

EXANDER EVIDENTLY LIKES PITCHING BASEBALL BETTER THAN PITCHING CIRCUS TENTS

MCINNIS CROWNED MONARCH OF FIRST SACK WITHOUT ARGUMENT; FIGURES PROVE HIS SUPREMACY

"Stuffy" Has Compiled a Batting Average of .315 in 892 Games of Big League Baseball, and if Further Evidence Is Needed Keep on Reading

WHO is the greatest first baseman of all time? Something of a task to answer such a query, and probably if the question is put to a hundred men there will be fifty separate and distinct answers.

No one who follows the game would think for a minute of criticizing the fielding of McInnis. Perhaps there have been first basemen who fielded as well as Stuffy, but he never had a superior.

A Double Portion of Figures, a la McInnis

HOLKE, of the Giants, ranks first with an average of .351, but it must be remembered that the young New Yorker has taken part in only thirty-four games and therefore cannot be considered the leader.

But if it is not only as a fielder and batter that McInnis is a valuable player, the Athletics first-sacker is one of the easiest men to manage in the game.

Asked Connie to Cut His Salary

DURING the painful slump which McInnis suffered last season he went to Connie Mack and explained that he did not think he was earning his salary and virtually asked for a cut.

Might as Well Sell the Club as to Sell Hornsby

IF THE report that Mrs. Helen Hathaway Britton, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, is seriously considering selling Roger Hornsby and Catcher Snyder to the Chicago Cubs is true, baseball is about to suffer a blow from which it will not recover for some time.

The mere fact that the offer was made proves how dangerous it is to have a man in charge of a club who does not understand baseball.

In Which the Young Golfers File Their Orders

IT WOULD seem as though the youth of the land have filed their golf orders and during the coming season must be served.

Maxwell Goes a Lot Better Than That

OVER the same course Maxwell, who is still nineteen years old despite the passage of time, got about as discouraging a start as any golfer has ever faced.

Princeton Looks Like Favorite in Race Saturday

PRINCETON'S victory over Harvard last Saturday night at Baltimore in a one-mile relay race puts the Tigers very much in the running for the three-lap relay race, one of the events at the indoor intercollegiate championships at the Metropolitan Building next Saturday night.

Whitman to Stop Darcy-Dillon Fight

Investigation by Governor May Bar Australian From New York Ring

OBJECTS TO "SLACKER"

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Governor Whitman has started an investigation which may end in stopping the Les Darcy-Jack Dillon fight scheduled to be held in Madison Square Garden next Monday night.

The Governor looks upon the attempt to pull off this prize-ring battle, with a "slacker" as the hero, as an affront to public decency.

On the heels of this investigation no strong opposition developed to the plan of some legislators to make the boxing repeal take effect next January.

It was charged that this amendment to the bill is primarily in the interest of Grant Hugh Brown, the promoter who has taken over Madison Square Garden.

When it became known that Governor Whitman proposes to stop the Darcy-Dillon fight, he called the attention of the Legislature to such a course, there was a sudden shift in the action on the Slater repeal bill.

Through formal announcement was made that the commission had voted to report the bill that plan was suddenly abandoned and action deferred by the judiciary committee for one week.

A precedent for prohibiting the appearance of Darcy in the ring is found in the action of the old boxing commission, which barred Jack Johnson from all bouts held under the supervision of the commission.

The investigation which the Governor has ordered to find if there is any legal way of stopping the Darcy-Dillon fight will be conducted by Franklin B. Lord, counsel to the Governor. Lord now has under consideration the charges against Boxing Commissioner Wenck.

AL M'COY STAYS LIMIT; JACK DILLON SLIPPING

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—New York fight fans are very much disappointed today.

They are in that frame of mind because Jack Dillon, with his armful of left and right hand smashes, didn't knock out Al McCoy in their ten-round bout at the Broadway Sports Club.

Criticism is being heaped on the head of Dillon.

"He isn't fast. He can't hit. He's slipping."

Think of anything derogatory to a high-class boxer and apply it to Dillon and you will have the general New York opinion.

Dillon whipped McCoy, and he did it with just as much of a flourish as any one could have expected.

The fact that he didn't knock out the alleged champion must be put down as a good mark for McCoy, and not as a drawback to Dillon's record.

GEORGE WHITTED MAY NOT PLAY BASEBALL THIS YEAR

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 28.—George Whitted, outfielder of the Phillies, said that he had received a letter from President Baker, in which the latter declined to give him the increase in salary he asked for.

Whitted says negotiations are off, and that he may not play ball this year.

It is understood here that Whitted demands \$5500 a year and has been offered a contract for \$4500.

Last season Whitted was paid a salary of \$4000 and was promised with Edward Latham, the season as a reward for his good work.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

PHILADELPHIA'S police department is way up in the air, and it is not because of the high cost of living or because of the war.

It has come about this way: Harry Ramsey, a perfectly good middleweight boxer until he joined the force and thus had to retire from professional ranks, has been aching for a regular bout, and to get a regular bout he came out boldly with a demand for \$1000.

To prove how good he was, Ramsey went right along and admitted that he was the champion of the police department.

Ramsey probably forgot, or he didn't care, that Eddie Haney wore brass buttons and carried a club, and that Haney also used to be a boxing man.

Anyway, when Officer Haney got wind of Ramsey's self-accepted laurels, he went up higher than Georges Carpentier ever did in his aeroplane, and with him arose a lot of other guardians of the law.

Now there is much talk of a match to decide the heavy-weight championship of the city, police force, and it may be staged at a local club shortly.

Haney is an ordinary policeman, while Ramsey does traffic duty, but this question is not raising any rumpus.

Who is the champion cop-boxer is that which is to be decided.

Art Manoli's second bout in the East will be with Marty Farrell, of New York, who really got his start in Philadelphia.

They clash in the semifinal in the club between Les Darcy and Jack Dillon in New York next Monday night.

Manoli, despite lack of training, made a good impression here against the Cave-man, Willie Loughlin.

Irish Peter Cline boxes Johnny Nelson in the star bout at the Cambria Club Friday night, and then the New Yorker will appear in the semifinals for the coast, where he will meet a Willie Hoppe.

A Cline-Nelson match has been hanging fire for some time.

Andy Burns and Judson Russell are booked for the semi. Other bouts are Young Mulligan vs. Mike Daley, Young Torres vs. Joe Wright and Young Carlin vs. Eddie Miller.

Darby Casper, of Smoky Hollow, has a dirt-out proposition on his hands tomorrow night at the Broadway Club when he opposes Eddie Weagans, the hard-hitting Italian.

For the second half of a double wind-up, Leo Vincent vs. Frankie Williams being the main feature scrap.

Bob Beebe vs. Young Artie, Charley Coyne vs. Jack Diamond and Frankie McFadden vs. Joe Fitzgerald are other bouts.

Johnny Tillman, who gave Benny Leonard his hardest bout in this city, will appear in combat with the hard-punching Young state March 12.

They will box at the Olympia at 125 pounds, and to the victor will go with Leonard.

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