

Fans Fail to Support Connie Mack's World's Champions

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WORLD'S CHAMPIONS ARE NOT DRAWING FANS OUT TO SEE THEIR BATTLES

Athletics' Owners Cannot Understand Why a Three-Time Pennant Winner and a Collection of Star Hitters and Fielders Can't Attract Crowds to Park.

PHILADELPHIA, May 14.—Is a three-time pennant winner and world's champion baseball team a good money-making proposition?

Ninety-nine out of every 100 fans would venture the opinion that if there is any money to be made in baseball a team occupying such an enviable position in the baseball world should be the one to reap the richest rewards that the baseball field affords. Yet the fact is that the Philadelphia Athletics, champions of the American League and monarchs of the baseball world, are playing to slim and disinterested crowds this year.

Followers of baseball in the Quaker city are wondering at this strange condition of affairs. The Athletics are admittedly the best team in the country today. They have one of the greatest infield ever put together, a strong outfield, exceptional catchers and a great pitching staff. Added to this they have Connie Mack for manager.

They have everything that should go to make a big paying attraction, yet this year the fans of the Quaker city are not warming up to the team. All kinds of reasons have been advanced, but not any seem to fit the case. It has been suggested that the fans are tired of seeing a sure-thing team, as they regard it, in action. This has been true in the past, but hardly holds good now.

The Athletics are not at the top of the heap, and are having strenuous struggles to get there. They are playing the finest kind of ball and earning every victory, yet the crowds have not been forthcoming. There is no Federal League competition in this city, and the Phillies have not been going at any more rapid rate than the Athletics. Therefore it cannot be set down to competition.

Last fall the Athletics handled their world's series ticket arrangements finely, and there was no dissatisfaction in the Quaker city, as there has been in the past in some of the cities. It is patent, therefore, that the failure of the fans to respond to the Athletics is due not to any ill will that they might have over the ticket matters.

Whatever it is, the officials of the local club are plainly worried, and are at a loss to place their hands on the trouble. It is one of those inexplicable problems that those who cater to the public frequently encounter. It may be that the fans want somebody else to lead the race and make the Athletics play superb ball to catch up later in the season. They are likely to have this wish gratified, but the question is, will they draw the crowds then?

Anacostia, Hyattsville

ANACOSTIA.

At the regular meeting of the Anacostia Citizens' Association last night, Dr. Thomas D. Mudd, chairman of the committee on sanitation, requested that the committee be retained to continue the work of inducing citizens to take a keener interest in civic betterment.

Majorie Otterback, in charge of the town flower garden at Nichols avenue and U street, reported that 2000 plants would be placed there soon.

A resolution was passed extending a vote of thanks to Col. W. W. Harts, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, for providing six band concerts weekly this summer.

The authorities will be asked to have a flag placed on Thirteenth street from Good Hope road to Nichols avenue, and also on Minnesota avenue from Good Hope road to the District pumping station.

J. Clinton Hart, secretary of the Street Safety Association of the District, addressed the members on the work of this organization, and invited the members to affiliate with this new body.

The utilities commission will be asked to render a decision in reference to the proposed street railway extension between Anacostia and Benning, about which a hearing was held several months ago.

The fact that application has been made for establishing a merry-go-round at Nichols avenue and Tafters street led to the adoption of a resolution opposing the granting of a license on the grounds that such an addition would be a nuisance.

C. M. Putnam, S. D. Frazier and C. L. Waddington were elected to membership.

MARYLAND ROADS BEING IMPROVED

By September There Will Be a Continuous Highway From Here to Delaware Line.

By HARRY WARD.

Washington motorists will learn with interest that the State roads commission of Maryland has let contracts for the improvement of the following roads widely used by motorists of this city: Belair road, from Baltimore to Kingsville; Black Gap road, from Kingsville to the Harford county line; Perryville to Charlestown, Clark's town to Northport. When these stretches are completed, which will be about September next, there will be a continuous improved highway from Washington to the Delaware line, en route to Philadelphia, New York or Atlantic City.

The unfinished gaps on the Frederick road from Baltimore to Frederick and Frederick to Cumberland are now under construction. The Baltimore-Frederick gap will be completed by September, and the Frederick-Cumberland gap about the last of this year.

One of the acts of the last Maryland legislature was the appropriation of \$1,000 per year for the sign-marking of Maryland State roads, and the motor vehicle commissioner, in co-operation with the Automobile Club of Maryland, is now working up a comprehensive scheme of carrying on this work.

Motorists en route to Baltimore are warned of a speed trap existing on Sutton avenue, a winding road between the Columbia and Old Carrollton roads and the Washington pike, which should not exceed the speed limit of twelve miles an hour, otherwise arrest may follow.

Eastern and Oxon Hill ball teams played a five-inning, no-run game yesterday afternoon in the Potomac League. The team of Kelly, for the Eastern, and Carrico, for Oxon Hill, featured the game. Not more than three hits were made by both teams.

HYATTSVILLE.

The authorities of the Maryland Agricultural College and Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station have set aside May 20 as "Farmers' Day." Among the special demonstrations will be that of inoculating hogs for hog cholera, pruning of fruit trees, articles and applying spraying mixtures. The visitors will also observe experiments with over 100 varieties of strawberries, will see over 200 plots devoted to tests in varieties and fertilizing of wheat, winter oats

SOME LATEST VIEWS OF FRANCIS OUIMET AND HIS CONQUEROR



The upper picture on the left shows Francis Ouimet, America's champion, watching Harold H. Hilton hole out in 74 on the last green for the gold vase. On the right, at the top, is shown Ouimet in action. The bottom picture is that of Harold H. Hilton, former American open champion, who won the gold vase trophy.

Big League Biffers of a Day.

A. H. TB. Pet.

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Schaefer, Griff., 1 1 1 1.000
Erwin, Robins... 1 1 1 1.000
Cather, Cards... 1 1 1 1.000
Chase, W. Sox... 5 4 7 .800
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FRANCIS OUIMET IS CONSIDERED WINNER

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SANDWICH, England, May 14—Francis Ouimet, America's open champion, and Jerome D. Travers, America's amateur champion, are expected to win their first match in the British championships next week, as both have drawn comparatively easy opponents. Ouimet will play C. G. McGregor, of Manila, and his caddy will play Charles Palmer of Handsworth, who is not a first class performer.

Chick Evans, the Chicago expert, draws a tough opponent in his second match, W. H. Hilton, one of the best and steadiest performers in England.

Fred Herreshoff, who sprained his ankle last week, has drawn H. St. John of Northumbria and an should win.

The first two matches follow: Clifford Weber, of Toledo, against J. Reimer, of Milwaukee; Arthur G. Lockwood, of the Boston Springs Club, with Thomas Scott, against R. Grummack, of Lytham; Harry J. Topping, of the Greenwich Country Club, Connecticut, against E. Holderness of Dennis, N. Y.; Indra, of the Mandeville Golf Club, New York, against J. Murray, of Rounthorpe, Francis Hale, of Chicago, against W. Whigham, of Royal St. Georges; Edward S. Kirk, of Westhuk, against A. Chadwick of Gleneagles.

Of the British players named Messes Wigham, Grummack, Orton, and Chadwick showed the best in the tournament.

The first round of the tournament will be played on May 15.

Wallace Johnson Will Play Bull For Title

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