

Bender Won 67 Games, Lost Only Ten During Last Three Seasons in Minor Leagues

MANY VICTORIES STILL MAY BE TWIRLED BY BENDER'S STRONG ARM

After Nineteen Years of Fast Baseball, Former A's Idol Will Try International League as Pitcher and Manager at Reading

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

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The big Chief has hurled three no-hit games in his career since joining the A's. His first, which stands as one of the great feats of baseball, was pitched on May 12, 1910, when he was at the height of his fame.

THE International League is faster than the Eastern or the Virginia, but another no-hit game is not beyond the possibilities of the aged skipper.

Missed Perfect Game by Four Balls

BENDER bagged his no-hit game in the majors against the Cleveland Naps. Only one pass marked the "miracle." In the sixth inning Terry Turner, who later became a member of Mack's club, waited for four wide ones and got on. At that, the Chief faced only twenty-seven men.

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WONDER WHAT DAN CUPID THINKS ABOUT?

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NEW "LONGEST DRIVES" FOUND IN GOLF WORLD

Charley Hall, Birmingham, Averages 273 Yards for Twenty-three Tee Wallops in Recent Match. One Sailed 330 Yards Uphill

By GRANTLAND RICE

Lost Woods They've called me through the rain-mist And they've called me through the sun.

Sometimes they speak of piny woods And old, remembered scenes; And then again of ancient moss And Southern evergreens;

Through stark and leafless solitudes They follow me to town, And whisper of a better world When men are lean and brown;

THE Hon. G. Carpenter has assumed an extremely logical position in waiting to let Tunney, Gibbons and Greb settle the issue among themselves before he checks his personality into the frame again.

Bygone Days appears best in the feature race at New Orleans today at a mile and a sixteenth. Sands of Pleasure and Gourmand should furnish the best of the clearing.

Havana—First race, Kelt, Tattling, Margaret Nash; second, Tom Grows, Frasoula, Sun Girl; third, Wedge, wood, Spring Vale, Gallou Berry;

Among the Derby and Preakness entries the good-looking colt of Commander J. K. McLaughlin, Spanish Mair, should not be gotten or overlooked. He is doing well in his training at Laurel.

Westminster Hockey Team Coming There will be no skating at the Ice Palace until Friday. There will be boxing tonight.

Ray Mitchell, Southwark lightweight, is anxious to box here. He has been doing all his work out of town. Ray showed his best form in two Trenton matches.

Bill Geever announces the mid-winter leg of the Spring for February 25. The affair will be held at the Overbrook Golf Club.

The Blumstein brothers, of Brooklyn—Max, Sam, Sol and Joe—are living in Philadelphia. They are, respectively, especially close followers of boxing.

Joe Mendell has his brother, Young Tom, in a bad shape for several bouts. He is to be on Saturday, light against Young Sherlock at the National.

Tommy O'Keefe, of West Philadelphia, has been matched to meet Joe Goldberger in a return to the ring on Saturday. Joe showed his best form in two Trenton matches.

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BODY ATTACK WINS FOR DANNY KRAMER

Bobby Burman Is Handed Trouncing in First Wind-Up at the Olympia

NO INDICATIONS OF K. O.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

EDDIE HAYES, the Nig, is a disconsolate young man today. "And I thought he was going to win sure even had a notion he would knock him out," is the grumbling murmur of Nig, referring to the poor showing made by his southwark charge, Bobby Burman, against Daniel Kramer, also a local portside puncher.

Kramer slam-banged Burman plenty in the latter's first wind-up, when they went through eight rounds at the Olympia last night, and it was the unanimous opinion of every one there that Bobby "ain't got it"—as they say in South Philly these days.

Burman went into the ring bent on doing some kicking, he had most of it taken out of him in the very first. Reason: A lot of hefty wallops by Kramer to the body. Danny dealt out his vicious nailing to the mid-section right off the reel and continued to land out the same medicine in each and every round.

This was a return match; in their previous meeting Burman, having put on a sensational tilt, so much so that they were brought together again, and a big crowd turned out for the muss. But the fans were disappointed because the bout was not so good.

Burman made the mistake of permitting Kramer to do all of the leading. Once in a while Bobby flared up, but his attempts were and they were punches to the body made his opponent clinch often, and this caused the bout to slow up.

In the latter rounds Kramer shifted his attack to the head and caused Burman's nose to bleed, Danny looked his right for Job's jaw several times, but the blows either missed or landed too high.

While Burman was administered quite a trouncing, at no time was there any indication of a knockout, mostly because of Bobby's defensive tactics. Kramer weighed in at 123 and Burman was three pounds heavier.

Pats Wallace overcame a hand-icap in height, weight and reach by out-punching Johnny Brown of England in the other club. Brown got under way by showing to advantage with a straight left and right cross in the early rounds, but Wallace kept fighting hard and punching often in the clinches.

In the latter part of the bout, especially in the last three rounds, Wallace had Brown backing up and holding on in the clinches to avoid the little Italian's mean wallops.

Conway Comes Back Frank Conway, of Camden, 122, came back after a lay-off of several months owing to a fractured hand and scored a close victory over the rugged Joe Nelson, 121. It was the Camdenites' use of a pretty straight left that decided the contest.

Infighting of Hank McGovern, 117, against Little Jeff, 114½, entitled the former to an even break after a spirited six-round tussle. The boys were at it hammer and tongs, several times each one being shaken up. In the third round a right to the chin knocked McGovern dizzy, but he saved himself from hitting the canvas by going down on his hands.

Snell Named Brown Baseball Coach Southwark, Pa., Feb. 14.—Walter H. Snell, former big league baseball player, has been appointed as coach of the local baseball team. Mr. Snell's appointment is carrying out the policy of an all-over-town faculty coach, in addition to his baseball duties he is directing the basketball team and is assistant football coach.

Paddock Starts Training Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—Charles W. Paddock, holder of the 100-yard sprint and several other club path records, worked out yesterday at the Paddock Athletic Club, in Los Angeles, in preparation for his participation in the Los Angeles track meet.

Large Entry for Dog Derby Ashton, Idaho, Feb. 14.—With seventeen entries in the most noted drivers of the

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LOCAL BASEBALL UMPIRES ORGANIZE

S. O. Grauley Accepts Position as President of Organization Temporarily

THE baseball umpires of Philadelphia have organized. The initial meeting of the body was held last night.

All present were designated as umpires with the exception of Joe O'Rourke, the ballplayer, who happened to be in attendance, and Joe admitted that he did not know where that many umpires in the world. The assembly room was crowded.

After Tommy Keenan had conducted the meeting for about an hour it was considered a good move to organize. This was soon accomplished with the election of the following officers: President, S. O. Grauley, who accepted the position temporarily; vice president, Tommy Keenan; recording secretary, Jim Coffey; financial secretary, James D. Cameron; treasurer, Ed. J. McLaughlin.

A Board of Directors was also named to consist of William Leary, Oliver Casey, Fred Westervelt and E. A. Clark.

It was decided to name the officers and Board of Directors a committee to wait on the Philadelphia Baseball Association to discuss the situation with what that organization plans to do regarding umpires this season.

Who Are Umpires? The room was full of men, but the fellow who gets the job of naming the umpires has picked the prize. Many were of the opinion that all are equal and that the delegation seems to control the meeting until one, Steve Otis, always regarded as a good official around these parts, broke into the picture and told the world that there were men in the room that were better than he and pointed to Fred Westervelt, the former National League official, now making this city his home, and who, with Herman Baetzl, will umpire all games at Princeton College this year.

After some discussion, it was finally decided that there are better umpires than others and will no doubt be rated. President Grauley could not understand why so much stress was directed at meeting the Philadelphia Baseball Association. Some of those who were laboring under the belief, apparently, that it was the only baseball association in the world this year.

According to the plans, the Philadelphia body is only an incidental and all leagues, no matter where, and teams in any section of Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Delaware, can secure competent officials at games by getting in touch with the umpires' association.

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"The Hardest Battle of My Ring Career"

By PINKY MITCHELL

IT MAY be strange, but really the boy who gave me the hardest battle was Al Thomas. The bout was held at Rock Island, Ill., during the season of 1918.

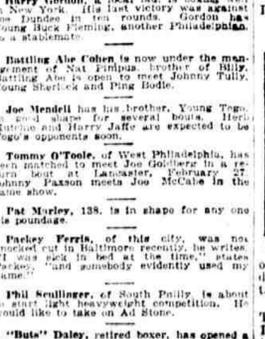
It wasn't that Thomas gave me a trouncing or anything like that, but he landed some pretty hard punches on my jaw. It was only my good condition and youth that saved me for the time being.

Finally in the third I began to reach Thomas with right crosses. Four times I dropped him in that round, and even then he came back fighting like a bull before the period ended.

Sound after round until the bell ended the scheduled ten-round set-to, I clipped Mr. Thomas flush on the jaw.

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TUNNEY TO MEET WENZEL AT ICE PALACE TONIGHT

O'Donnell and Devine in Other Eight-Round Contest

Gene Tunney, American light-heavyweight champion, meets Wenzel, of Pittsburgh, at the weekly Ice Palace show tonight. This also will make an anniversary fight at the Palace. The West Philadelphia sports home is two years old today.

Tunney stopped Jack Clifford in New York on Saturday night.

Wenzel has fought the best in his division. Eleven times he faced Harry Greb and he has turned in triumph over Buck Cross, McTigue and others.

Joe O'Donnell, of Gloucester, will take on Billy Devine over the eight rounds distance in the first part of the double windup.

Battling Leonard, former Philadelphia bantam, will entertain in the third six-rounder against Battling Mack, of Camden.

Billy Williams will go against Owen O'Malley in the second six-rounder. The opener presents Ray O'Malley and Billy Parker.

HARD GAMES FOR AQUINAS

Will Play Downtown Rivals on Home Floor This Evening

Manager Sid Smith, of the Aquinas, has arranged two hard games at home this week. At St. Thomas' Hall, Eighteenth and Morris streets, tonight, Aquinas will meet another downtown rival, the Passion, Gortlieb & Black five. The P. G.'s are small in size compared with Aquinas, but they are one of the fastest teams in the city and hope to offset the advantage of their heavier opponents by their superior speed.

On Thursday Aquinas will tackle Bobby Winkler's Rockwoods, one of the few teams playing basketball that have a regular line-up. On Thursday the P. G.'s travel to Kennett Square.

ROMMEL TO SEE MACK Will Come Here Tomorrow to Talk Over 1922 Contract

A dispatch from Baltimore today states that Ed Rommel, pitcher, of the Athletics, is coming to this city tomorrow for a conference with Connie Mack regarding the terms of his 1922 contract.

Rommel states that if he cannot reach an agreement with the Athletics he will request that he be sold or traded. In answer, Mr. Mack today said that under no circumstances will his pitcher go elsewhere, but he expressed gratification that he is coming to talk over terms.

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