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# JESS WILLARD PROVES HIMSELF UNPOPULAR AS CHAMPION BECAUSE OF PEEVISHNESS

# WILLARD'S PEEVED ACTIONS PREPARATORY TO MORAN BOUT MAKE HIM UNPOPULAR CHAMP

Titleholder, With but Two Matches in as Many Years, Does Not Impress Public Because of Wry Disposition and "Money-mad" Habit

DEEVISH, petulant and perturbed, Jess Willard has threatened to call off his ten-round bout with Frank Moran. The world's heavyweight champion is not satisfied with the treatment he has received thus far in New York and insists on receiving all of the homage due a heavyweight champ. Just what that homage is cannot be determined, but Jess wants it, and that's all there is to it.

Mr. Willard, according to the gentleman who writes under Mr. Willard's name, says that a little matter like a \$47,500 purse will not force him to submit te "further indignities at the hands of the State Boxing Commission." He declares that he has a right to train as he pleases and if the public wishes to pay 25 cents to see him work, that is the public's business. If the public gets "stung" that is none of his business, either.

For the past week the papers have been full of notices about Al Reich, a heavyweight boxer, who had been engaged at a salary of \$500 to spar with Willard each day until March 25. On Saturday it was announced that Reich would have his first workout with Jess, and some 2000 persons paid good money to see the bout. Despite the large crowd, however, Willard refused to box his new sparring partner, cut short his training and left the hall as quickly as possible.

### Willard Ungentlemanly Toward Chairman Wencke

Fred Wencke, chairman of the New York Boxing Commission, asked Willard for an explanation and is said to have been told "to mind his own business." Wencke then ordered Jess to turn amateur and cease charging admission for his daily workouts. Then Jess became very angry, and, still talking through the gentleman who writes under Willard's name, said:

"I'm going to call off the Moran bout. That's all there is to it. I won't stand it any longer. The trains are running to Chicago every day and I shall jump on one of them if I am annoyed any more. Why, in Chicago, they would be glad to pay \$1 to see me train. Why should they kick here when I am charging only two bits?"

That speech shows the methods being employed by Willard and his several managers while preparing for a 10-round no-decision battle. , He is out to "get" the public and he "gets" them going and coming. The match will bring him more than \$50,000, yet he gets peevish when asked to give the poor, overworked public a run for its money!

### Willard Unpopular As Titleholder

Willard is an unpopular champion, if he can be called a champion. His victory over Johnson has been questioned, especially now that Johnson has admitted that he deliberately "laid down" in the fight in Havana last year. Willard won by a knockout in the 26th round, but pictures show Johnson with one arm over his eyes to keep out the sun's rays while he was being counted out. He also seemed to be resting easily instead of being stretched out, as is the case in all regular knockouts.

That was the only big thing Jess has ever done. After the battle he tried to go on the stage, but soon discovered that he couldn't act. Then he joined the circus and in one season cleared \$93,000. That's quite a bundle of money for a boxer to pull in, especially when he is not forced to defend his title. He has been petted, feted and flattered by thousands, and now imagines he is as important as the greatest prima donna on the grand opera stage or the President of the United States.

He will not allow a photographer to take his picture, unless an order first is obtained from Tom Jones. And Tom does not write orders for nothing. Last week a newspaper photographer had the courage to snap Willard while he was walking in the street and was punched for his trouble. Jess also ruined the camera. This is something unusual for a prizefighter, but it gives us a line on the exaggerated opinion Jess has of himself.

### Champion Was Joke Before Johnson Bout

Willard is not training hard for the battle on March 25. He probably is beginning to worry over the outcome and fears that a setback will injure his "easy money" with the circus this summer. It must be remembered that Willard is a "made" champion and was a joke before he met Johnson. In two years he has had but two battles, the last one being on April 6 of last year. He knows that he must show the public that he is either a champion or a false alarm, and he fears the test. Moran 's a hard man to beat and it would not be at all surprising If Mr. Willard asked for another postponement at the last minute.

Moran has been "showing up" Willard since the match was made. First, he refused \$3505 offered him by Tex Rickard as a balm when the battle was shifted m March 8 to the 25th. Then he opened his training quarters to the public and allowed those who cared to see him work to do it for nothing. If the spectators wished to give anything, there were boxes sent out by charitable organizations and all donations went to a worthy cause. And last, Frank is working faithfully for the bout and doing his best to get into condition. Willard knows this and appears to be contracting a severe cold below the ankles.

Just what the champion will do in the next two weeks will be carefully noted by the Poor Old Public. It can be seen, however, that Willard has paved the way for a postponement or a cancellation of the bout and it is believed he will welcome a regular chance to assume the title of the "fightless champion of

. . .

**MEREDITH AGAIN** STAR PERFORMER **IN INDOOR GAMES** 

Penn Athlete Breaks 660yard Record and Runs on Winning Relays

# YALE FOUR SETS MARK

In a meet that abounded with spe tacular features, Ted Meredith still was able to shine with more than his usual brilliance in the Meadowbrook A. C.'s seventh annual indoor games at Convention Hall on Saturday night. His three performances, first winning the special 660-yard run in the new world's record time of 1:21 2-5, then running the final and winning relay for the dual race with Cornell, and finally, without removing his extra jersey, running the last relay in the big intercollegiate relay with Har-vard, Princeton and Cornell, all proved that he has lost none of his superhuman speed and vitality. With careful training and freedom from accidents there need be no fear about the Quaker captain's ability to double up once more in the intercollegiate quarter and half, as he did last year, and win them both.

Next to Meredith's individual work, the erformance that meant most in an intercollegiate sense was the smashing victory of Yale in the two-mile relay with Cor-nell, Michigan, Maine and Pennsylvania. The Elis won that race in 7:59, which was not only a Middle Atlantic record, but this was one of the few occasions that any team had been able to average better than two minutes a man on an indoor track. J. W. Overton was the star of the Yale team, and his individual time was 1:57. What he could have done had he been pushed one can only conjecture. Yale men, though, are beginning to realize that Overton is better at the half or mile distances than the two miles, which he ran last year. Judged from Saturday night's performance, the Yale team should just about win the two-mile relay at Pennsylvania's relay carnival, while Over-ton in his present condition should be a favorite for the mile in the intercollegiate

### championishps. Brewer Stars Again

Brooke Brewer, of the St. Alban's School, Washington, D. C., proved that he is no flash in the pan runner when he decisively beat Howard Drew, cf Southern California, and Ray Morse, of Brooklyn, in the 50 yards dash, equaling the present world's record of 5 2-5 seconds. Not world's record of 5 2-5 seconds. Not much attention was paid to Brewer's per-formance in the first heat when he beat Drew because it was known that both would get in the final. In the final Brewer id as a set on a subtract both did not get away as quickly as Drew, but after the first 25 yards he did his best running. Brewer is said to be planning to enter the University of Pennsylvania this fall, and if he does the Quakers will have a champion sprinter. Brewer is built uch on the same lines as Arthur Duffey, the former world's champion, but unlike Duffey he is as good at the 220 yards as at

the shorter distance. The management missed an opportunity to stage another thriller by pitting Cor-nell and Pennsylvania to run against each other in a special mile relay before the big intercollegiate relay, in which Har-vard and Princeton were entered. It was enceded in advance that Pennsylvania ould beat Cornell, and that Harvard was

the only team in the same class with the Quakers. Both the Pennsylvania and Cornell teams had the edge taken off their peed by their dual race, so that they were in no condition to give Harvard and Princeton a serious opposition when they met later in the evening. Had the Pennsylvania-Cornell race been omitted, there would have been a sensational battle be-tween Harvard and Pennsylvania. As it was, the Crimson almost made a procession of this race.

# Record in Relays

Philadelphians will naturally be interested to know what bearing the various

0 6 Herzog and Groh Form an Unbeatable Combination at Shortstop and Third, **Declares Grantland Rice** By GRANTLAND RICE The Survivor literary labors through the fiscal year just closing out. Also \$150,000 with a circus. The Renaissance of Swat

Jeffries passed with the winds adrifting. Gone with the snows of the yesteryear; Denton Young found the olive shifting Back at last with the drab and sere; Larry the king and The Iteel are slipping, Gone forever is Nelson's gloat; But still on the ramnace roaring, ripplag. But still on the rampage, roaring, ripping, Teddy alone has Doc Time's goot.

Where are the guys of the yester glory Headline monarchs of days that wers! Prossed at last for a fresher story,

Swept away for a newer stir; Does the Mack machine any longer matter? Where do Ouimet and Travis hide! ut still out there in the clash and clatter

Teddy alone tops Time and Tide. "You once figured," writes L. F. K.,

"that Willard and Moran were being paid entirely too much for a 10-round boxing match. But if they can draw in \$100,000 at the gate, is there any reason why they shouldn't get \$70,000 for their share?" That seems to be the answer. At present we can't think of any better one. Uncertain Baseball Flesh

Even the masters get stung here and John McGraw sent Red Ames and Groh to Cincinnati for Art Fromme. Art has now passed along the open trall, and, while Ames is no longer a Redbird, Groh has developed into the star third baseman of the National League

league ball player.

batted .300."

days.



# Frank Baker Is 30 Today; Can He Slug as in 1914?

J. Franklin Baker, agriculturist from Trappe, Md., latest and most expensive member of the Yankees, is 30 years old today. Ever since Frank was sold to the New York club there has been been york club, there has been a great deal of speculation as to whether or not he would be able to hit .300 this season, after his year's layoff. In this connection, his complete batting record for 1914 with the Athletics

Freedra for 1914 with the Athletics in their last dash for a pennant is highly interesting. Frank's busiest day with the bat was on September 26, 1914, when he came through with two triples and two singles off "Death Valley" Jim Scott, in five trips to the plate. Baker lived up to his title of "Home Run" king on June 26 by slamming Ayres of Washington for two home runs and a single in four tries. The Maryland slugger liked the Yanks' pitching better than that of any other team, while he had the most trouble trying to hit Boston's twirlers.

While Frank found easy pickings when batting against Dubuc, Benz, Ayres, Steen, Cole, Walsh, Scott, Hagarman, Keating, Baumgardner, Boehling, A. R. Johnson, James, McHale, Shaw and Schultz.

# the season with 500. At the present time Andy Sears, of Reading, leads the players in point scor-ing, but Baldy will not be in the lead after Wednesday night. Jackle Adams has one more game to play, and as he is-only three points behind Sears the Cam-den leader may be expected to push sut in front of the Reading captain. HARD WORK FOR These figures show the ability of all those who have scored more than is points in the league games this year, the standing of the clubs and the final week's schedule: PHILS IS PLAN **OF PAT MORAN**

Phillies Fish, Play Golf and Spin Yarns During Sunday Rest Period

# GAMES EVERY DAY

## By a Staff Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 13.-After their strenuous work of the last few days and a day of comparative rest Sunday, the Phillies were ready this morn-ing to put in two long sessions of baseball. Moran told his young men today that he expected every one to be over their soreness, and that hard work was the program from now until the beginning of the season.

Several of the Phils did a little Sabbath fishing and, strange to say, they were highly successful in their ro"-and-reel workout. Of course, they didn't catch as many as one might think from the photographs snapped, as each man insisted on being "shot" with the entire catch exhibited on his own line.

They cheered from Athens unto Tyre And eager scouts begged him to sign; "Some bloke," each whispered on his way; Chief Bender, Alexander and several other Phillies were escorted by St. Pete's elite to the golf links, where they put in the entire day driving the white pill. "This kid can make 'em all go sit"-wonder what they'd think today If they could see this Tycobb hit? Bender made an excellent score for the

When Samson with his deadly clout 36 holes Jawboned the foe upon the spine, He put a whole blamed clan to rout And made his club a pennant nine; "The greatest ever," rang the cries From frenzied scribes who lamped the skit;

How dared they speak of Batting Eyes Who never saw Ed Collins hit?

When Homer smote his bloomin' lyr And doubled down the left field line,

Johnny Evers picks the Giants to finish as good as second. "I don't know what the material is," he said, "but I know what McGraw can do when he has a chance to make his authority count."

Pot Shots The race isn't always to the swift, but

it is generally to the scared. Even a dub may fall heir to a streak of form. It is only the habit that counts. Only that portion of a man's game which is under control is worth sending ding

P.Ct. .684 .513 .513 .410 .307 SCHEDULE FOR FINAL WEEK. Wednesday-Greystock at Cam Thursday-Trenton at Jasper, Friday-De Nerl at Greystock, Askfor The big indoor feature of the Phils' training life is George Chalmers. Not in the least daunted by the presence of 5¢ CIGAR

EASTERN FIVES

WIND UP LEAGUE

Only Three Games Remain

on Schedule in Basket-

ball Organization

SEARS LEADS SCORERS

Reading has concluded its season in the Eastern League, and the other five teams will wind up their seasons this week. Then

the Eastern League magnates will go through the formality of declaring Grey-

through the formality of declaring Grey-stock the champlona of the league; some-thing that every one has known would occur for many months. Reading cannet be beaten out for second place, but De Neri has a chance to oust Camden from the first division. Both Camden and De Neri play Greystock this week, and if the Greys bump both of their rivals the

the Greys bump both of their rivals the Skeeters and Southwark fives will finish the season with .500.

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the world."

### Horine Denies He Is Through With Athletics

George Horine, the greatest high jumper the world has known, and former holder of the world's record at six feet seven inches, has written to friends in this city to deny that he is out of track athletics for good, as reported from the coast recently. Instead, Horine has a surprise in store, judging by his brief announcement. This is believed by athletic men in this city to be a plan to enter for the A. A. U. all-round championships this summer at Newark, to try to outscore Howard Berry, of Penn, and Alma Richards, of Cornell, the latter holder of the A. A. U. all-around title.

Horine did give up active competition in the high jump, and will make no real effort to try to break the high-jump record, which has now reached such tremendous height. But he has just now devoted his time to javelin throwing, a hard event to master, and one that can make or break his score in the all-round event. The Californian is a fine runner and hurdler, and can hold his own with most athletes in this respect. In the high jump he can even far outpoint Richards without giving special attention to the event. Therefore, his action in giving his attention to javelin throwing, an entirely new event, proves his intention of seeking the all-round title. . . . .

Wrestling for the last time in Weightman Hall, Mike Dorizas, Penn's famous Greek athlete, threw the much-touted Snyder, of Cornell, without exerting himself. If Dorizas is victorious in the intercollegiates next week he will be the first collegiate wrestler to go through his entire career without losing a fall or decision. An immense crowd was on hand to see Dorizas in action for the last time, and while the spectators were keenly disappointed at Penn's defeat at the hands of Cornell, the Greek's victory more than atoned for the set-back.

Ted Meredith showed Saturday night that he is not going back, although some of the New York scribes have declared that his failure to win more races this winter indicates that sad state of physical affairs. Meredith hasn't been training recently. His smash of the 660-yard indoor mark is merely another proof that as long as he desires to he can beat the world's best athletes in the middle distance events.

De Neri established a four-season record by defeating the 1916 champions of By Eastern League-Greystock-then coming back and smashing Trenton for a second victory in one evening. In the second contest Manager Dudley used a number of substitutes, not because his regulars were "all in," but because they got such a big lead on Trenton that he did not consider it worth while o use up their reserve energy. . . .

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Vasil Molsides, Michigan's heavyweight Greek wrestler, wants to t Mike Dorizas, of Penn. This Spartan clash would be a big attraction. W' a proves that this is an enlightened country. The fans don't care in what lai, guage athlatics are conducted.

. . . Bert Nichoff is still hitting in world's series form. He didn't get a bingle off Tincup or Rhoads in Saturday's little fray in St. Pete. . . .

We hate to call a lady names, but Molla Bjurdstedt does seem to be ubiquitous. Wherever one sees a woman's tennis tournament from Boston to San Francisco, there is Molla also. . . .

I SAY RAYMOND

And with all of that cash safely stowed away in bank, Jess Willard still stally 'ema "fillums."

relays will have on the meeting between these various teams in Pennsylvania's outdoor carnival on April 29. Pennsy'-vania and Harvard are bound to battle base in baseball. For as Groh is the best it out for the one-mile relay, with the likelihood that the winning team will lower the present world's record of 3:18, third baseman in his league, so is Herzog the most valuable shortstop-not even excepting Bancroft or Maranville. If the which the Quakers made last year. The Princeton team, second on Saturday night, must not be overlooked. It has not had the indoor racing experience that right wing of the Redland infield is up to the left, Cincinnati, you have a flag con-tender for the first time in more years than you can remember. Harvard has, and on an outdoor track will be an exceedingly dangerous com- The Greatest Some one in camp started an argument the other day as to which was the greatest all-around performer — Jim Thorpe or Michael Angelo. Here are the statistics:

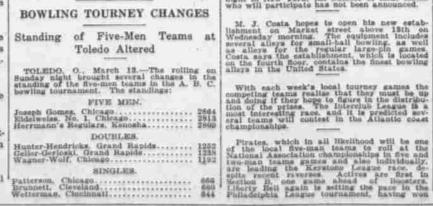
petitor. Yale now looks to have the best twomile team in the country. The teams that the Elis beat at this distance last night were running out of their class, for most of them were milers or cross-country men. Three of the Cornell men. Windnagle, Irish and Potter were mile and two-mile men, and if they enter the relays will probably be strong favorites for the four-mile event.

### ROOKIES AND REGULARS

CHARLOTTESVILLE. Va.—There's no rest for the roesies. Griffith rave his squad two hours of husting workout yesterday. Practice showed this 'irrst' infield Judge, first base; Moran, second base; McBride, shortstop; Foster, third base.

MACON. Ga.-With only 12 practice days remaining. Bill Donovan today realized that tempus has been fugiting right along in the Yankees' spring stockade. The players are nearly all in condition for the formal fray. Donovan said, but that old box score looks mighty near. -----

MARLIN, Tex.-Jim Thorpe is about arrive' at last, if his spring training is tree a foregrunner of what he will do in regular season. The Indian athete has b slitting hard in the training games.



The rest of it is liability We'll go even further, and say the star into battle third baseman of any league. Groh and Herzog together form the best Joe Jackson rather than an asset.

# infield combination to the left of second

NEWS OF THE BOWLING ALLEYS

From up around .350 on to .400, Joe Jackson dropped to .308 last season. "Jackson will never be up among the leaders again," a prominent American League pitcher remarked recently.

We doubt this. Jackson is a great natural hitter—one of the greatest. He was a bit off last season, but there will be found the same slumps in the careers of all great batsmen, barring Cobb. Wag-ner one season dropped from .380 to .305 the next, and Lajole dropped as low as .280, only to come back with a rush.

Jackson can hit, and while he fell away Thorpe-Greatest football player, Olym-ic winner, jumper, sprirter and big in 1915, the change that carried him to Chicago from a losing club should help carry him back to within a stride or two of Cobb, where he belongs. Angelo-Greatest painter, star sculptor,

great musician, fine writer, "Yes," some one said, "but Angelo never Some one remarked that Walter John-Some one remarked that Walter John-son had lost a lot of his speed. "Since when?" asked Kunamakor, the Yank catcher. "In a game at the Polo Grounda late last summer, where he was in a hole, Johnson pitched me four balls, and I only saw one of them. If Johnson has lost his speed he has the greatest slow ball I ever saw, or ever heard hit a catcher's glove." "He would have," said a defender, "if there had been any baseball in those You are at liberty to make your own selection, and award your own sprig of laurel. Why not enter Jess Willard? Jess gets ball I ever saw \$47,500 for one fight and \$26,000 for his catcher's glove."

seven and lost two games, while three teams, Pennsylvania Railroad, Suburbanites and Tioga, are tied for second place.

In the Curtis League two teams, Engraving and Journal Press, are on even terms for first place, with Beck Emgraving and Color Press at their heels. Accounting hold the lead in the Fhiladelphia Electric series. Station 5 has field Main Office for first place in the American Ice series.

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