

LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND OREGON TEAMS

OREGON ALSO HANDICAPPED BY CLIMATE OF CALIFORNIA, IS CLAIM OF FOOTBALL FAN

Philadelphian Who Has Been in Far West for Several Years Declares Neither Team Enjoys Physical Advantage

THOMAS F. CRAWFORD, a Philadelphia football enthusiast who has spent several years on the Pacific coast, writes that the climate of Southern California affected the University of Oregon eleven just as much as Penn. and the idea that the trip across the continent and the climate of Pasadena was terrific handicap to the Red and Blue team is erroneous.

Little Difference in Caliber of Teams

MR. CRAWFORD says that he always has followed football with more than passing interest, and that from what he has seen of Pacific coast and eastern football he does not believe there is a great deal of difference in the caliber of the teams.

Fan Suggests City Boxing Commission

BOXING fans appear to be very much interested in the movement to have a State commission appointed to control the game in Pennsylvania, and a surprisingly large number seem to think that it is necessary.

Claim Promoters Decided Fans

IT IS claimed that several times recently promoters of local clubs have known twenty-four hours or more before a fight that a certain star, recognized as a great drawing card, would be unable to box because of illness, but have failed to notify the public and have permitted the press agents to bill the star right up until the night of the bout.

Moran Denies Managers' Claim of Trade of Paskert

MANAGER MORAN denies that he contemplates trading Dode Paskert to the Cubs or any other team. The Philly plot insists that Paskert's name has not been even mentioned in connection with any trade the Phillies may be considering.

The Real Reason for Turn-Down of Minor Leagues

JIMMY ISAMINGER hits the nail on the head when he says that the National Commission will turn down the plea of the Class AA minor leagues for exemption from the draft because such a move would mean that in the future the National and American League clubs would find it impossible to get any players from the American Association and the International and Pacific Coast Leagues for a reasonable sum.

Minor Stars Are Covered Up

IF A minor league team has a wonderful player, sought by many major league teams, the owner often refuses to sell him at any price, believing that he can keep him for another season. He immediately starts boosting an inferior player on his own team, hoping that the team lucky enough to win the privilege of drafting from his team will take the inferior player.

CHARLEY DOON, former Philly manager, is wanted by Vernon, of the Pacific Coast League, and Rochester, of the International League, as a manager, while Harvard would like to engage him to succeed Fred Mitchell as coach.

WHEN Les Darcy arrived in this country it was announced that he probably would accept a vaudeville contract while waiting for the arrival of Georges Carpentier.

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ACCORDING to news dispatches almost every middleweight in the country has accepted offers to meet Les Darcy. Now all that is necessary for the promoters to do is to get Darcy's signature to a contract.

TWO many managers and too much publicity has spoiled many great fighters, and it looks very much as if Darcy is going to be in Jess Willard's class in a short time.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



Statistics of Rival Teams in Big Football Battle

Table with columns: Oregon, Wgt., Position, Pennsylvania, Wgt. Lists statistics for various players from both teams.

ATHLETICS WILL BE CONTENDER FOR AMERICAN LEAGUE FLAG, SAYS MANAGER CONNIE MACK

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN will find the Athletics back in the running for the American League pennant. I am not predicting that we are going to overtop the Red Sox, White Sox and Detroit, because they all will be just as strong, if not a trifle stronger, than in the past.

WANTS Two Pitchers The Athletics of 1917 were a much better ball team than the final standing would indicate. The fielding was horrible at times, while a large percentage of games were lost because of inexperience, but let me say that the Athletics could hit and American League pitchers will testify that they did not relish facing my team last season.

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PHILIPS POWERFUL NEXT YEAR—MORAN

Fitchburg Genius Denies That Dode Paskert Is to Be Traded to Cubs WANTS UTILITY PLAYER

By PAT MORAN Manager of the Phillies Doping out the Phillies' chances in advance is entirely out of my line, but I would rather figure upon the future than discuss the past, not because I did not win the pennant, but because I never did believe in replaying games.

Just at present I am trying to strengthen my ball team in a few places. I was under way for Dode Paskert, and I don't think another manager for saying such a thing, Paskert played wonderful ball, particularly in the last half of the campaign, and I am banking upon him to go even better next season.

The coming season should produce the best race the National League has had in years, and that is saying something. I think that every team will be stronger and that I also must strengthen to win.

WANTS A Pitcher As standing right now, I must get an outfielder to replace Cravath, or fill in as a substitute, providing Cooper comes through, while also need a pitcher and possibly a utility infielder.

WILLIAMS AGAIN MAY REIGN TENNIS KING

Philadelphian Well Fitted to Fill Racquet Throne for 1917 Season

NINETEEN hundred and sixteen saw Richard Norris Williams, 33, of this city, enthroned for the second time as national lawn tennis champion, a place which he is eminently fitted to fill both in point of skill and by temperament.

FRED GILMORE TO SPAR WITH DARCY ON STAGE

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Freddie Gilmore, Chicago boxer, has been signed to accompany Les Darcy, Australian champion, on his three weeks' theatrical tour, it became known today.

MUGGY McGRAW OFF FOR CUBA

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—John McGraw, manager of the Giants, will leave this week for Cuba. McGraw intends to stay there until it is time to go to Martin, Tex., the training camp of the New York team.

DANNY HUTCHINSON WINS BY DEFAULT

TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Pulton Cutting, of Tuxedo, defeated D. I. Hutchinson, 33, of Philadelphia, in the opening race for the title of champion of the world in the 1917 season.

CLOSE FIGHTS FOR PENNANTS IN NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES PREDICTED FOR 1917

Trouble Between Magnates and Players, Class A. A. Tangle and Rumor of War Will Provide Excitement for Baseball Fans

THIS old year was a most eventful one in baseball—in fact the most exciting and important in the long history of the game. Just what the new year will bring remains to be seen, but indications point to another season that will go a long way toward shaping the destinies of baseball for the future.

Nineteen sixteen saw the slanting of the peace pact between the National and American Leagues and the outlaw Federal League, though the plans were drawn up and agreed upon by representatives of the warring factions in December, 1915.

The return of the jumping players, changes of ownership and management, and many trades and unusual importations, along with the close pennant races in the two major leagues, made the old year one of interest and prosperity in minor league baseball. As the minor leagues are more important in the eyes of the general public, it is not surprising that the minor league players are more popular than those of the major leagues.

The trouble threatening between the players and magnates over the cutting of salaries and the return of the players to the game in a turmoil. It also is possible that the trouble between the great effect on minor league may have some effect on the general public. Both questions will be answered before the playing season is started.

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