BATTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OVER 12-YEAR CAMPAIGN BEST EVIDENCE OF COBB'S SUPREMACY S RECORD OVER TWELVE WINTER GOLFER AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

ARS' SPAN GIVES HIM CLAIM GAME'S GREATEST PRODUCT

le Keeler Only Man to Dispute Ty's Batng Supremacy for Dozen Seasons, But Georgian's All-Round Work Superior

Linked unto the Batting Eye,

And the grandeur that is Ty

One and all fade from the frame,

Hold their brief span in the game

Now, before their fame must fly-

And the grandeur that is Ty.

As they pass into the night;

But before they come to this-

Here's the glory that is Tris

Men and nations, through the fight,

-GRANTLAND RICE.

Knew the plory that is Tris

The Glory of Tris and Grandeur of Ty Once they knew the buoyant bliss

Fate takes its fickle spin, d Rome have drifted back Bush has called them in ; she hit-and-miss. no shift the battle cry glory that is Tris the grandeur that is Ty.

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IT twice since Tyrus Raymond Cobb became a regular has he failed lead the American League in hitting. Three different schools of have seen service during his reign, and against all he demonstrated eriority. His consistent work and his all around brilliancy and y give him a right to the title of the greatest player the game yet roduced. Over his twelve-year span as a regular, in which he won batting crown ten times, he has opposed with success such wonders as in Lajoie, Elmer Flick, Sam Crawford and George Stone, of the old I; Tris Speaker, Joe Jackson and Eddie Collins, of the modern class, od George Sisler, the most recent addition to baseball stardom. Only three rent names have been at the head of the batting list in the Ban Johncircuit in the last twelve years, while in the National seven different have been at the top. During his twelve-year campaign Cobb beat average of the National League champion nine times, tied it once and twice trailed the mark set by the leader in the parent, organization. Few of the present generation will question the Georgian's supremacy. true that the stars of other days were wonders, but conditions were rent in those days compared with the opposition which Cobb has been d to face. The margin of leadership he has shown over all comtion since he became a regular is the best evidence of his all-around . Tyrus joined the Tigers in the latter part of the 1905 season. ager Armour was in charge of the Tigers in those days and gained n of the Southerner for the expenditure of only \$500. Ty played aly forty-one games and turned in an average of .240. He was only en. During 1906, his first season as a regular, he finished fifth to , of the Browns, with .320. It was during the 1906 season that the d Georgian almost became the property of the New York Yankees, as er Armour wanted to trade him to Clark Griffith, then pllot of the York team, for a pitcher, but Griffith simply couldn't see Cobb. He soon him often since-and to his sorrow.

AT THE age of twenty Cobb batted his way to his first crown in A1907. Incidentally it will be recalled that this was the year when Detroit won its first American League flag. Cobb turned in a .350 average, which was the same mark registered by Wagner in topping the National League. Crawford, of the Tigers, finished second to Ty, with a .324, and it was the work of this pair of batsmen which was responsible for bringing the pennant to Detroit.

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Wagner's Mark Twice Tops One Made by Ty

OBB slumped during the 1908 season, but that year found the pitchers nusually effective, and with this lower rating Ty still was able to lead race. Over in the National League there was no noticeable depression g the hitters, for the heroic Honus surpassed his 1907 mark by four turning in a .354 for the leading average. This was the second time his career that Cobb was forced to trail the mark set by the National champion batsmen. His first was in 1906, when he had a .320

a .339 for Wagner. During Cobb's twelve years Wagner has been one able to surpass him, twice beating him and once getting a at .350. Taking the first five leading batsmen during Cobb's period of r service supplies some interesting information. Only twice during career did Hal Chase finish among the five leaders. In 1906 he hit points better than Cobb, and in 1916, ten years later, Chase won the al League batting crown, and that was the year Cobb gave way to aker. However, Cobb's average was .371 against .339 for Cheve.

While Speaker has been the only player to head Cobb since 1966. Tris inished in second place. During the ten years in which Cobb won r hitting honors Jackson was runner-up three times, Eddle Collins three occasions, Crawford, Ed. Delehanty, Lajole and Sisler one each. Jackson has been the real trouble maker, and twice the South Caroa hit with such terrific power that he went beyond the .400 mark. Yet

SCORES RECORD

Man Who Practiced Indoors Has Card of 67 at Exmoor

PLENTY OF PRACTICE

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, JR. About three years ago this winter I noticed an extra-enthusiastic and hardworking golfer at the indoor golf school I was told that he went there regularly I was told that he want there regularly and was working at the game in an earnest and intelligent manner. He ap rarently was one of those who never goes into anything except to do it well I do not know how long he had been playing before I met him, but he was a energetic and thoughtfol , bout his work at the golf school that it was impossibl-not to notice it. Fo missed no oppor-tuities to improve, and when any of the long-time golfers who had made long-time golfers who had made their reputation came in to play he was very observant of their game and asked

any questions. The following summer I saw and heard little of him, herause I d d not play at nin club, but in an open tournament he defeated some of our best players and won the final. I was much pleased with his blacks his victory, because I knew he had worked at the game indoors.

Kept Right at It

The second winter I again saw him at The second winter I again saw him at the goil school and he was still working away and with a much improved swing. I learned that he practiced every noon hour, and right here it is well to state that he is in business and is noted for his close application to it. All that winter he kept stadily on at his game and did not seem to bother whether he could see improvement or not. It is my belief that giff improvement is for a long time invatile. His scores im-proved, however, and his summer was spent steadily going ahead so that by spent steadily going allead within the time winter rolled around again h was entitled to consider himself a real colfer

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This 67 is a record for the course, and any one who has ever played at Exmoor knows what it means. The man who made this extraordinary round is E. L. Smith, champion of a Chicago local club.

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BILLIARDISTS AND BOWLERS ARE DOING THEIR BIT TO SWELL THE \$300,000 AMBULANCE FUND

George H. Sutton, "Handless Wonder," Begins Series of Six Games-Eleven Bowling

One day I had some business with this roluded our conversation naturality drifted to golf. I learned considerable about the road he was traveling, and it looked not unlike the one I had come brain, he had unde fewer mistakes on the way, although te, too, had frequently retraced his steps. Among other things hayde all winter. He discussed the difference tice. The marvelous part of this syste-matic devotion to a sport is the fact daughters are in college. Early and inte he swung the clubs and

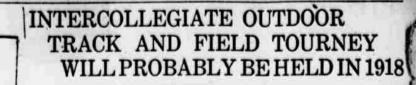
Sutton-0, 76, 16, 49, 10, 0, 1, 0, 0, 26, Total, 200 Sutton will play at Allinger's Academy

Joseph Mayer won the opening match PENN CHESS PLAYERS

A few months ago this indefatigable augurated his series of six matches at the home-and-home competition to decide the three-cushion championship frank Jones engaged in a fifty-point for the course, and any one who has ever played at Exmoor course at the method at Exmoor the billiard tourney at the Keystone for the course, and then billiard tourney at the Keystone for the course had a chance to an-

chess league went to the representatives of the College of the City of New York, who defeated the Cornell team

Brown, a charter member of the league, did not send a team, and Pennsylvania, winner last year, will meet Cornell in the second round today, when



No Reason Why Annual Championship Should Not Be a Prominent Feature of Athletic Year of the Colleges Represented

By GRANTLAND RICE

By GRANTLAND RICE THE indications are that the inter-collegiate outdoor track and field championships which were ab indoned in 1917 will be resumed in 1918. In view of President Wilson's stand for the continuation of port and the isset that most of the young men in our illeges are combining military train-ng with their study courses it sould seem there is no reason why thuse cham-pionships, that contribute so much to be held as usual. By GRANTLAND RICE better as he nears the crown. If he would not compare with the old school, be at least outshines the new. One reason advanced for the decrease or is the improvement in the foot-ual warrior's uniform. The style makers for there is no reason why thuse cham-pionships, that contribute so much to be held as usual.

The heid as usual. In its many-sidedness nothing com-mares with the track and field Almost any man athletically inclined can ind some brack among the may fered under this head in which he can id his physical development. For that reason the track and field is broadly where the track and field is broadly to be and the track and height are protected. Here guards are stronger and better and some brack and field almost in some brack and field is broadly where the track and field is broadly to be any pade. Knees, ankles and wrists are taped. Light but protective shin tracks are often worn beneath gridiron hore valuable than either collegiate held as usual. id his physical development. For that reason the track and field is broady more valuable than either collegiate aseball or football, which require a pecialized talent. hosiery. Shoes are heavy and well cleated. This better equipment furnishes the answer, for it is an undimputed fact that backfield men, who receive less aid from their interference than they did in the hulling, mauling days, are required to withstand greater shocks than ever be-

it i planned now to hold these games

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Records of College

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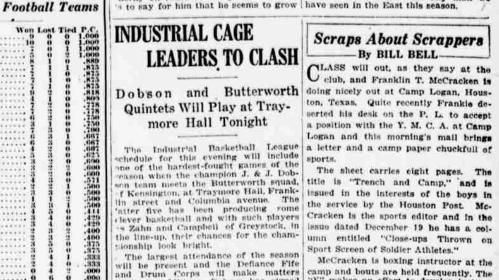
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tournaments of the triangular college

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Fred Fulton with his siry left hand 1 Fred Fulton with his stry left hand is the heir apparent to the heavyweight throne, though Willard persists in the motion he can come back. Willard is aid to be about 100 pounds heavier than he was when he f ught Moran, and 's weighed 260 then. Most fans will doubt that he can ever train down again. Fulton has found the path rather horny en route to his goal, but there 's to say for him that he scems to grow



The largest attendance of the season The largest attendance or the season will be present and the Defiance Fife and Drum Corps will make matters lively in addition. Dolson has signed several well-known players, including retey Kilpatrick and Livingstone. The former is eligible for tonight's game, but according to the rules Livingstone is and this spirit of fair play in the man-ner of leadership has made a hit with the boys. Each building has its indiseveral well-known players, including Petey Kilpatrick and Livingstone. The former is eligible for tonight's game, but according to the rules Livingstone cannot play before next week. In the other affair Quaker City Rub-ber engages Monotype and the Lanston boys expect to maintain their winning streak. MEET CORNELL TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- Honors in the opening round of the nineteenth annual

six rounds.

Ralph Brady Wins Bout Ralph Brady Wins Bout Brady, of Syracuse, defeated Jake Schiffer in the main six-round bout here last night. Erady's cleverness and hard punching had Schiffer hanging on. Frankle Farrina, Albany, defeated Ted Meyers, six rounds. Farrina had too much experience for the strong Pole: Patay Johnson defeated Joe Thomas in six rounds.



Scraps About Scrappers

-By BILL BELL-

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was equal to the occasion and always managed to top the determined a Joe. This was during the 1911 and 1912 campaigns. Easter Collins ad trouble in 1909, but only got within thirty points of the lead. In , the year the Macks won their last pennant, Collins was second, trailby twenty-four points. In 1916, his first, year with the White Sox, as again was second, having .332 against Ty's .370, showing by how at a margin Cobb outclassed the field.

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THERE was no monopoly in the National League. While Cobb, Beeaker, Jackson and Collins virtually were the kingpins of wat in the American League, the National League introduced a ow crew almost each season. From 1910 to 1917, inclusive, the nal League had seven different leaders, and Jake Daubert the lone one to lead it twice. Sherwood Magee, Heinie Zimman, Honus Wagner, Larry Doyle, Hal Chase and Eddie Roush are the other leaders. The runners-up also were not the same ng these campaigns. These, in order, were the boys who finscond during the last eight years-Hofman, Miller, Meyers, Gravath, Becker, Luderus, McCarty and Hornsby.

Wee Willie Keeler Disputes Cobb's Claim

Cobb's twelve-year span only one major league star rises to dishis claim to the batting crown. "Wee Willie" Keeler tops the Georgian in two departments-the grand average for twelve and the number of seasons in which he made 200 safeties or more s through the records of these two we find that for one dozen years r on the diamond Cobb batted .369, and Keeler had the same rating. arrying out this mark to another decimal point it was found that mark reached .3693 against a .3696 for Keeler, a difference of threeandths of one per cent. Over the thirteen-year course-Cobb only mart of the thirteenth-it was found that Cobb was in front with a ing against .367 for Keeler.

eler leads all in making 200 hits on more, having gone through ns in which he registered this number. Cobb's best thus far is with Jess Burkett laying claim to six. The real battle for supremacy in Ty and "Wee Willie." During the years when Willie made his he turned in 1742 safeties for a batting average of .383. He hit for a 20 bases and a slugging average of .422. Cobb's record for his M-hit" measons was a batting average of .382, 2147 total bases ging mark of .534. This merely shows that Cobb's hits had disle Keeler confined his efforts to hitting them safe regardless er of bases.

FLER, the most scientific batsman baseball has produced. ade his hits in eight consecutive seasons, while Cobb's best tive run was three seasons. Keeler's best year was in 1897. de 343 in 128 games for a .432. Cobb's best year was de 248 hits in 146 games for a .420 average. "Tip" star of the St. Louis Browns, holds the record of de in 1887, but in that year bases on balls counted as hits.

ly Heid Hitless in Twenty-four Games This Year

rd for the last season also was an attractive one. Ty went monts and in that number of games was held hitless ngest hitless spasm was three games. On Septemplayed a double-header against the Indians, and out of d to connect for one safety. The next day no game was on September 14, against Clotte, he failed in two through unsuccessful attempt. During the year he went through the in which he hit safely. His record for consecutive hitting Faber and Scott, of the White Sox, stopped him this year,

this year he made two hits, and in fourteen conregistered four safeties out of four times up he made four singles and a triple out of

Amateur Ary. The results Amateur Ary. The results Amateur Ballat and Trucks... Hallat and Trucks... Hallat and Swieher Amateur the course itself. It has been the ex-perience of the committee that a player frequently has been deprived of a well-earned field goal because in throwing the ball his foot touched the boundary line. Often there is a serious question of

ball his foot touched the boundary line Often there is a serious question of doubt in the refered's mind as to whether a player is in or out of bound on a close play under the basket. Accordingly the Rules Committee has addid an extension to the end boundary line in the form of an arc of a circle with an extension of two feat at its greatest width directly back of the basket. Thus the entire backboard is within bounds and on the floor the player has an additional lee-way of two feet under the basket. This change, it was stated, is an experiment. Where the end boundary line is a wall this extension does not apply and the end will be the straight line as hereto-fore.

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Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, director of athletic activities in the army camps, announced to the gathering of basket-ball men last night that basketball would be more extensively played this winter than ev r before He stated that airsady more than 400 teams were play-ing in the camps, and soon this number would be greatly increased. It has also been taken up at the naval camps and hids fair, he said, to be the most popular pastime and exercise for the mon in the Government service.

ANOTHER INGRAM CHOSEN TO CAPTAIN NAVY TEAM

Third Member of Famous Family to Lead Annapolis Football

Squad

ANNAPOLIS. Md., Dec. 27.—An-nouncement has just been made here of the election of William A. Ingram to captain next year's navy football team. Ingram, who halls from Jeffersonville, Ind. is the third of his family to play at the academy and lead the eleven. He played a star game at quarter this year after having put in last season

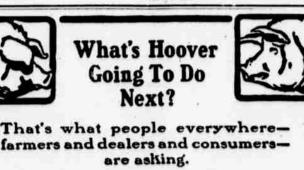
In addition to showing excellent head-work and generalship, he tailied 130 points in touchdowns and kicked 40 out of 45 goal chances.

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The campaign by the billiard men is a country-wide movement, and \$300,000 is the minimum sought to provide a hun-dired fully equipped ambulances. It is the intention of the directors to send Tetais 5283 5164 5069 5056 4593 the first ambulances to the larger cities and exhibit them with the purpose of stimulating interest in the movement, which has the indorsement of prominent army officials. The national association is headed by Maurice Daly, the origina-tor of the idea. The treasurer is Wilson P. Foss, former national amateur cham-mon, secretary, H. Obborge and war-1. \$33: \$2.50. P. Foss, former national amateur cham-plon; secretary, H. Osborne, and man-ager, the Rev. G. A. Humphries. All are of New York. The local organization is headed by the Rev. Thomas W. Davis, Ex-Congressman John R. E. Difenderfer, of Jenkintown, is vice president. Sol Allinger is treasurer and M. J. Costa, secretary. secretary.

Scranton Releases Lew Fros

Pa., Dec. 27.—Manager cranton basketball team, has the had staned Jinmy Ma-with Carbondale, in piace of Tranton. The latter must Seranton on December 31. SCRANTON, Kane, of the Sc hon, formerly with Carbo Lew Frost, of Trenton, be let out by Scranton when the two-professiona into effect. 0.grain



Mr. Hoover and the Farmer

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