School, last night in a game played on the Cathedral Hall floor.

Victories were landed by both the Blue and Purple teams of the Central High School girls' afternoon league. The former defeated the Yellow team by the score of 5 to 4 and the latter triumphed over the Red tusslers by the score of 12 to 5.

Basch, of the Jolly five team in the Casino tennis league is fast gaining on Barnes of the Calumets for high scoring average in the league. The former has a high average of 194 pins per game while the latter is but four points behind. The other players in the league are well bunched.

RICKEY JOINS CARDINALS
St. Louis, Mo., March 21.—Branch Rickey, business manager of the St. Louis Americans, announced yesterday that he had signed a three-year contract as president of the St. Louis Nationals. It is understood his salary will be \$15,000 a year. He will also act as business manager. President Ball, of the St. Louis Americans, was in conference this afternoon with his attorneys. He had previously announced that he would hold Rickey to his contract with the Americans.

LEO HOUCK WINS
Lancaster, Pa., March 21.—Leo Houck made a punching bag of Dummy Ketchell, of Baltimore, at the Lancaster Theater last evening, beating him badly in every round, but he was unable to stop the tough mite. In the semifinal Willie Franklin won from Buck Taylor, of York. Young Globisch knocked out Kid Jones in the first; Joe Hecker and Joe Metz fought a draw. In the opener Kid Brock was knocked out by Cruiser Trayer in one round.

WELLY'S CORNER

Welcome to the New York State leaguers. They are here to-day and the baseball season is on in Harrisburg. This city has been the scene of many league meetings. Baseball history has been made here. Many of the leaders now in the New York State League recalled old Tri-State days. Few baseball organizations in the United States have not found Harrisburg a good place to meet some time.

This is Harrisburg's introduction to New York State League promoters. It is President Farrell's second visit here and he has come to like Harrisburg. The popular president has proved a successful commander-in-chief. He is the pioneer among minor league leaders. As secretary of the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs he has under his jurisdiction every minor league organization in the United States. He is some busy man.

"Red" Calhoun looks upon Harrisburg as his second home. He is no stranger in these parts. "Cal," as he is known here, is with Wilkes-Barre this season and has a bunch of play money that he does not look strong at this time to the Baron leader but are likely to show something better later on. "Red" never would admit to anything even if he knew he had the goods. He leaves a whole lot to the public. Rather modest for an old-timer.

Manager Chic Hartman, of the Binghamton New York State League team, announces having signed Outfielder Eugene Foley, who has been starting with the Interborough and Fordham Lacrosse clubs in New York for the past three years.

Jimmy Jackson, of Philadelphia, manager of the Elmira club of the New York State League, is starting out to build his club for the coming race and notified the local owners to-day that he has landed a youngster named Rousey from the Baltimore club of the International League. He is an infelder and said to be very promising.

Manager Bill Coughlin, of the Scranton team of the New York State League, is trying to land Joe Lloyd, of Pottsville, who led the second base-men of the Western League last year. Lloyd is very anxious to play nearer his home and has asked the Denver management to sell or trade him to some team in the East.

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