FREDDY WELSH WON'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT TO VINDICATE THAT OLD TYPEWRITER ALIBI

MANY PROMOTERS ARE ANXIOUS TO STAGE IMPORTANT BOUT BETWEEN JOHN KILBANE AND BENNY LEONARD

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Services of Two Best Boxing Cards in Demand and Fistic Financiers Are Bidding Hard for Attraction

WHEN Jim Jeffries crawled out of retirement some years ago to meet Jack Johnson, boxing promoters fell all over themselves in the wild scramble to stage the bout. Thousands of dollars were offered and the price was boosted until it assumed the proportions of the national debt. The same thing occurred when Les Darcy arrived in this country. A purse of \$25,000 was too small even to be considered and some of the more reckless guys went as high as \$50,000 for a tenround combat. All of which goes to prove that money is no object if a match looks good enough to attract the fans.

Right now we have another big match before us in Johnny Kilbane and Benny Leonard. The easy victory of the featherweight champion over Freddy. Weish and his brilliant record in the squared circle makes him one of the most prominent figures in the pugilistic ranks and Leonard's long string of knockouts places him in the front row. Every one admits that Leonard is the best lightweight in the world and the only man who has a chance to dispute Kilhane's claim to the 133pound championship. After defeating Welsh, many offers were made to Johnny to meet Leonard in the near future. New York headed the list with a big bundle of coin for an open air show, and afterward came telegrams from Matt Hinkle, of Cleveland, and messages from Dayton, Youngstown, Pittsburgh and other places,

Philadelphia also made an offer for a six-round bout, but nothing has been done. The boxers have not signed articles and the managers have not yet got together to arrange defails and select the battle ground. It is evident that they are waiting for warmer weather, when the bout can be held in the open and a larger crowd can help swell the gate receipts.

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WE HAVE not had a big figtic battle in this country for some time and there is no doubt that Kilibane and Leonard will be a popular drawing card. No matter where it is held, a record gate should result

Henry Bletzer Would Stage Forty-Round Bout in Baltimore

THERE are few places in the United States where decisions are allowed and fewer where a boxing contest can go more than twenty rounds. For that reason we were surprised when Henry Bletzer, manager of George Chaney, announced that he would make a bid for the battle and the boxers could, select their own distance. If they want to box ten rounds, all well and good, if they wanted forty rounds, he would oblige.

"Baltimore is an ideal spot to hold a big boxing match," said Bietzer. "We have the facilities to handle an enormous crowd and the match can go forty counds, if necessary. It will be a great drawing card and fans from New York. Philadelpnia. Wilmington, Washington and some of the Southern towns would flock to it. We could hold it in the ball park, where there are seats for 35,000 persons, and every seat would be taken. But allow me to state that I will not guarantee the boxers a cent.

"I won't spill any hot air about fabulous purses to kid the public. If Kilbane and Leonard, or Kilbane and Welsh want to settle their differences in Baltimore I will allow them to gamble with me. 1 will give them 65 per cent of the gate to be split between shem as they see fit. I have been in the game too long to run all of the risks.

"Despite the thin gathering that witnessed the Levinsky Dillon bout last summer, Baltimore is a great sporting city. When Chancy was matched with Kilbane the advance sale six weeks before the fight amounted to \$12,000. That meant we would have had a \$50,000 house and I believe that Kilbane and Leonard could draw. more than that."

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THIS apparently is a regular offer, and if Bletzer can hold long-distance bouts, it should be looked into carefully. A twenty-five rounder between the featherweight champ and Benny would be worth going many miles to see and the boxers would lose nothing if they took a gamble

Smoky Atmosphere Helped Pirates Feel at Home

TWO reasons can be advanced as to the whys and wherefores of the Phillies' defeat at the hands of the Pirates in the third muss of the series. First reason, the Callahan clan hit the old sphere with everything it had, and it had a heap. Becond reason, the weather conditions. Really the visitors seemed to be in perfect understanding with the weather. Dark clouds hung over the lot throughout the game and the boys from Pirateville evidently feit the benefit of the Smoky City atmosphere, as they connected with the offerings of Oeschger, Lavender and Paul Fittery for a total of 16 hits and 12 runs.

It was a good kind of a day for the fellow who doesn't get out to the park very often. The game gave the fans an opportunity to wonder if the Pirates were really as bad as they have been painted. To the more experienced baseball mind it was just one of the days when the Pirates looked good, and when you look good and things are breaking right for you, why, appearances make one appear a champion of champions. Outside of the terrific hitting of Callahan's men, every player getting a single except Brief, who previously had made a homer in each game of the series, the big feature was Fittery himself. Paul didn't allow a home run

The Phils used fifteen men in an effort to stop the fusillade of the visitors. Joe



But the time is not yet ripe to enlist him as the greatest-or even one of the greatest --of the southpaw flock. For no such stand-

ing in the baseball community is built up in one, two or threa years. Nor yet in five years.

A Few Southpaws

Ruth, who is young, powerful and pos-sessed of the winning stuff, may some day work his way to the southpaw beights. But he has quite a distance yet to go before he passes the various crests left by such left-handers as Toad Ramsuy. Theodore Breitenstein, George Edward Waddell, Dor White Napoleon Burker

Reds. We can't recall pitchers any smarter than Nap Rucker, Eddis Plank, Doc White or Jease Tannehill. Plank is the warhorse of the left-handers. He has lasted longer than any lefthander in baseball history. Eddle today

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The two leading awatsmiths in the Na tional Langue-Jack Smith, of St. Louis, and George Burns, of the Giants-remained passive yesterday, but Bill Fischer, the former Dodger, now eatching for the Pirates, edged his way into third place, through his activity with the bat. He is the veteran pitcher of his lengue-the

Babe vs. Rube

ARE NOW ELIGIBLE Supervisory Committee Rules They May Take Part

C. H. S. LEADS LEAGUE

As a result of a ruling of the supervisory. emmittee on athletics, students who have passed their required work and have been excused from classes to do farm service will he cligible to compete in athletics for the

This action was taken because in many cases athletes who were members of varsity teams were engaged in farm work in or near the city and could very easily take part in athletics. The committee took the stand that this service should be encouraged, and therefore will allow students to continue in

Central High Leads League

Central High School took first place in the Interscholastic Baseball League yesterday by defeating the Germantown High School team, 4 to 3. It was a rather close squeeze for Central High. In the ninth in-Ning, with none out, Rold and Silverman scored when Parry failed to cover home plate after catching a foul pop.

The West Philadelphia High School stu-The West Philadelphia High School stu-dents are laboring under the impremion that they have only lost two games. West Phil-lies are down for three lost in the official league standing, and if they do not care to admit this fact, it might be well for Captain Nelson Korb or Manager Kirk Swing to get in buch with Prof. Henry Brachold, secre-tary of the league, for information. West Philadelphia is down for a

West Philadelphia is down for a game West Philadelphia is down for a game forfeited to Frankford High. Frankford was on hand and the umpire reported the game forfeited to the uptown athletes. West Philadelphia has taken no action in the matter. If the West Phillies think that the game should not be considered forfeited to Frankford, they must appeal to the league, and the matter will then have to be taken

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Final League Game Tomorrow

Episcopal Academy and Germantown Academy play their final Interacademia League baseball game tomorrow afternoon at Tabor. A victory for Episcopal will mean the Interacademic League champion-ship for the Churchmen. A defeat will result in a tie between Episcopal and Penn

In the last two games played Coach Washburn's team has shown both good and poor baseball. Chestnut Hill was too strong, the Hillers winning on Tuesday. Yesterday Episcopai won from St. Luke's School, 15 to 9. The game with Germantown is the last on the schedule. Then nothing but the interacudemic track and field championships and tennis matches remain or



EROADWAY A. C. TONIGHT DARBY CASPER VS. YOUNG JOE BORRELL MIKE BURNS VS. JOHNNY STINGER JOE DILLON VS. JIMMY CARSON

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PHILLIES vs. PITTSBURGH

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Oeschger, who recently turned in a splendid card in his match with the Cards got away clean for two innings, but along about the start of the third frame the dark clouds crowded what little sun had been trying to come out, and the Pirates began to get in their good work. Bill Fischer started the thing with a blow that cleared the right field wall by a wide margin. This blow seemed to decide the old ball game right there and then. After that Oeschger scemed to have forgotten he had anything but a glove. After the Fischer blow, that seemed to have a good start for the railroad tracks, a certain Alex G. McCarthy sent a two-bagger into Cravath's territory, and after W. Cooper had sacrificed, Max Carey, who enjoyed a most pleasant and victorious afternoon, shot the A. G. S. for two sacks and Alex G. registered. Joe took a firm grip and shot a fast one to Bigbee, who Nichoffed for the winners, and the latter promptly drove the ball into left and Whitted held the ball to a single. Things might have been all right yet, but the weather conditions had to be figured and the fact that Joe was not the Oeschger of last Friday; therefore, Baird leaned on a wide one and it dropped in left, while Carey scored the third run. This left Bigbee and Baird on the paths, and Bill Hinchman seemed to take the position that they might as well come home. He wasn't certain as to just how it could be done, but he waited his time, and when Joe shot a pretty one in the grove, he lifted it far into the center field blenchers, while all three took their time walking in. Three and three make six, even in wartimes, and that was two more than they needed to win-. . .

TUST to show the faithful that there was nothing fluky about his home I run in the third. Fischer, who was first up at the start of the fourth, lifted a clean blow over toward the right field wall and Cartus, taking one look at the ball, figured it wasn't necessary to bother any more about it. The Pirates got a good many hits after this, despite the fact that Joe got a call to the showers and "No-hit" Jimmy Lavender took up the burden. Jimmy was doing fairly well, but a switch in the batting order in the fifth, Adama taking Jimmy's turn at bat, and incidentally hitting the ball over into Broad street for the fourth homer of the contest, gave Paul Fittery a chance to show his wares, and Paul stopped the scoring of home runs

Claude Cooper Makes Wonderful Catch

WHEN Manager Pat sent Bobby Byrne to bat for Capitain Luderus in the sixth frame, it gave Gaude Cooper a chance to get into the game in the seventh. George Whitted came in from left and took up the work at first. He was full of fire and in the eighth he pulled a neat play on Bigbee, catching the latter napping after he had singled to left. In the Pirates' half of the eighth inning, Claude Cooper made one of the prettiest catches of the present season. Max Carey drove one of Fittery's offerings at a terrific clip and it looked as though it was labeled for the fifth home run of the day; the bleacher boys arose and were set to act as substitute Phil outfielder, when Claude backed against the short-wall and with his gloved hand grabbed the ball. The catch was so pretty that Max himself took a second look at Cooper and showed his regard for the play by lifting his cap. The lowly and smoky-atmosphere crowd tallied four more in the ninthbut why worry the Phil fan with any more? Today will see the last of the Pirates on their present trip. Rixey and Al Mamaux look good for today's work on the hill. Moran will no doubt save the champion Alex for the opening game with the Cubs tomorrow.

Minor Leaguer Has Busy Day at First Base

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DICK KAUFFMAN, a native Keystone ball product now playing first for the Nashville Southern League team, set what is believed to be a new record a few days ago by taking care of thirty-eight chances, all putouts, in two consecutive nine-inning contests. Kauffman's greatest number of chances came in the second of the two contests, when he turned back twenty-one ambitious starters on the home journey. Though there were but fifty-four putouts in the two games, it is to be noted that only sixteen putouts were necessary to be looked after by his other feammates.

The mark set by Kauffman in the second game is one that certainly tops any other like achievement reported in any league so far this season and was exceeded. according to baseball records, by those made by Jiggs Donahue and Ed Konetchy. The former, while with the White Sox during the season of 1905, took care of twenty-three chances in a nine-inning game against the Yankees, while the present Boston first sactler; then with the Cardinals, fell but one shy of this mark in a some with Pittsburgh in 1914. In this game Konetchy would have equaled Donahue's world's record had he not made one bobble. An interesting point in connection with Kauffman's general feat was that he was performing against his former es of the Atlanta club. Another was that Pitcher Ellis, who worked in ne in which the larger number of putouts were registered, had nine assists.

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Amateur Ball Games

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Let Brothers baseball team attl start practice for their attenuous schedule on Saturday at P. E. B. Y. M. C. A grounds. They have men positions for a filtra baseman and a right fielder

Ronkwood B. B. C. has a few open dates for ama such as Bon Air. Falmirs and Audulon, ames McBride. 2046 North Twenty-third street. Hathel baseball club would like to hear from all first-class teams in Frankylrania, New Jer-sey and Delaware. J. Kduatrick, 2207 South Street.

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In a snappy same on Tuesday, the Wood lynns A. C. defeated Tycoon A. C. to the tun of $6\cdot 2$ Argo A. A. a semipro travelling team, has May 18 and 26 open for home teams. J. Datler, The Beigrade street. Port Richmond team, of the Philadelphia argane Reading Railway Lessays, would like to arrane games for Surdays and holidays. C. A. Russell 2821 Richmond street.

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Rube Cashman, Ally McWilliams and Harry, Fritz three former schoolboy stars, are chuiting the old all with a vengeance for Upland in the Delaware County League.

Touchsione, last season's winning picture of the Delayers County Lengue. Las two defrats charged up to him in respirate vioris to date. Stanley Haumgarine, formerly of the Phillies, was his opponent on each ortasion

Fort Washington had a hig celebration at its opening sense which included a parade by Hos Scouts and G. A. Theorem and the sense a flux-raising. Thiss feature and not prevent Obin alde from handing our a sound 10.3 troughting

The athlatic events scheduled for last Saturday at Poin Broosn Fark in connection with the Philasebha Bhos Manufacturers' inset and which were bound of owing to rain, will be de-which use saturday estimation.

The field day sports of the Mine Machine turers' League scheduled in he beld on Matur-day were postponed until this week owing to a his shower, which hit Point Breeze Park at 330. -

Two new local leagues are in process of univellate formation. One is an industrial or anisation the others church league. Infor-nation on the others ran be mecured from Thomas Scott. 610 East Theore st.

It was a word exhibition of Example it agend at Setzen Park between the Haimshore and Logan Bours. The former landed on the Logan pitchers for a total of twenty five bits and yet were beaten. 16 to 14. Logan outy compled thirtsen bingles. In order to mave the some McNichol had Ad. Swipler, of Penn, rushed to the scenes of action in time to land Logan a winner.

Wiltre, Edward Plank and several others. Left-handers have been inshed knided moofed, knocked and all the rest of it for good many campaigns, but many of them have been among the groatest pitchers of the game

And the test len't one or two years. Ruth is still too young at the business of left-handing or south-pawing to be classed with Rafbe Waddell or Eddle Plank of Nap he was no sensation Rucker

The Leader

The greatest left-hander we ever saw in action was Rube Waddell, erratic, eccentric, a nut, a bug, but one of the hardest men to left shoulder.

From eight to ten years are required to stabilish the greatness of any pitcher-right-hunder or southpaw. Not even five years is a sufficient test.

a nut, a bug, but one of the hardest men to hit that ever faced the plate. Waddell had three things—haffing, blinding speed, fine control and a wicked curve. He may not have been the smart-est pitcher in the world, but with these three things he was too well stocked to re-quire anything else. He had fully as much smeke as Habe Buth, a better curve and equal or better centrol. Ruth, in the main, depends upon his speed. Waddell had the speed, but with this he interpolated in curve that came Notes is a sufficient test. So Ruth, as great as he looks to be now-has neveral more years ahead before he comes that a secure and lasting fame. He is young, powerful and always in good shape. The has the stuff. He should be the bost pitcher in baseball this season, the most effective performer. But quite a stretch of time still lies be-forem. Such and lasting greaters. The tween Babe and lasting greatness. The halo which surrounds the feative leans, in memory, of Waddell, Plank, White, Ricker,

this he interpolated a curve that came over fast and that broke with a sheer descent, straight down. And in the box Rube was a carny, cuaning worknon and no part of a boob. In one of his last few games, after he

In one of his last few games, after he had been released by Mack and turned over to St. Louis, he asked permission to work against the club that let him go as a has-been. He drew the assignment and the frobe responded by sirlicing out seventeen Machmen and establishing a league record. He was out by the end of the trait, considered all in and through but he had enough stuff left to strike out more men than any right-hander or left-hander in his page.

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Smart Left-Handers

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rapped Oeschger, Lavender and Fittery for four hits and brought his average up to 364, only a point behind Burns. Here in how the leading batters in the big leagues stand today: Buth still needs the test of time to insure his greatness. You may still recall the flashy carser of Rube Marquard. Rube won twenty-four or twenty-five games in 1911; in 1912 he rushed forward with nine-

AMERICAN LEAGUE teen straight; they couldn't beat him. In 1912 he was still good enough to win twenty-four or twenty-five games. But the minent Rube has never been RURPAG since. He pitched good ball last year, but

Player Chib G. A.B. R. H. J. Smith, St. Lauis. 17 237 6 16 Burne, New Yark. 21 83 17 81 Fischer, Pittsburgh 21 66 4 4 Yet four or five years ago, when he was still only twenty-two or twenty-three, he looked to have a future rimmed with purple and pink-to stand out as one of the great-

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