

FAST TEAM WILL OPEN S. M. RACE WITH KALAMAZOO

Heavy Hitting Outfield and Classy Inner Works, With Good Battery Men Are Benders' Hopes.

Ed Smith's South Bend entrant into the Southern Michigan league, the Benders, will reach the culmination of their month of training at Springbrook park on Wednesday when they open the Southern Michigan league season locally, by going up against Life Fulton and the Kalamazoo team managed by Charley Wagner.

The Benders are in the pink of condition for a flying start. Only outfielder Patterson is in anything but perfect form and Pat's ankle, slightly twisted in the Sunday game, did not prevent him from tearing around the park like a Cobb during Monday's practice session. Patterson will have to nurse his ankle slightly but it will not keep him out of the fray for one minute.

Tickets for the opening game will be on sale in three places, Hulties' Schaffer and Platner's and Meinery and Doran's. The fans who want to be sure of seats can get box seats in the front of the grand stand for a slight extra charge. This is one of the innovations at the local park which is expected to meet with favor here.

Of the team which will start the season Wednesday, the fans know little by actual observation except what they have picked up in watching the team cavort in the practice games. Few of the players have ever played in South Bend before and those that have have not been seen locally since the Central league abandoned the city. But the team as a whole and as individuals are ball players. Smith has by patient, careful work built up a machine which is going to set a hot pace throughout the year, and there are men on the roster of the club at present who will be popular idols here inside of a month.

The Battery Men.

Smith's battery men are as a rule fairly well seasoned, with three of the twirlers real veterans. Smith himself has been on the firing line for years and has hurled in leagues all over the country, and for a while set a hot pace in the country's premier circuit, the American. Asher is another old hand at the game, while Johnny Jones has long been known as one of the classiest minor leaguers in the game. These three men are all veterans and are expected by their knowledge and experience to do good work in steadying the younger players.

Of the younger pitchers Duffy, the probable pitching selection for the opening game, is the most experienced. Duffy hurled in the Central league last year and acquitted himself creditably. Schorr pitched good ball for Maysville in the Ohio State league, and while only a youngster in years, is the tallest of the squad. Schorr has not been scored on since he joined the Benders and has worked about as consistently as any twirler on the squad. Moore, the other pitcher, is a local man. He has a world of stuff, but may not be seasoned enough yet to hold his own with the other twirlers. Moore has pitched some of the best ball seen yet, however, and when he gets going right should make a great pitcher.

The other end of the battery is taken care of by Warner and Landick. Warner is a powerfully built man, hits the ball hard and plays a good game. He has already been nicknamed "the big one," and is a favorite with the fans. Warner is still young but has

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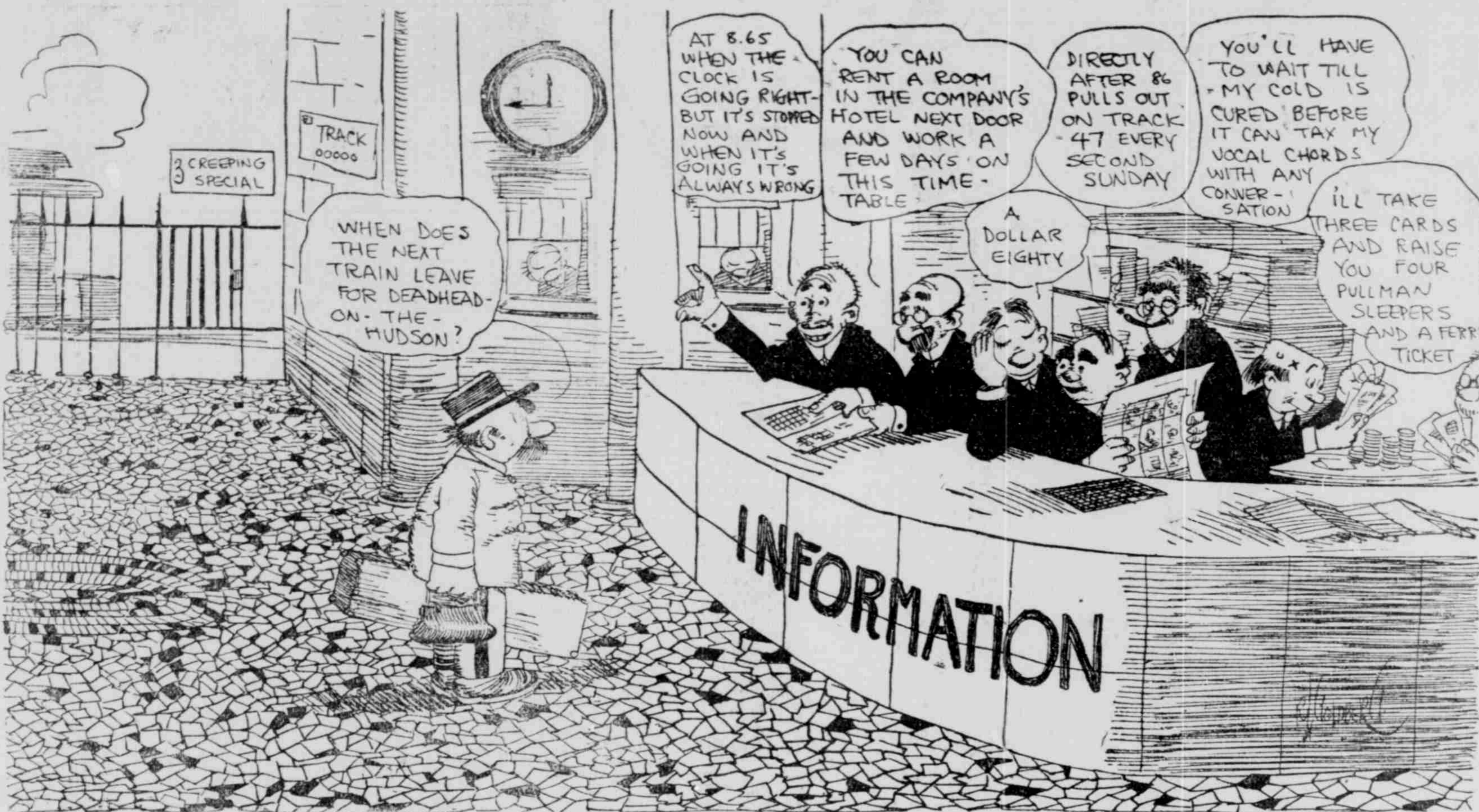
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had some experience in league ball. Landick is a star thrower, has played some good ball, notably on the Grand Rapids trip, and is the second string catcher. He is a local man.

"Class B Infield."

The infield looks just now like the strongest part of the Bender machine. "We have a Class B infield and before the season is over we will be able to outfield any inner works in the country, Class B or under," enthusiastically declared Smith Tuesday. Beall on first is known in Class B ball as a "second class" player. He is a left hander, fields ground balls with deadly precision, can shoot the ball across the diamond like a bullet and is a wonder at grabbing wild or poor pegs. He will probably save his team mates 30 errors this year on his wonderful catches on bad pegs.

Bill Roth on second is a hard sticker, a fast and accurate fielder and a good man in all branches of the game. Roth, unlike Beall, is a veteran of the game and has played in Southern Michigan country before. Stevenson on third and Foley at short complete the "peerless infield". Both are sure death on ground balls, both can pare far better than Class C requirements and each is a hard and timely hitter. Neither is an old man by any means and both can be relied upon in the pinches.

The four make as a whole a classy, clever infield, an infield which will work better together on long acquaintance and a machine which will do much toward winning Bender victories.

The Hitting Outfield.

The Bender outfield has already shown evidences of the hitting strength that Manager Smith has all along asserted would distinguish his team. The men are all classy fielders and can be depended upon to take care of that department of the game.

Patterson and Layden are left handers while Dolan and Watt are right handed throwers. All four stand about on a par and out of the quartet the trio that will be regulars will be picked after all have had a chance to show in regular batting.

Harry Arndt is still with the squad as is Hermie Sack. Sack was the probable shortstop until Foley reported. There is still a good chance that Sack will break in some where, but Foley will probably start the season on Wednesday. Arndt is still there with the club and his hitting may put him into the lineup. For the present Arndt is coaching the younger players and acting as a general aide to Manager Smith.

The last practice game of the year was arranged for Monday by Manager Smith with the Fawks and scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. This game will give the finishing touches to the Bender lineup and work out the twirlers who will pitch against Flint in the last two games of the week.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	8	2	.800
Brooklyn	5	2	.714
Philadelphia	5	3	.625
Cincinnati	5	6	.454
New York	3	4	.429
Chicago	4	4	.500
St. Louis	4	7	.364
Boston	2	6	.250

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	7	4	.636
Detroit	7	4	.636
Washington	5	4	.556
New York	4	4	.500
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
St. Louis	5	6	.455
Boston	4	5	.445
Cleveland	3	8	.273

FEDERAL LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	8	2	.800
Baltimore	5	2	.714
Buffalo	3	2	.600
Brooklyn	3	4	.429
Chicago	4	6	.400
Indianapolis	4	6	.400
Kansas City	4	6	.400
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Louisville	4	1	.667
Milwaukee	3	3	.500
Indianapolis	3	5	.375
Kansas City	3	6	.333
St. Paul	3	6	.333
Cleveland	3	6	.333
Minneapolis	3	6	.333
Columbus	3	7	.300

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.
New York, 4; Philadelphia, 3.
Cincinnati, 2; St. Louis, 1.
Pittsburgh-Chicago, rain.
Brooklyn-Boston, rain.

American League.
Philadelphia, 5; New York, 4.
Washington, 6; Boston, 1.

Federal League.
No games scheduled.

American Association.
Minneapolis-St. Paul, wet grounds. No others scheduled.

Central League.
Fort Wayne-Terre Haute, rain.
Evansville, 5; Springfield, 5.
Grand Rapids, 5; Dayton, 6.

GAMES TODAY.
American League.
Cleveland at St. Louis.
Chicago at Detroit.
Washington at Philadelphia.
Boston at New York.

National League.
New York at Boston.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
St. Louis at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at Chicago.

HARPER SEEKS GOOD SLUGGERS

Practice Games Between Two Varsity Squads Believed Better Than Games With Small Colleges.

Coach Harper broke up his baseball squad into two nines yesterday afternoon for a short practice game. First team men were about equally apportioned to the two sides so that there was no distinction as regards first and second teams. The nine of which Fitzgerald and Mott were the batteries led at the end of the four inning tilt, two to one. Crilly was in the box for the other side with Brooke behind the bat.

Owing to the injury received by Joe Kenny, Sunday, Harper called two interhall backstops into service, Brooke of Walsh and Mott of Browns. The varsity coach does not wish to run the risk of having "Dolly" Gray injured in practice and will work Gray only in the regular games. Both pitchers did well on the mound. Harper will continue to give his players practice tilts every day this week in order to have the men in fine battle for the heavy schedule that begins on Saturday.

Mills and Meyers were the batting stars of yesterday's fray. Both men cracked out triples, although Meyers was called out for not touching second base. Mills is going good with the stick of late and has been clouting consistently for the last week. With Mills hitting up to form Notre Dame will have a heavy hitting infield, for the other men on the inner-works have also been doing good work with the stick.

The daily varsity practice tilts are more beneficial than games with the minor college squads. Notre Dame is forced to play better ball to land victory. The scores in the practice frays are always very close and the batters are up against better pitching than in the minor college games. Notre Dame has a hard row to hoe next week, when she meets Arkansas twice and the Chinese team on three successive days. The coach is depending upon the practice games to put the men in shape and to determine what players will work on the pitching staff and in the outfield in the coming big games.

REFUSES TO DISSOLVE RED'S INJUNCTION

CHICAGO, April 28.—Judge Charles E. Foell Monday refused to dissolve the injunction obtained by the Cincinnati National league baseball club against George H. Johnson, Indian pitcher, who broke his contract and went to the Kansas City Federal league club.

Atty. S. H. Strawn, representing Johnson, argued that the proceedings should be dismissed because notice was not served on the defendant and because he maintained the bill was not sufficiently specific. In refusing to dissolve the injunction Judge Foell said the points brought out by Mr. Strawn were close, but that he felt that the facts warranted the sustaining of the temporary injunction.

Judge Foell suggested that Mr. Strawn should take an appeal.

McCLAREY WINS.

But 80 points was all that Nies could garner in 71 innings in his match billiard game with McClarey at Schafer and Platner's last night. McClarey won the championship of the B class in the tournament by defeating him 120 to 80.

Bender, champion of the A class, and McClarey will play for the tournament championship next Friday night.

HILL MIDGETS.

The Hill Midgets have organized for the season. The following are on the list: Kale Reynolds, J. Henthorn, Davies, Miltenberger, Daly, T. Henthorn, Goetz and Welches. For games call John Reynolds, 511 E. Olive st. Home phone 6853, Bell 1097.

WANT GAMES.

The Assumption School Juniors challenge any team between the ages of 10 and 14 in the city. For games call Bell 1753.

ANOTHER AMATEUR CLUB.

The Sunny Side baseball club has been organized and will place a fast nine in the field during the coming summer. In a practice tilt Sunday they took the long end of a 12 to 4 score. The team averages 17 years and games can be secured by other teams by calling Bell 949.

CAMPI WINS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 28.—Eddie Campi, the California bantamweight, scored a clean-cut six-round victory over the clever local bantam, Louisiana, at the Olympia A. A. Monday night. Campi's stinging straight left jab cut Louisiana's mouth and nose and opened a slight cut under his left eye.

SWELL FIELDING HELPS BOEHLING

Senators Win From Boston by 6 to 1, Sensational Support Saving Twirler—Yerkes Also in Star Role.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Joe Boehling and the Nationals handed the Red Sox a six to one beating here Monday, the locals chasing George Foster, who defeated them in Boston last week, in two innings. While Boehling was hit hard his support was sensational. The Nationals executed three fast double plays and McBride's work at shortstop was nothing short of wonderful. Yerkes played a swell game at second for the visitors.

Boston 000 000 000—1 7 0
Washington 042 000 000—6 12 0
Foster, Leiser and Thomas and Nunamaker, Boehling and Henry. Umpires—Egan and Evans.

STICK RALLY SAVES MACKS

PHILADELPHIA, April 28.—A batting rally in the eighth inning gave the Athletics a five to four victory over the Highlanders Monday afternoon. Bender lasted seven innings and was taken out for a pinch hitter, Bill Orr. He was succeeded by Brown, who blanked his opponents in the eighth inning and was taken out by Koph, a pinch hitter, in the ninth.

Plank went to the rubber and held New York safe. Schultz was very effective in all but the fifth and eighth innings.

New York 001 003 000—4 8 1
Philadelphia 001 010 000—5 8 1
Schultz and Sweetney. Umpires—Brown, Plank and Schanz. Umpires—Connolly and Dineen.

RUMPE NEW SECRETARY.

The position of secretary of the Studenaker corporation made vacant recently by the removal from the city of Scott Brown, has been turned over to A. G. Rumpf, who is at present head of the credit department. Rumpf came to South Bend in 1908 to accept a position as stenographer and has since worked himself into the present office. He retains the position of general credit manager.

FREDDIE WELCH AFTER RITCHIE IF HE WHIPS CROSS

Ready to Put up \$5,000 as Side Bet For Lightweight Champ in Case He Can Stop Opponent in Ring Tonight.

BY H. M. WALKER.
LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 28.—Tuesday night's scheduled 20-round battle at Vernon with Leach Cross is all that stands between Freddie Welch and the most determined campaign for the world's light weight championship that the British boxer has ever put up. This is saying something, considering that Freddie has been chasing the title holders since the days of Joe Gans.

"If we win," says Manager Harry Pollock, "we will immediately post \$5,000 in cash, this sum to go as a side bet for Willie Ritchie.

"Welch has done everything that has been asked of him. He once whipped Ritchie decisively. And Fred has beaten the English and Australian champions, too. In disposing of Joe Rivers we drove another top notcher to cover.

"And in taking on Cross we are making a dangerous match. But I figured the risk worth taking."

It is reported that Champion Ritchie and Jim Coffey left San Francisco Monday night for the south. If so we may expect a fine rumput before William gets away.

Manager Sam Wallach does not take kindly to the idea advanced that Cross is boxing for the state receipts alone. Samuel maintains that the New Yorker is still in the fight for the light weight title.

"The odds of 2 to 1 on Welch makes me sea sick and the talk of Leach being a set-up for Freddie makes me still more weary," said the manager Monday afternoon. "We grabbed this match because it looked like a good match. Welch has been so well respected that the man who floors him will only have to ask for a match with the champion."

"In New York Cross never trains right for a contest. He works in the gym and then rushes back to his work in the dental office. Out here he has a full month with no worry on his mind and he has worked as he never worked before. He is trained to perfection and we are going to fight Welch all over the ring tomorrow night."

BENTON HOLDS CARDINALS

Cincinnati Defeats St. Louis in Second Game, 2 to 1.

CINCINNATI, O., April 28.—Rube Benton, pitching in mid-season form, held the Cardinals to two safe drives Monday afternoon and the Reds won the second game of the series, two to one. Robinson also twirled a good game, having only one bad inning—the second—when the locals put across their two tallies. Steele pitched the last inning for the visitors.

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Cincinnati 020 000 000—2 7 1
Robinson, Steele and Snyder; Benton and Clarke and Gonzales.

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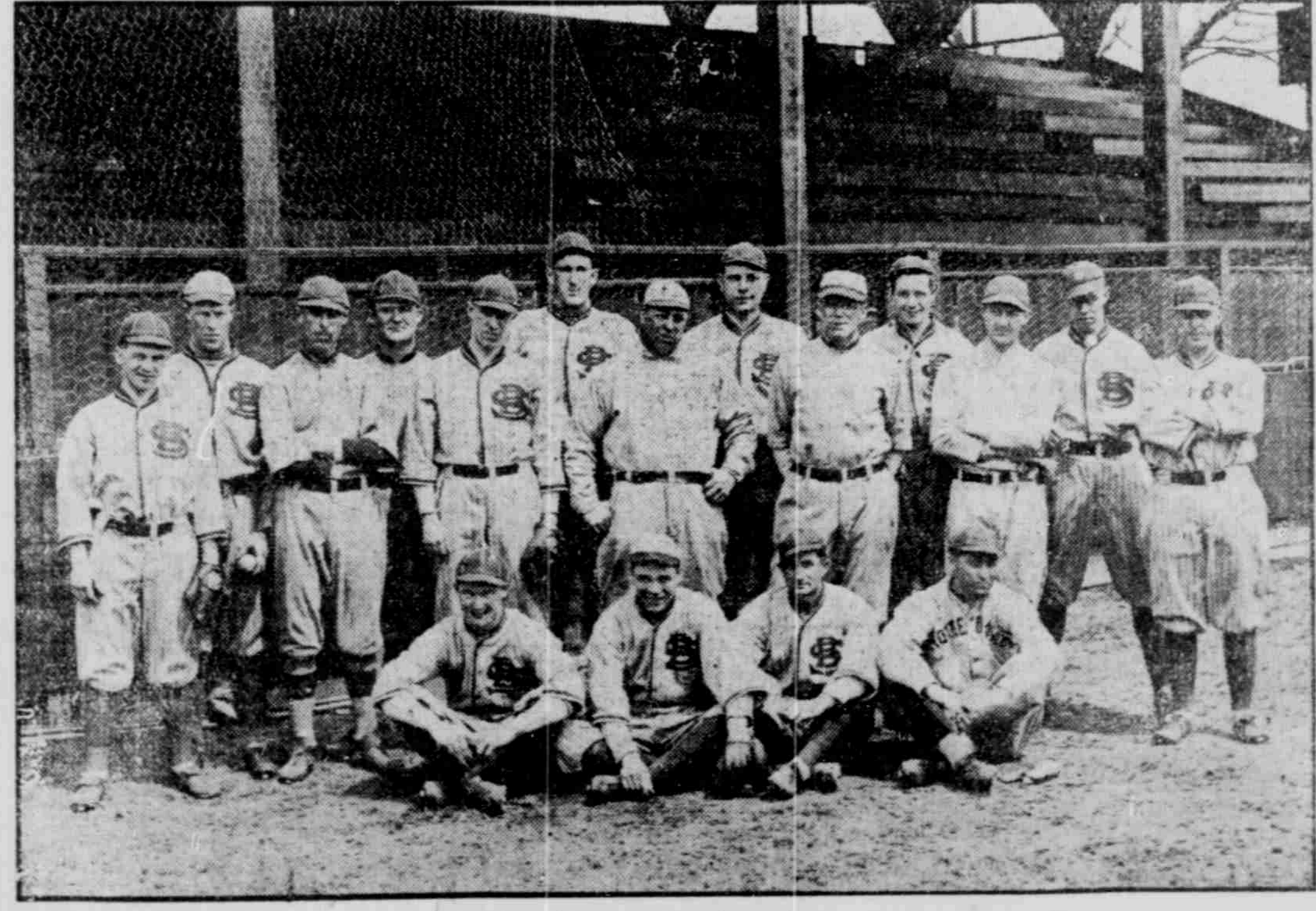
Mathewson Wins Wild Game of Errors, 4 to 3—Stock, New York Recruit Gets 3 Hits Out of Four Trials.

NEW YORK, April 28.—In a rather loose game the Giants took the final contest of the series from the Phillies Monday, four to three. Mathewson opposed Chalmers and won the decision in a wild flurry of bobbles and errors.

Stock, the Giant recruit third baseman, led the team in batting, getting three hits in four times up, including a two-bagger.

Philadelphia 000 200 001—3 5 3
New York 001 001 020—4 7 2
Chalmers and Killifer; Mathewson and Meyers.

PILOT SMITH'S BENDERS As They Will Open Season on Wednesday.



Standing, left to right—Sack, ss; Beall, lb; Landick, c; Asher, p; Duffy, p; Schorr, p; Smith, p and manager; Warner, c; Arndt; Patterson, cf; Jones, p; Dolan, cf; Foley, ss.
Lower Row—Layden, of; Stevenson, 2b; Roth, 2b; Moore, p.