

CRICKETERS TO GO TO ENGLAND - ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TOUR OF THE PHILADELPHIANS

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The arrangements for the visit to England, Ireland, and Scotland of a representative team of Philadelphia gentlemen cricketers are nearly completed. The team has now been a month in training under the supervision of Mr. Daniel S Newhall, of the Young America Cricket Club, who is leaving no stone unturned to fit the players for the two months' hard work before them this summer. The cricketers assemble for work every afternoon at the gymnasium at No. 1,219 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, the use of which has been given them by the Fencing and Sparring Club of that city.

It is now decided that the team will sail for England on the City of Rome on May 17. While the list of the series of matches has not as yet been completed by Mr. Henry Perkins, the Secretary of the Marylebone Cricket Club of London, who has kindly offered to map out the games of the tour, the Philadelphians will probably play some 20 or 24 matches in all. As the trip will be only for two months, and as the main purpose of the visit is the cricket education of the tourists, two-day matches, instead of those of three days, have been suggested by the Philadelphians. This will enable the Americans to visit all the principal cricketing centers in England and give them an opportunity to meet the gentlemen of Scotland at Edinburgh, and play a return match with the gentlemen of Ireland at Dublin. Subjoined are the matches which have been arranged up to date:

- June 20 - Gentlemen of Ireland, at Dublin.
- June 12 - Dublin University, at Dublin.
- June 16 - Gentlemen of the Marylebone Cricket Club, at Lords London.
- June 20 - Gentlemen of Cheshire, at Stockport.
- June 23 - Gentlemen of Leicestershire, at Leicester.
- June 27 - Gentlemen of Hampshire, at Southampton.
- June 30 - Gentlemen of Gloucestershire, at Cheltenham.
- July 2 - Gentlemen of Yorkshire, at York.
- July 7 - Gentlemen of Liverpool, at Liverpool.
- July 10 - Gentlemen of Northumberland, at Newcastle.
- July 14 - Gentlemen of Derbyshire, at Derby.
- July 17 - Gentlemen of Surrey, at the Oval, London.
- July 21 - Gentlemen of Sussex, at Brighton.
- July 25 - Gentlemen of Kent, at Maidstone.

In addition, matches will probably be arranged with the cricket teams of the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford; with the gentlemen of Nottingham and Lancashire, and also with Eton, Harrow, and Rugby.

“Nothing but the cricketing trip of our men is talked of in athletic circles in our city.” said a well-known Philadelphia cricketer yesterday, “It promises to be a great success in every way, and from a social sporting point of view the tour has never had its equal. We have been singularly fortunate in being able to muster together such a strong and thoroughly representative team.” The only player who positively declined a position on the team was Mr. J. Nelson Caldwell, of the Young America Cricket Club who will be prevented from going on account of business. The team as it now stands consists of Messrs. Frank E. Brewster, Hazen Brown, E. W. Clark, Jr., Howard MacNutt, Charles A. Newhall, and Robert T. Newhall, of the Young America Cricket Club; Joseph M. Fox, John B. Thayer, Jr., Sutherland Law, and W. C. Lowry, of the Merion Cricket Club, and J. Allison Scott and David P. Stoeber of the Belmont Cricket Club. Two places on the team are still left open in the hopes that Mr. Daniel S. Newhall, and Mr. William Brockie, Jr., the latter of the Germantown Cricket Club, will see their way to go when the time comes. Should they be prevented, their places will be filled with the next best men. As soon as the weather permits the team will commence practice on the Germantown Cricket Club’s grounds at Nicetown. A letter received yesterday by a well-known New-York cricketer states that George Lane, the professional of the Staten Island Cricket Club has been engaged to coach the Philadelphians up to the time his engagement begins with his own club on May 15.

The prospect for a lively cricket season is unusually bright this year. The return match between all New-York and all Philadelphia will be contested early in the Spring. The United States and Canada match will be played this side of the line this year, probably in August, while early in October, Shaw, Shrewsbury, and Lillywhite’s English professional eleven will stop for a match or two on their way to Australia. This team will be unusually strong, being composed of Shaw, Barnes, Shrewsbury and Flowers of Notts; M. Read of Surry; Pilling, the great Lancashire wicket-keeper; and Ulyett and Bates of Yorkshire. There is also every probability that the Australian eleven, who are to visit England this Spring, will return via this continent at the same time that Shaw’s eleven comes here. Should such be the case, the lovers of the game will have an opportunity of witnessing a game on neutral ground, between two of the greatest teams the world has ever seen.