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MOST CONSISTENT SOUTHPAW WILL HELP ALEXANDER



George Tyler

With the passing of George Tyler the Boston Braves of 1914 have passed. Only two of that aggregation remain under George Stallings' management, Rudolph and Smith.

Tyler has been called the most effective left-handed pitcher in the National league and with Alexander and

Jim Vaughn should give the Cubs, to whom he was sold, the most effective pitching staff in the older organization.

Tyler has won the name of being the most consistent. Last year he was forced to bow to the veteran Marquard, who had one of his biggest years in baseball. But Tyler has gone along year after year winning a majority of his games and acting generally more like a right-handed indomitable than a port-sider.

While Tyler's record shows he has won seventy-three and lost sixty-two games in the last five years, it must

be remembered that in two of those years, 1913 and 1917, his club was hopelessly outclassed and in 1913 he lost but one game more than he won, the count being sixteen won and seventeen lost while his club was finishing a bad sixth with sixty-nine won and eighty-two lost.

DOPE FAVORS BENCH MANAGERS THIS YEAR

The appointment of Jack Hendricks as manager of the St. Louis Cardinals leaves but one vacancy to be filled in the managerial ranks for 1913.

Jack Barry's place must be filled in Boston, for Barry is in the navy and there is no chance that he will get back into baseball for the coming season.

The passing of Barry as a manager is one of the most interesting phases of the coming baseball year—for it marks the displacement of the last player-manager in the big leagues.

The passing of the player-manager is one of the most interesting questions in baseball. A few years ago managers would have none of the bench manager. He was not a direct asset upon the field and meant an additional financial load. Player-managers could be hired as cheap as bench managers and filled their regular places in the line-up thus dispensing with the salary of a player.

It is not many years ago when practically every manager filled his place upon the ball field. Then the magnates began to figure that perhaps a manager would be more successful if he could devote his entire time to directing the club on the field and not be forced to divide his generalship with mechanical playing.

When the 1917 season opened there was only one playing-manager, Jack Barry, and there are many who believe Jack would have been more successful had he devoted his entire time to managing his team.

One of the best arguments in favor of a bench manager is a list of men who have won the pennants in both leagues during the last seventeen years, since the American league was organized.

In 1900 the White Sox, managed by Charles Comiskey, won the pennant. The next year Clark Griffith won with the same club. Griffith at that time was a playing manager. In 1902 Connie Mack, bench manager, won with the Athletics and in 1903 and 1904 with Boston. Connie Mack won again in 1905 and Fielder Jones, a playing manager, won the next year with Chicago. The next three years Hugh Jennings, a bench manager, won and Mack repeated in 1910 and 1911. Jake Stahl, a bench manager, came across with Boston in 1912 and Mack repeated in 1913 and 1914. Bill Carrigan, a playing manager, won in 1915 and 1916, and Clarence Rowland, a bench advocate, in 1917. The count in the American league is 11 to 6 in favor of the bench manager.

In the National league Ed Hanlon, a bench manager, won in 1903. Fred Clarke, a player, followed the next three years. McGraw won in 1904 and 1905 and Frank Chance, a player, copped the next three years. Clarke repeated in 1909 and Chance came back in 1910. The next three years

saw McGraw victorious. In 1914 Stallings' bench manager, won; in 1915 Moran copped, 1916 saw Robinson win and 1917 McGraw. The last four are bench managers.

The count for the National league is 10 to 8 in favor of the bench managers. In the eighteen years twenty-one big league winners have been bench managers and fourteen playing managers.

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LEFT END BROYLES LOST BY TECH HIGH

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 9.—Norris Broyles, football and basketball star, is no longer at Tech High school and his loss will be keenly felt by the Junior smithies.

Broyles will hereafter perform in athletics for the Peacock school teams. He is a first-class prep basketball player and will go out for the Peacock five. Broyles is also a fine football player, doing good work at left end for Tech High during the past season.

MAMAUX, WARD AND GRIMES TO BROOKLYN

Pittsburg, Jan. 9.—Barney Dreyfus, president of the Pittsburg Nationals, announced today that arrangements had been completed whereby Mamaux, Ward and Grimes are to go to the Brooklyn Nationals in exchange for Stengel and Cutchaw. Mamaux and Grimes are pitchers and Ward a shortstop, while Cutchaw is an infielder and Stengel an outfielder.

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN IN PRAYER CONFERENCE

Much interest is being shown in the prayer conference which is being held in Ridgedale.

The pastors, Dr. Will R. Johnson, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. J. S. Bales, of the M. E. church; Rev. W. P. Eastwood, of the M. E. church, south; Rev. J. J. Johnson, of the Baptist, and Rev. Carr, of the United Brethren church, are in charge of the meetings. Tonight the meeting will be held at the Baptist church; Thursday and Friday evenings at the Presbyterian church. Sunday evening the closing service will be held at the United Brethren church.

A large chorus choir composed of singers from the various churches is a special attraction. Mr. George Freeman is director. The pastors have formed a quartet and their numbers have been especially pleasing.

NORMAN MAXWELL WINS PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Pinhurst, N. C., Jan. 8.—Norman H. Maxwell, of Philadelphia, medalist in the midwinter golf tournament here, won the president's trophy today, defeating R. C. Shannon II, of Rockport, by one up at the end of a hard uphill fight.

Maxwell was two down at the end of the tenth hole and one down at the twelfth but squared the match at the fourteenth, won the fifteenth and maintained the lead to the end.

L. D. Pierce, of N. C., won the governor's trophy, in the second sixteen, defeating J. Whitney Baker, of Plainfield, 4 and 3.

F. C. Page, of Aberdeen, beat Charles Horton, of Rye, 4 and 3, in the finals of the secretary's trophy, awarded to the winner of the third sixteen.

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SWEDEN'S BIG YEAR IN SPORTS

Eastern Colleges Plan Athletic Activities, Not in Spite of War, But as Aid.

New York, Jan. 9.—Notwithstanding its proximity to the scene of the European war, Sweden has just completed the most successful athletic season in the history of sport in that country. Under the coaching of Ernie Hjertberg, formerly prominent in American amateur and professional athletics, the Swedish track and field performers have made remarkable strides and will be factors to be feared in years to come when international track competitions shall have been resumed.

Nineteen seventeen was the most successful year in the history of Swedish athletics, both from the viewpoint of general interest and of performances. Twenty-two new Swedish records were established, and four of these being at the same time new world's records. Three of these world's record performances were the work of John Zander, the phenomenal long-distance man whose defeat of Ted Meredith at 1,000 meters in the Stockholm stadium in October, 1916, will be recalled. A. Bolin, who tied with Zander on that occasion in 2:31.2, equalling the world's record, has two of the new Swedish records to his credit, and Zander has three, apart from his world's records. Both Zander and Bolin are special pupils of Ernie Hjertberg.

Zander's world's records are 1,500 meters, 3:54.7; 3,000 meters, 8:35.7; 2,000 meters, 5:31. His best performance was the 1,500-meter run, which Zander ran alone. The former record, 3:55.8, was held by Abel Kivira, Zander clipped no less than 5.2 seconds from Attila's record in the 2,000-meter run, and nine-tenths of a second from the 3,000-meter figures. The other world's record to go was for throwing the javelin, best throw with each hand, in which Yngve Hackner set a record of 114.28 meters.

The other new Swedish records established follow: Sixty-meter dash, 6.9 seconds; 200 meters, 25.1 seconds; 400 meters, 59 seconds; 800 meters, 1:55.2 (Bolin); one mile, 4:17.5 (Zander); 5,000 meters, 14:59.6 (Zander); 400 meter hurdles, 56.1 seconds; four-man relay, 400 meters, 48.1 seconds; four-man relay, 800 meters, 1:31.1; four-man relay, 1,600 meters, 3:28.3; four-man relay, 5,000 meters, 17 minutes; high jump, 1.89 meters; pole vault, 3.883 meters; discus throwing, both hands, 83.46 meters; running, three miles, 14:38.7 (Zander); 1,000-meter relay, first man running 100 meters, second 200, third 300 and fourth 400, 2:1.5. One new record was also established in the peculiarly Swedish contest known as the "vallenlop," a jump for length over the gymnasium horse.

The condition of college athletics at eastern institutions is well illustrated by the situation at Cornell, one of the leading universities of the section in the support of sport. There is hardly one department of athletics in which, at the beginning of the year, a complete program or schedule is planned. Efforts are being made to support, as far as compatible with other more important activities, each and every branch of sport indulged in during the spring months.

The situation in rowing is perhaps typical, and, as outlined in a recent issue of a university publication, gives an insight to conditions prevailing at Cornell at this time. The article, in part, is as follows: "Rowing plans have not yet crystallized. Practice on the rowing machines in the gymnasium will go forward, and when the inlet is clear of ice in the spring crews will be boated as usual. On account of the early closing of the university, however, it will be difficult for the management to schedule dual races, either on Lake Cayuga or elsewhere. It is taken for granted that no attempt will be made this year to revive the Poughkeepsie regatta. Obviously Cornell could not participate in such a regatta next spring. J. Collyer, active rowing coach, was in Ithaca recently, and while here he conferred with Mr. Courtney and others on the rowing situation, but no definite conclusion was reached. Final decision will not be made until later in the winter."

In general, athletic activities, except in basketball and wrestling, have been unusually quiet since Thanksgiving, the attention of the undergraduates being turned largely toward enlisting and the draft regulations around the holidays. Training will be resumed and more interest is looked for and a fairly large number of participants.

BOYS TRAIN HARD FOR NEXT FRIDAY'S FIGHT

From all indications the "Soldier" Mitchell-"Battling" Rich bout is causing plenty of interest. These scrappers will meet in the wind-up in the Ninth street arena next Friday night. Both lads have lots of friends that have already made reservations for blocks of seats.

Both lads are training very hard at their training camps, and each thinks that he will be declared the winner. To see these athletes bounce their sparring partners around the ring, one would imagine that they were training for a title bout. So in earnest are Rich and Mitchell that they are throwing challenges to each other to fight winner take all. Their manager Joe Levy will take up with both principals and their managers tomorrow.

The remainder of the boys on the card are gradually rounding themselves into shape for their respective bouts.

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