

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

PEEVISH, 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.

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 to "further indignities at the hands of the State Boxing Commission."

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.

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."

"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."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

De Neri established a four-season record by defeating the 1914 champions of the Eastern League—Greystock—then coming back and smashing Trenton for a second victory in one evening.

Vanil Molsides, Michigan's heavyweight Greek wrestler, wants to fight Mike Dorizas, of Penn. This Spartan clash would be a big attraction.

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

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

And with all of that cash safely stowed away in bank, Jess Willard still calls "dilluns."

MEREDITH AGAIN STAR PERFORMER IN INDOOR GAMES

Penn Athlete Breaks 660-yard Record and Runs on Winning Relays

YALE FOUR SETS MARK

In a meet that abounded with spectacular features, Ted Meredith still was able to shine with more than his usual brilliance in the Meadowbrook C. C.'s seventh annual indoor games at Convention Hall on Saturday night.

Next to Meredith's individual work, the performance that drew most attention in the collegiate sense was the smashing victory of Yale in the two-mile relay with Cornell, Michigan, Maine and Pennsylvania.

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, of Southern California, in the 100-yard dash.

Record in Relays Philadelphia will naturally be interested to know what bearing the various relays will have on the meeting between the various teams in Pennsylvania's outdoor carnival on April 22.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



CINCINNATI HAS GREAT PAIR ON LEFT SIDE OF SECOND BASE

Herzog and Groh Form an Unbeatable Combination at Shortstop and Third, Declares Grantland Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Survivor Jeffries passed with the winds drifting. Gone with the snows of yesterday; Back at last with the drab and sere; Larry the king and The Beel are slipping; Gode forever is Nelson's goat;

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

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:

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Frank Baker Is 30 Today; Can He Slag 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 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 hitting record 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 25 by slugging Ayres of Washington for two home runs and a single in four tries.

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.

HARD WORK FOR 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 morning 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 re-rod-and-reel workout of course they didn't catch an one as one might think from the photographs snapped, as each man insisted on being "shot" with the entire catch exhibited on his own line.

Chief Bender, Alexander and several other Phils were escorted by St. Pete's elite to the golf links, where they put in the entire day driving the white pill. Bender made an excellent score for the 36 holes.

The big indoor feature of the Phils' training life is George Chalmers. Not in the least daunted by the presence of Mrs. Chalmers, he related some blood-curdling yarns to the inhabitants of the "Sunshine City" yesterday. He told with ever-increasing enthusiasm how he expected to meet Johnston or McLoughlin on the tennis courts, and possibly Travis on the golf links.

Joe Jackson From up around .350 on to .400, Joe Jackson dropped to .305 last season. "Jackson will never be up among the leaders again," a prominent American League pitcher remarked recently.

Some one remarked that Walter Johnson had lost a leg of his speed. "Since when?" asked Kunamaker, the Yank catcher. "In a game at the Polo Grounds 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."

NEWS OF THE BOWLING ALLEYS The local chapter of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association will meet at 9 o'clock in the Bingham Hotel. It probably will be the final meeting before the annual championship events of the national branch of the organization to be held in Washington, D. C., beginning April 2. The meeting tonight is expected to be largely attended, as in addition to the announcement of the teams to compete in the Washington series, the entries for the Washington tourney will close March 22. This championship also will include small-ball bowling, duck and candle pins.

OLYMPIA A. H. Broad & Bainbridge, Mer. TONIGHT—5:30 SHARP. Whitey Fitzgerald vs. Frankie Clarke STANLEY RUTHELM vs. YOUNG WELLSNER GEORGE HILCHSTEIN vs. ABE KAHN OFF BUCK FLEMING vs. EDDIE MOY Benny Leonard vs. Sam Robideau Adm., 25c. Bal. Res., 50c. Arena Res., 15c. 41.

PALACE A. C. NORRISTOWN, MARCH 14 McCARRON-BORREL 15:30 10-Round Semi-2-Round Openor \$1.00. \$1.50. \$2.00. Edwards, 21 N. Junior

FREE DOUGLASS takes pleasure in announcing that the Douglas Athletic Club will reopen on Wednesday night, March 15, with a six-class boxing show. The show will be refereed by Harry Craig, official timekeeper.

EASTERN FIVES WIND UP LEAGUE RACE THIS WEEK

Only Three Games Remain on Schedule in Basketball 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 Greystock champion of the league, something that every one has known would occur for many months. Reading cannot 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 Slocumers and Southwick fives will finish the season with 500.

At the present time Andy Sears, of Reading, leads the players in point scoring, but Baldy will not be in the lead after Wednesday night. Jackie Adams has one more game to play, and as he has only three points behind Sears the Camden leader may be expected to push out in front of the Reading captain.

These figures show the ability of all those who have scored more than 15 points in the league games this year, the standing of the clubs and the final week's schedule:

Table with columns: Player, Club, G., Pts., Fld. P., A. P., P.P.G. Lists players like Sears, Reading, Greystock, Camden, etc.

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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL WEEK Wednesday—Greystock at Camden. Thursday—Trenton at Jersey. Friday—De Neri at Greystock.

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—THE TEXAS TOMMY TWIST IS GOOD PASTIME, JAWN; BUT NOT FOR THE OTHER FELLOW

