HURLER SHAWKEY IS A FREE AGENT

SAYS HE HAS RELEASE FROM MATRIMONIAL LEAGUE.

A ROMANCE IS SHATTERED

Oriole Pitcher, Married Less Than Two Years, Declares He Has Been Granted Divorce on Grounds of Desertion—Jarosik, Catcher of Marshall Athletic Club, of This City, Signed by Baltimore—Davidson Fanned 18.

BY RODGER H. PIPPEN.

Big Bob Shawkey, Baltimore pitcher, strolled into Oriole Park at noon yesterday and right off the reel gave Manager Jack Dunn the scare of his life. "I'm a free agent," the star hurler piped solemnly. Before the astounded magnate, who had just been congratulating himself on having all his mound men under contract, could mentally determine whether Robert was kidding, unbalanced or what, the hurler cut loose again. "Don't get excited. I am not referring to the International circuit, but to the Matrimonial League. See, here is a letter from my lawyer at Warren, Pa., saying that I have been granted a divorce from my wife."

Thus is another romance of the diamond shattered early in the game. It was three summers ago that the Oriole was pitching for the team of Mayburg, Pa. The game was a crucial test with a nearby town club and Bob was toiling on the hill for the home boys. He won a great pitchers' battle of 11 innings and was carried off the field on the shoulders of the excited fans. A celebration and feed was held in honor of the victorious nine that night and among the fair maidens who were introduced to the tall blonde hero of the diamond was Anna May Blauser. Here the romance strikes out, as it was not a case of love at first sight with Bob and his future bride. Yet it was less than a year later, or in the fall of 1911, that the knot was tied in Nebraska, Pa. The untying, according to Bob, happened in the courts of Warren, Pa., last week.

Shawkey declares he was granted the divorce on the grounds of desertion. His wife, he says, was given the custody of their nine-months-old baby girl, Dorothy. The pitcher also declares he will shortly enter proceedings to recover the child. Curtis M. Shawkey, a cousin, was Bob's attorney.

Again has Jack Dunn scoured the back lots of this city and grabbed a recruit for his Birds. His latest hope is Frank Jarosik, 185 pounder and catcher. In South Baltimore, where he played for the Marshall Athletic Club and East Brooklyn Athletic Association, they call Jarosik the fence buster. Fourteen home runs are said to have bounced off his war club last season. They also declare that he is some pegger and fairly fast for a big fellow. Using a long, heavy bat, he is of the type of hitter who leans far back and takes a full swing at the pill.

John T. Flannigan, president of the City-Suburban Amateur League and well-known umpire, believes Jarosik has the making of a good backstop. He says: "Frank is a husky young catcher, with a swell throwing arm. He did fine work for the Marshalls last year. A long hitter, he broke up many games. Of course, he hasn't had much experience and may need a season or two in a smaller league before he is ready for the International."

The new recruit, who has been playing in a band in Annapolis all winter, has notified Dunnie that he will be on hand Monday to go South with the team. His contract has been in Dunn's possession for three weeks, but for business reasons Jarosik did not wish it announced.

With Bergen, Lidgate and Jarosik to work out the 13 pitchers at Fayetteville Dunnie needn't worry about Freddie Payne, who has neither returned his contract nor sent word that he will accompany the team.

Other products of the local lots who have made good at Oriole Park are: Lefty Russell, Butcher Boy Schmidt, Fritz Maisel, George Maisel and Allan Russell.

The Oriole Regulars and Yanigans are booked to play their first practice game next Saturday. Reaching Fayetteville late Tuesday afternoon, practice on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be confined to a little batting and throwing and much running and walking. The half-mile track around the diamond is to be put to good use, every player, from the oldest veteran to the youngest recruit, being forced to make one or more circuits daily. Jack will not rush his men too much at the start, believing that too much baseball on the first couple of days will do more harm than good.

George Twombley, utility infielder, opines that the other recruit pitchers will have to do some tall hustling to beat his protege out of a job. Albert Davidson is the squab on whom George is staking his "rep" as a scout. The hurler, who is a right hander, is said by Twombley to have pitched sensational ball for the high school of Medford, Mass., and other teams in that section. His greatest feat was striking out 18 men in one game, the victims being composed of many New England League players.

CHESTERS VS. CRITERIONS

Game to Take Place Next Sunday at McElderry Park.

The Chesters will line up against the Criterions next Sunday, at 2 o'clock, at McElderry Part in their first practice game of the season.

The candidates were out last Sunday morning for practice, but owing to a strong wind the players did not let out. However, they expect to have better luck today.

At a meeting last Thursday at which most members were present, Manager Staab, Coach F. Kaufman and Capt. G. Phillips went over plans for the coming season with the players. Manager Staab also announced that if the weather was warm enough today that two teams would be picked from the club for a game. Captain Phillips will be in charge of the regulars and Coach Kaufman will be in charge of the Yanigans.

From the present outlook the team will experience the most successful season of its career, and only the strongest teams in and around Baltimore will be met. The Chesters have several open dates in April and May, which they would like to fill with the strongest teams they can get, Marshalls, Baltimore Yanigans, Y. M. A. A. and teams of like caliber preferred. The team will be picked from Holman and Conrad, catchers; Lauskey, Heim, Vogel, Doll and Klingenhoffer, pitchers; Anderson, first base; Billy Mahr, second base; Capt. A. Phillips, shortstop; F. Scheifer, third base; O. Phillips, Doc Heller, Lefty Vance and Leo Harrington, outfielders. Address all communications to William C. Wilhelm, secretary, 628 North Chester street.

Games Desired by the Merrimacs.

April 5, 6 and 12 are open dates on the schedule of the Merrimac Athletic Club's first team, that will play all 17 and 18 year old teams.

April 19, 26 and 27 are open dates on the schedule of the second team, known as the Merrimac Juniors, playing 16-year-old teams.

Managers of reliable clubs desiring these dates are requested to write at once to Louis Wagner, Jr., 1603 McElderry street. All games to be played on the Merrimac's Oval, Columbus Park.

GEORGETOWN WINS MEET

Baltimore Cross Country Club Takes Off Second Honors.

Richmond, Va., March 8.—Georgetown University made the high score of 42 points in the collegiate events in the indoor meet here tonight, with the Baltimore Cross Country Club taking second honors with 12 points, and Lehigh University third, with six points.

The feature of the events was the pole vault of Wideman, of Georgetown, who broke the record by covering 12 feet, but as three officials were not present at the time, the jump being witnessed only by Dr. William A. Burdick, chairman of the registration committee of the Amateur Athletic Association, only a height of 11 feet 8½ inches was allowed.

Burke, of Lehigh, dashed in ahead of Geller, of Baltimore, in the 880-yard run and finished third in the 440-yard run, scoring Lehigh's only points. The feature track event was the mile run, won by Elphinstone, of the Baltimore Cross Country Club, who was given a neck-and-neck race around the course by Vaughan, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, and won only by a few feet.

McDonagh, of the Baltimore Cross Country Club, was a scant second behind Eller, of Georgetown, in the 50-yard hurdle and was second in the shotput event. The summaries:

880-Yard Run—Burke, Lehigh, won; Geller, Baltimore Country Club, second; Hayne, Washington and Lee, third. Time, 2:14 2-5.

Relay Race, three laps—Lehigh University, won; Carlson, Wylie, Gorman, Burke. Maryland Athletic Club, second. Time, 4:11.

One Mile Run—Elphinstone, Baltimore Cross-Country Club, won; Vaughan, Richmond Light Infantry Blues, second; Neal, Richmond Y. M. C. A., third. Time, 4:36.

50-yard Hurdle—Eller, Georgetown, won; McDonagh, Balto. Cross Country Club, second; Burke, Washington and Lee, third. Time, 6 3-5 seconds.

12-pound Shotput—Eller, Georgetown, won; Rufty, Richmond Y. M. C. A., second; McDonagh, Balto. Cross Country Club, third. Distance, 44 feet 7½ inches.

The South Atlantic championship relay race, three laps, was won by Georgetown University, defeating Washington and Lee.

GOES INTO FIRST PLACE

Peterson's Rolling a Sensation in Bowling Tourney.

Toledo, O., March 8.—Another sensation in the thirteenth annual American Bowling Congress tournament was created here today when Frank Peterson, of Columbus, O., rolling in the single events, totaled 693 pins, putting him in first place in the individual class by a large margin. Peterson's score is within 14 points of the A. B. C. record of 705 held by Thomas Haley, of Detroit.

J. L. Tinny, of Cleveland, made a score of 646. This score was equalled by John Zicterman, of Chicago. With Greenfield, of Cleveland, these three men are tied for last place in the individual class. Metcalfe, of Chicago, went into eighth place in the single events when he rolled 650.

More than 20 scores above 600 were rolled this evening in the individual events, but none of them were able to get among the leaders. With the high scores made by Peterson, Metcalfe and others, there was no change made in the all-events class.

M. Smith, of Cleveland, rolled 624 in the late squad of singles. William Agnew, of Cleveland, newly elected third vice president of the A. B. C., rolled 601 in his individuals.

In the late sets of two-man events Nitschke and Tinney, of Cleveland, rolled 1,238 and took eighth place in the 10 leaders of that event. Ward and Fuldzeim, of Cleveland, rolled 1,230 and are tied with two other pairs for last place.

Individual leaders: Peterson, Columbus, 693; Huebner, Chicago, 662; Heins, Newark, N. J., 661; Spencer, Chicago, 658; Sobieski, Des Moines, Ia., 653; Marsh, Springfield, Ill., 651; Frey, Cleveland, 651; Metcalfe, Chicago, 650; Wagner, Cincinnati, 648; Greenfield, Cleveland, 646; Tinney, Cleveland, 646; Zicterman, Chicago, 646.

Two-man leaders: Schultz-Koster, Newark, N. J., 1,291; Mountain-Carlison, 1,277; Fischer-Bruck, Chicago, 1,259; Wilson-Christy, Excelsior Springs, 1,253; Hoyer-Ashley, Sioux City, Ia., 1,247; Haas-Carr, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,247; Nitschke-Tinny, Cleveland, 1,238; Jackson-Brookes, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,230; Ward-Fuldheim, Cleveland, 1,230; Fesl-A. Trapp, Chicago, 1,226.

CROWDER PROVES WINNER

Skates Most Number of Laps in the Six-hour Race at Casino.

The six-hour skating race, which has been in progress at the North Avenue Casino the past week, wound up last night with Crowder winning by a big margin. A handsome cup went to the winner of the event, while the first six skaters to finish were given medals. R. Shane, outside of Crowder, turned in the best score, while McNally was third and Marty Buckley fourth. Falterfield and Wilkinson finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

McNally skated the greatest number of laps last night, circling the rink 209 times. Buckley completed the circle 207 times and was second, while R. Shane and Crowder each registered 206 laps.

The race proved successful in every respect. A good crowd turned out each night to witness the hour of skating, and interest in the event was at fever heat throughout. The next coming event of importance at the Casino is the race between Steve Shipley and A. R. Barlington, the English amateur champion, which is to be held next Monday night.

New Motorcycle Club Formed.

A new club, which will be known as the Broadway Motorcycle Club, has been organized with headquarters at 1401 North Broadway. The officers of the club are: George W. Lowery, president; Harry Nickels, vice president; William Johnson, secretary and treasurer; Pop Allard, captain.

The club at present has 10 members, but expects to double their number shortly when good riding opens up.

Several of the members motored to Washington for the inauguration and reported a splendid trip, as the boulevard is now in good condition. Today, Captain Pop Allard has culled a run to Hyattsville on the Washington road. The boys will leave Pop's place, Broadway at the bridge, about 9 o'clock. Any motorcycle rider wishing to take the trip will be welcome.

Warren Still in the Lead.

Washington, March 8.—In the Interclub United States Rifle Shooting Championship matches, Warren, Pa., still leads. Warren, for the Eastern League, probably will shoot off with Cleveland, of the Western League, for the United States championship. Results:

New Orleans, 912, vs. Brooklyn, N. Y., 890.

Warren, 991, vs. Erie, 956.

Portland, Me., 957, vs. Bangor, defaulted.

Birmingham, 926, vs. Philadelphia, defaulted.

Bridgeport, 994, vs. New Haven, defaulted.

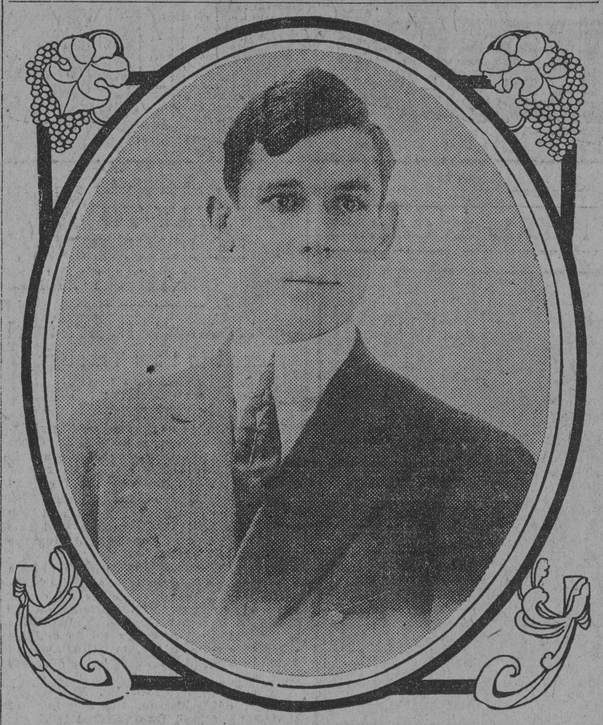
Washington, D. C., 984, vs. Manchester, 984.

Big Billiard Tournament.

Special Dispatch to The American.

St. Louis, March 8.—Beginning Monday afternoon Jose Ortis, billiard champion of Spain; Calvin Demarest, of Chicago; George Sutton, of Chicago, and Charles C. Peterson, of St. Louis, will meet in an 18.2 balkline billiard tournament for $700 in prizes. This will be Peterson's first appearance in a tournament since he won the red ball championship in 1908.

ORIOLES' SCHOOLBOY WONDER



Albert Davidson, young right hander from Medford, Mass., who was the interscholastic sensation of the New England state last year.

RUBE MARQUARD TALKING AGAIN

SAYS HE WILL NOT JOIN THE GIANTS UNTIL JUNE.

Star Southpaw, Who Is Appearing in Vaudeville in San Francisco, Denies That He Will Report to Manager McGraw at Marlin, Tex., on March 20—Other Baseball News and Gossip.

Special to The American.

San Francisco, March 8.—Rube Marquard, the Giant southpaw, will not report for training practice at Marlin Springs on March 20, as announced from the training camp today. At least that is what the Rube said here tonight. Marquard and Blossom Seeley are appearing here in vaudeville. The pitcher declared he would continue his vaudeville work until June 5, when he closes in New York.

Special to The American.

Denver, Colo., March 8.—Buddie Ryan, crack Cleveland outfielder, is still confined to his bed at St. Joseph's Hospital, following an operation for an abcess of the ear last Monday. Pneumonia followed the operation. It will probably be 10 days before he will be able to leave the hospital. He will join the Naps at the training quarters.

Special to The American.

Pensacola, Fla., March 8.—Manager Birmingham did not work the Nap squad very hard today. Word was received that Catcher O'Neil, a holdout, may jump the team next week. Pitcher Cullop, another holdout, has not been heard from, and the Nap management has given up hope of getting him into the fold before the season starts.

RELAY TO PLAY ORIOLES

Will Open the Season With the Birds on April 15.

The Relay Country Club will open its season with Jack Dunn's Birds, on April 15, at Orlole Park. The Relay schedule to date is as follows: June 1, St. Patricks Country Club, at Columbus Park; June 15, Vigilants, at Washington, D. C.; June 29, Crown Cork and Seal, at Highlandtown; July 13, Catonsville Volunteer Fire Company, at Catonsville; August 3, Catonsville Volunteer Fire Company, at Catonsville; August 10, St. Patricks Country Club, at Columbus Park. All will be double-headers. In the squad that is working every day the weather permits are: W. Sybert, Zink, Cy Pearce, Griffith, Davis, Schlimm, Hook, Barnes, Bealles, A. Smith, R. Sybert, C. Smith, Burns, Peddicord, Tood, Sultan and Bachman.

Manager Sybert would like to fill remaining dates of his schedule with strong teams having grounds for Sunday only. Address R. J. Sybert, Elk Ridge, Md., or call Elk Ridge, 30 F.

TRICOUNTY LEAGUE

Six Clubs to Comprise the Circuit During Coming Season.

Elkton, March 8.—The circuit of the Tricounty Baseball League during the season of 1913 will comprise only six clubs—Newark, in New Castle county, Delaware; Oxford, in Chester county, Pennsylvania; Aberdeen and Havre de Grace, in Harford county, Maryland, and Elk Mills and Elkton, in Cecil county. Port Deposit and Northeast, two other Cecil county teams, made up the eight clubs last season. J. D. Moore, of Oxford, Pa., has been re-elected president; Thomas Kay, of Elk Mills, vice president to succeed Arthur Ford, of Port Deposit; Fred H. Leffler, of Elkton, secretary, to succeed R. W. Strawbridge, of Havre de Grace; A. C. Cooke, of Elk Mills, treasurer, to succeed Thomas Kay, of the same town. The season will open on May 10, which is a week later than usual, and will close on Labor Day. Two games will be played on July 4, but none on Saturday, the 5th. A number of changes have been made in the rules for the coming season.

Washington, 4; Virginia, 3.

Charlottesville, Va., March 8.—When Clarke Griffith counted noses of Washington Climbers this afternoon he discovered Zach Ehral, the Columbia rookery, among the missing. Homesickness and failure to get into condition led the youngster to skip out, it was said. The Climbers had two strenuous workouts today. Washington beat the University of Virginia nine this afternoon 4 to 3.

Sends Telegram to Murphy.

New York, March 8.—The executive committee of the American Olympic committee, at a special meeting today, sent a telegram to Michael C. Murphy, athletic trainer at the University of Pennsylvania, expressing hope that he will co-operate with the committee in training the American representatives to the 1916 Olympic meet. Col. Robert M. Thompson, chairman of the committee, in a lengthy report read letters from Olympic officials in foreign countries congratulating Americans on the conduct of their team while in Stockholm. W. D. Page, president of the New York Athletic Club, and Matthew Halpin were elected members of the executive committee.

NEW BASEBALL CIRCUIT FORMED

ATHLETIC LEAGUE ORGANIZED WITH SIX CLUBS.

Hampden, Maryland Meters, Reisterstown, Magnolias, Mt. Clares and Towson to Compete for Handsome Trophy—Other News of Local Amateurs Who Are Arranging Schedules.

The Athletic League of Baltimore has been organized and will open its season about the first of May. The Hampden Athletic Association, Maryland Meter Athletic Association, Baltimore and Ohio Mount Clare Shops, Magnolias and Reisterstown have joined, and a sixth club, probably Towson, is to be taken in.

In playing strength the circuit will be second to none in the city. Hampden has always had a good club, and the Maryland Meters beat the best independent teams in Maryland and the District of Columbia last season. Reisterstown has supported a flourishing independent team for many years, and a season in league ball is sure to be a success. The Magnolias, under Doc French, are worthy opponents for any team. The Mount Clares are well known.

Reisterstown, Hampden and Towson have grounds, and should the United States League go up in smoke again this season, the Maryland Meters will have the use of Union League Park.

At a meeting at the home of Manager Stony Sadler, of the Maryland Meter team, the following officers were elected:

President—R. H. Pippen.
Vice President—A. W. Caltrider.
Secretary—W. D. Kellogg.
Treasurer—H. F. Burgee.

A meeting to complete the organization is booked for next Wednesday.

The Putty Hill A. C. has open dates for strong amateur clubs. The club has had its diamond put in excellent shape for the opening game. Address Joseph Krastel, Rossville Postoffice, Baltimore county.

The Monitor Athletics would like to hear from 17-year-old teams. The Monitors have the following games scheduled: March 23, Pratt O. C.; April 6, Pratt O. C.; April 13, Rundale A. C.; April 20, Washington A. C. (two games); April 27, open, May 11, 18 and 25, open; June, July, August and September, open. Address Joseph O'Donnell, 728 Little Second street.

The Pembrook Seconds would like to hear from teams whose ages do not exceed 14 years. They would like to hear from the Concord Juniors, Champions, Pioneers, Rouges, St. John Midgets, O'Donnell Midgets and St. James and Prescott A. C. Address Manager Chris. Miller, 7 North Bond street.

The Pembrook Athletic Club will play the Yanigans at Prospect Park this afternoon at 2 P. M. Manager Issacs will try out the following lineup: Regulars—Kenneth or Brewer, c.; Trageiser and Baker, p.; Eisenberg, 1b.; Drawn, 2b.; Goldberg and Hirshhorn, ss.; Rudolph, 3b.; Hess, lf.; Gerber, cf.; Keiser, rf. Yanigans—Blumenthal, c.; Buck, p.; Deckleman, 1b.; Blum, 2b.; Miller, ss.; Norfolk, 3b.; Lipman, lf.; Gerber, cf.; Stern, rf.

The Pembrooks have a few open dates which they would like to fill with 17-year-old uniformed teams. Address Manager Aaron Issacs, 238½ North Bond street.

The Western All-Stars expect to put a strong 16-year-old team on the field this year. They have signed Schmidt, former star pitcher of the Oneida P. C. Teams desiring Saturday and holiday games should address Mack McCall, 906 West Baltimore street.

The Independent Social and Athletic Club would like to arrange games with 17-year-old teams. The Concord Juniors, Delmont Athletic Club, Preston Combinations, Young Lazaretto Athletic Club, Western Athletic Club, Evergreen Lawn and the Central Athletic Club are preferred. Address Sol H. Fagan, 516 North Eden street.

The Northwestern Athletic Club is fast filling dates with strong uniformed teams playing Saturday, Sunday or holiday games. They would like to hear from such teams as Alco, Fort Howard, Chester, Gardenville, Westbrooks, Marshalls, Locust Point All Stars, Overlea, Strickers and Magnolias.

The following players will try for places on the team: Davis, Sauers, Belman, Maloney, Kistner, Donohue, Swartz, O'Brien, McKeever, Bolton, Gaffney, Caldwell, Reilley, Witty, Shoenhals, Straus, Considine, Zack and O'Donnell. Address Walter O'Brien, Jr., 313 North Stricker street, or phone between 7 and 8 P. M.

The Easterns have September 14, 21 and 28 open which they would like to fill with 18-year-old teams. Also would like to arrange a game for July 4. Address manager of the Easterns, 3605 Eastern avenue.

The Southwestern Athletic Club would like to arrange games with all uniformed teams playing Saturday, holiday and Sunday ball. Address E. M. Myers, 1901 West Pratt street.

The Concord Juniors would like to hear from all 15-year-old teams and Guy Gamberdella, to play first base for them. Manager Roesler will have his players out for practice tomorrow afternoon if the weather permits. For games with the Juniors, address Manager William Roesler, 824 East Lombard street.

The Chester Cubs have completed their schedule for the coming season. Manager Knudsen has booked games with some of the best 17-year-old teams in the state, such as the Denmore Athletic Club, Western Athletic Club, of Annapolis; Hilton White Sox, Cherokee Athletic Club and many other teams of high caliber. The team will lineup as follows: Knudsen and Hinkel, c.; Gardiner, Herron, Bradley and Jones, p.; Jack Rose, 1b.; Smith and Bender, 2b.; Gardiner, ss.; Senner, 3b.; Stemler, lf.; Wilson and Hunt, cf., and Hoppe and Rasch, rf. The schedule follows:

April 6—Pratt Outing Club and the Alpha Athletic Club at Chester Oval. April 13—Winona Athletic Club at Chester Oval. April 20—Merrimac Athletic Club at Columbus Park. April 27—Pembrook Athletic Club at Chester Oval. May 4—Merrimac Athletic Club at Columbus Park. May 11—Mentzel Yanigans at Chester Oval. May 18—Eagle Athletic and Literary Club (grounds pending). May 25—Alpha Athletic Club at Chester Oval. May 30—Elkridge Funny Birds at Elkridge. June 1—Merrimac Athletic Club at Columbus Park. June 7—Mont Alto Athletic Club (grounds pending). June 8—Rundale Athletic Club at Eutaw Heights. June 14—Western Athletic Club at Annapolis. June 15—Central Athletic Club at Chester Oval. June 21—Manhattan Athletic Club at West Forrest Park. June 22—Western All Stars at Chester Oval. June 28—Peerless Combinations at Belair road. June 29—Eron Athletic Club at Chester Oval. July 4—Manhattan Athletic Club at Chester Oval. July 5—Mont Alto A. C. (grounds pending). July 6—Century Athletic Club at Chester Oval. July 12—Maryland School for Boys at Loch Raven. July 13—Merrimac Athletic Club at Columbus Park. July 19—Cheyenne Athletic Club at Irvington. July 20—Southwestern Athletic Club at Chester Oval. July 26—Hilton White Sox at Patterson Park (two games). July 27—Sterling Athletic Club at Chester Oval. August 2—Evergreen Lawn Country Club at Hamilton. August 3—Bayonne Athletic Club at Bayonne Oval. August 9—Cheyenne Athletic Club at Irvington. August 10—Merrimac Athletic Club at Columbus Park. August 16—Cherokee Athletic Club (grounds pending). August 17—Rossville Juniors at Rossville. August 23—Denmore Athletic Club at Lafayette Oval. August 24—Boulevard Athletic Club at Chester Oval. August 30—Lawton Athletic Club at Edgcomb Park. August 31—Montford Athletic Club at Chester Oval. September 1—Gas and Electric Juniors, two games (grounds pending). September 6—Evergreen Lawn Country Club at Hamilton. September 7—Phalanx Athletic Club at Chester Oval. September 13—Lawton Athletic Club at Edgcomb Park. September 14—Mardarin White Sox (grounds pending). September 20—Pontiac Athletic Club (grounds pending). September 21—Montford Athletic Club at Montford Oval. September 28—Piedmont Athletic Club (grounds pending). October 5—Phalanx Athletic Club at Chester Oval. October 11—Pontiac Athletic Club at Pontiac Oval. October 12—Independent Social and Athletic Club at Chester Oval.

The All-stars of East Baltimore expect to have one of the strongest teams in the state. They have brought together some of the strongest amateur baseball tossers in town and are out for the championship of the state. The All-stars have April 5 open and would like to arrange a game with some strong team, to be played away from home. They have been greatly strengthened by securing H. Krolus, of Westbrook; Frank Schaeffer, of West Forrest Park, and Waterworth, of Criterion Athletic Club. The lineup will be DeShon, lf.; Krolus, ss.; Schaeffer, 3b.; Klein, 2b.; Hubbard, p.; Waterworth, 1b.; Smith, c.; Krolbrower, cf.; Callahan, rf.; Gerber or Stabb, cf.; Bryan, Biddison, Hartman, p.; Moran, 2b., and Buck Knapp, 2b. For games, address W. DeShon, 1403 Patterson Park avenue.

The Mont Alto Athletic Club has a few open dates which they would like to book with strong teams. Address G. W. Lueckert, Jr., 1624 Presbury street.

The Peerless Combinations have the following open dates: April 5, 12, 19 and 26. May 10, 24, 30 and 31. June 7. July 4, 5, 12, 19 and 26. August 2, 9, 16 and 23. September 1, 6, 12, 13, 20 and 27. They would like to hear from 18-year-old teams having grounds. Hilton White Sox, Aurora Athletic Club. Address R. H. Shipwash, Raspeburg, Md.

The Athsocs will again play on their old grounds at Lafayette Oval. Manager Eddie Zopf expects to have the best team that ever represented the club. He has such players as Poetzel, formerly of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Eddie Speiker, late of West Arlington and Govanstown. These two catchers are rated as the best around town. Bosley, of the B. & O. team, and Fruendel, from the Western Athletic Club, two well-known box artists, have signed. Heinze, a local southpaw, will also take his turn. The other players include Woods, Bell, Leeke, Heike, Thomas, Arthur Brown, Doc Harris, Al Dore, Peck Raab, Dave Steig, Lutz and Ed. Zopf.

At a meeting last night it was decided to play Saturday and Sunday ball. Saturday games, with one or two exceptions, will be played at Lafayette Oval. Sunday games are to be played on the opponents' grounds.

Manager Zopf has practically completed his schedule, which include such teams as the Marshalls, Crown Cork and Seal Company, Hampden and teams of like standing. He wants to hear from the Locust Point All Stars.

All players are requested to report for practice Sunday, March 15. They will open the season April 5 with the strong Alco Athletic Club. Address Edward P. Zopf, 528 North Carrollton avenue.

The Ellwood Athletic Club has organized for the coming season and desire to book games with 18-year-old teams. Among the players that will be seen in the Ellwoods' lineup are E. Reutter, G. Dotterweich, U. Madsen, P. Rund, G. Baier, J. Henderson, P. Pfefer, A. Widdstadt, C. Hopkins and other well-known players. The Ellwoods would like to arrange a game with some strong team for March 15. Address J. Henderson, 803 South Ellwood avenue.

The Mount Athletic Club will hold its first practice on Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock on Edmondson Terrace grounds. Manager Hurtt requests all players to be present. Hurtt has secceeded in getting a number of new star players. He has signed Patrick. Manager Hurtt would like to complete his schedule with strong uniformed teams. Address R. Hurtt, 611 North Mount street.

The Baltimore American team has a few open dates which it would like to fill. Manager Little hopes to have one of the best teams in the city. The lineup will be: Ed Herman, c.; Murray and Conway, p.; Menke, 1b.; Lurie, ss.; Williams, 2b.; Brusack, 3b.; Patrick, rf.; Lehu, cf.; Wood, rf. Little prefers games with Loyola College, St. Joseph's Preps, Polytechnic, City College, Hiltons, Chesters and Criterions; also all teams of like caliber. All of the American players are requested to report for practice on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Patterson Park. For games address G. Little, 1400 American Building.

The Pembrook Athletic Club would like to fill its remaining open dates with some strong 16 to 17 year old teams having grounds. The Pembrook Regulars will play the Pembrook Yanigans this afternoon at Prospect Park for a tryout for the first team. The players trying for the team are: Draun, Rudolph, Gerber, Keiser, Isaacs, Feldman, Senger, Tragerser, Eisenberg, Hirschhorn, Brewer, Dunn, Yeary, Goldberg, Miller, Hess, Tipman, Blumenthal, Mirvis, Deckeis and Blum. For games address Manager A. Isaacs, 238½ North Bond street.

MATTY PITCHES SHUTOUT BALL

DALLAS MEN CANNOT CONNECT WITH STAR OF GIANTS.

SCORE OF GAME IS 7 TO 0

Little Josh Devore Furnishes Nearest Thing to Feature When He Walks in First Inning and Steals the Remaining Bags to the Plate—Hal Chase, of Yanks, Is Badly Spiked—Pirates Sign an Indian.

Special to The American.

Dallas, Texas, March 8.—With Matty pitching in midseason form and the Giants running wild on the bases, McGraw's contingent had but little difficulty in defeating the Dallas Giants today in the first real game of the year. To make the victory absolute, however, the Giants kept at it until a score of 7 to 0 was tallied and then called it a day.

Only one safe hit was garnered off Big Six in the half dozen innings he faced the Dallas team. Wiltse duplicated his renowned partner's feat by holding the opposing batters to a lone two-bagger.

Little Josh Devore furnished the nearest thing to a feature when he walked in the first inning and then stole the remaining bags to the plate. Dallas played a good defensive game, but were seemingly awed by the reputation of the opposing twirlers. Only one of their players got past first and he died at the third station.

In spite of the threatening weather a crowd of 3,000 fans gathered to see the initial contest between the home team and the noted visitors.

Hamilton, Bermuda, March 8.—Hal Chase, of the Yankees, was badly spiked in a scrub game here today and will be out of practice for at least two weeks, according to his physicians. Hal was playing second on the Regulars against the Yanigans. In one of the earlier innings Harkerson, a Yanigan, rapped out a hard grounder to short and as the ball was short the runner slid into him feet first. Chase was painfully cut.

Waco, Tex., March 8.—The St. Louis Browns this afternoon defeated Waco by the score of 12 to 2. Until the seventh inning the local boys blanked the American Leaguers, but in the lucky session, the Browns bunched hits and chased in seven runs. Waco scored one run in the opening inning on a poor throw by Olson, covering the second sack. Manager Stovall entered the game in the seventh and drove in the Brown's first two runs with a single.

Pittsburgh, Pa. March 8.—With an Indian signed, a conference arranged with the holdouts, the second squad leaving Pittsburgh tonight and the advance guard leaving West Baden tomorrow for St. Louis and thence to Hot Springs, Pirate fandom began to sit up and take notice today.

The Pirates failed to get Jim Thorpe, but it was announced today that George Eastman, a South Dakota Redskin, has been signed, not because he is an Indian, but because he is a baseplayer, said Barney Dreyfus.

Manager Fred Clarke sent word from West Baden that he had written to Hendrix, Byrne and Carey, holdouts, suggesting a conference in St. Louis and Byrne was ready to talk and probably Carey would be. Bad weather at West Baden caused the move on Hot Springs almost a week ahead of time.

Tampa, Fla., March 8.—Recruit Sutcliff, who blew up some days ago when the bleachers poked fun at his No. 13 feet, came into his own this afternoon. He dished them up so rapidly that the best Tampa batting timber was unable to connect. The Cubs meanwhile were pasting the ball around the lot and the final score was 16 to 1. Clouds hung over the lot all afternoon but the skies failed to discharge in time to save the lucky Tampa youngsters. They were ready to quit in the third, after the Cubs had pounded out six tallies.

Jimmy Sheckard came back from the realm of missing and tonight joined the squad. Orville Overall is the only Holdout now and President Murphy said tonight he would not be surprised if he reported next week.

West Baden, Ind., March 8.—Thirteen hundred victories in 14 years is the ambition of Manager Fred Clarke, of the Pirates, whose team has won 1,201 games since he took charge, 13 years ago. That requires 99 victories a year. Clarke's percentage is .621, and he had the pennant team four years.

Augusta, Ga., March 8.—One long session of an hour's practice and a full nine inning game, the first this spring, was the schedule Manager Dahlen cut out for his Superbas today. As in the previous contests, the game was won by Manager Dahlen's team, who nosed out their opponents by a score of 5 to 4.

The pitching of Allen was the best seen here this spring. During his four innings on the mound not a hit was made off him. Curtis, however, was scored on twice.

Pitcher Wagner, the big fellow from New Orleans, was the only arrival today. The game scheduled with Ty Cobb's team will be played next Thursday instead of next Saturday. Former President Taft and the mayor of Augusta will be invited.

Tigers Beat the Reds.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Mobile, Ala., March 8.—In the first clash of the season between major league teams the Detroit Tigers let the Cincinnati Tinkers down with four hits and shut them out 8 to 0. Hall, a recruit from Omaha, pitched the best ball, allowing no safety in his third of the game. Dell Gainor set at rest the last vestige of doubt that he is again in form by taking five hits in as many times up. Deal's batting was also a joy to Jennings. The Tigers had the advantage of the Tinkers in having been in the South one week longer.

Boston to Play Illinois.

Urbana, Ill., March 8.—Jake Stahl, manager of the world's champion Boston American baseball team, has promised Athletic Director Huff, of the University of Illinois, to bring his club here for two games in April on his way East from the training grounds at Hot Springs, Ark.

"Weather permitting Stahl will come here," said Huff last night. "He wants to show his players the old tree in deep center, into which he drove a home run against Michigan in 1901, when three men were on bases, the longest hit ever made on the grounds."

White Sox Are Defeated.

Special Dispatch to The American.

San Francisco, Cal., March 8.—The record of the ambitious White Sox was spotted by Del Howard's Seals today when they took a regular big league game away from the Sox 2 to 1. Thomas and Hughes, Del's pitchers, were just a trifle better than Wolfgang and Healon, who were Callahan's pick.

The Sox outhit the coast bunch, but, except in the first inning, they could not make their wallops count.

Releases Munch to Syracuse.

Charlottesville, Va., March 8.—Manager Clark Griffith, of the Washington American League team, today released Catcher Munch to the Syracuse (New York League) Club.

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The second series of 11 weeks has been completed in Brehm's Tenpin League on Mike Luder's South Gay street alleys, which means that 22 weeks of bowling out of 33 in this season's tournament have been finished.

A glance at the team standing will show just how exciting the team standing is at present, there being only a few points difference between the two leaders, while the Imperials are close up.

The most important contests of the week were between the Montebellos and Brehms and the Lindens and Mondays. The Lake boys trimmed the Brehm team, the leaders, two out of three games, while the Lindens trimmed the Mondays three straights, which changed the team standing somewhat. During the week's playing, as a team, the Montebellos led both in high score and average, having 922 and 859½, respectively. Brehms landed 915. Individually, George J. Schafer led with 216 for high and 188 average, while T. W. Welsh got 214, C. Walker and J. Bauers 211.

The team standing:

	W.	L.	Pct.	Ave.
Brehms	45	15	.750	818
Montebellos	40	14	.741	818
Imperials	34	17	.707	815
Mondays	35	19	.648	817
Lindens	31	23	.574	790
Mounts	34	26	.567	823
Irmas	37	26	.587	806
Marylands	27	33	.450	759
Collingtons	26	37	.413	764
F. E. C.	19	35	.352	769
Royals	14	46	.233	721
Mount Orange	3	54	.053	656

The leading 10 players are:

	G.	Ave.
A. B. Walter	51	179
N. Poehlman	36	174
L. K. Snyder	18	174
T. W. Welsh	60	173
William H. Lindman	51	171
J. Lingner	60	170
C. E. Schaller	45	170
L. C. Rosendale	43	169
R. Turner	56	169
Joseph H. Fuchs	53	169

A TRIPLE TIE EXISTS

Cousins, Bradley and Marschat Undefeated in Pool Tourney.

The third week of play in the Patterson pocket billiard tournament at the Patterson parlors, 2224 McElderry street, was completed Friday night. Cousins, Bradley and Marsch