WAR CHIEFS WOULD DO WELL TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC MOVES OF ALEX AND PRATT

BASEBALL WILL GET A FLYING START NEXT WEEK WITH THREE LEAGUES IN ANNUAL POWWOWS

Playing Schedules Will Be Adopted, Final Arrangements for Season Made and Last Trading Sessions Will Be Held

BASEBALL will get off to a flying start in New York next week when three leagues—the International, National and American—hold their midwinter meetings. Schedules will be adopted, war taxes fixed, new legislation offered and rejected and lots of scandal aired. Managers will make final efforts to land star players from rival clubs and perhaps Charley Weeghman will be on the job with another bankroll to purchase Connie Mack or some other celebrity. In all, it looks like a very important week for baseball.

The sessions will open on Monday, when the International decides whether or not it will play ball this year. It is believed that the league will continue with a six-club circuit, dropping Richmond and Montreal, and operate five months, from May until the end of September. If this circuit keeps in the running it will help baseball considerably, but no one can tell what will happen. Magnates who have been losing money for years cannot see their way clear to lose some more during these wartimes. An effort will be made to keep things going, however, and the big league barons are likely to offer some aid.

In the National and American Leagues the playing schedules will be adopted and final arrangements made for the season. An attempt will be made to legislate the spitball out of existence, but it is safe to say that no official action will be taken. Baseball is all right as it is; and any way, this is a poor time for experiments. The war-tax problem will come up and soon the fans will learn the proper way to contribute.

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THE hot stove league will be full of fuel and the chances are that "heatless Monday" will not be noticed. Some big deals are likely to be put through before the session ends and Pat Moran may snare a couple of new pitchers.

U. S. Might Learn Something From Alex and Pratt

THE strategical stunts pulled during the holdout season offer valuable hints to the authorities at Washington, some of whom appear to consider that a little deep inside war stuff would speed up the conflict and hasten a victory for world democracy.

Alexander asserts that while a good many intimations have come to him that Mogul Weeghman is going to satisfy him, yet so far no money has been turned loose by the Chicago millionaire, and the great hurler, who avers that although he is only an unsophisticated country lad and not hep to the tricks of city slicks, declines to accept mere language and hies to Philadelphia to shake hands with friends. Of course, there is no intimation that if Weeghman fails to come through Baker may do so rather than lose the big wad and bust up the trade.

More complicated maneuvering still is to be noted in the case of Derrill Pratt. Magnate Ball was frank enough to admit that he felt that he slipped something over by disposing of the player, for the reason that the size and eminence of the deal knocked the props from under Pratt's little lawsuit, which was based upon the theory that his reputation had been damaged by reported loose talk of Ball regarding his laying down.

Pratt now parries this drive by sending in a sweet little missive to the Yanks' boss stating that he will not sign a Yankee contract just now, much as it pains him to take this viewpoint. He is so particular, in fact, that he explains that he is no common holdout, but merely does not elect to place his John Hancock upon said paper at the figure at present decorating that instrument. This verbiage may be deep, but it conveys a meaning. Its significance is that Pratt also has two bows to his string, that he proposes playing both of them just like the great Alex and that he has a concrete leverage in a live lawsuit. In any event, he shows that he proposes to back up his assertion that he will not sign any contract until Ball has satisfied his claim for damages. He is perfectly indifferent, no doubt, as to where the coin comes from.

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JUDGING from certain statements accredited to Alexander since he came to Philadelphia to visit friends, the player feels that he has another basis for a financial claim provided neither Weeghman nor Baker comes across with bonus money. Said grounds appear to be cruel and inhuman treatment, lacerated feelings and failure to provide.

Huggins Will Conduct Baseball Training School

MANAGER MILLER HUGGINS, of the Yankees, will do something besides managing this season and if reports are true the diminutive chieftain of the great baseball disappointment which annually afflicts the populace of the big town is about to start something calculated to work a sadly needed reform. The diagnosis, after a careful X-ray examination, impresses Doctor Huggins that fundamentals are the patient's need, and in order to ground the men in the underlying principles of the great national pastime he proposes starting a School of Applied Baseball this spring.

This brand-new educational plant will disport a full course of instruction in sliding, hitting and conditioning; will be installed at the training camp at Macon, and will be conducted with the aid of an able-bodied understudy to the dean in the person of Pat O'Connor, who will give his special attention to the pitchers.

The Huggins diagnosis at least is correct, for the Yanks during the many years of their haphazard and mysterious career have operated apparently upon the Frank Chance theory that big league ball players ought to know all the fundamentals and that if not grounded in the basic principles of the sport they are not eligible for big league play. But Huggins has besides something behind him upon which to base his plans in the respect named, a hope of getting results, for he has shown himself to be a great coach of players. Any one witnessing the Cards in action last season was bound to observe the unusually fine form displayed by young players who came to the team from small leagues unripe and unheralded.

Rogers Hornsby's case is the most notable. The now great player was awfully green when he was plucked from the Texas cacti and did not bring with him even a reputation as a hitter.

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THE appalling number of Yankee players nailed last year at the plate in attempting to score from second on a single is a simple illustration of the opportunity confronting Huggins in staging a special course in base-running.

Hornsby's Hitting Style Torn Up From the Bottom

WHEN the records are searched it is readily seen what a long chance was taken in giving Hornsby a big league tryout, for when he came to the Cardinals from the Dennison team of the Texas League near the close of the 1915 season he had nothing to show but a two-year hitting mark of .232 and .277 and a reputation of being a weaker fielder than a hitter. And during the remainder of the 1915 season, when he played in eighteen games in the big leagues, Hornsby hit below his previous year's record, his figure being .236.

It was in the following spring that Huggins did the legerdemain act with the now great holdout celebrity. Hornsby was choking his bat and hitting feverishly, missing the average strike about a foot. Huggins showed him how to swing with a longer bat held at the end and soon Hornsby had the knack of the natural swing, since which time no player can show a freer stroke or one with more heft behind it. Hornsby's experience has proved that he was a born hitter, but it took a hitting expert to detect his mistake in form and to point the remedy.

Golf as a Cartoonist Sees It

NO OTHER cartoonist in the country catches the spirit of golf and presents it in such a humorous form as does Claire Briggs. He was the first artist to see the comic side of the game that is being played in this country by a million men and women. Philadelphia golfers await with interest the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER each Saturday and Briggs never disappoints them. The average baseball fan is deaf and dumb in comparison with the golf fiend. Give them the same start and let them talk about their favorite game, and the baseball bug will be exhausted long before the golfer has really started to say something about the royal and ancient game.

Briggs is a golfer, and the thing that drove him to playing the game was listening to his golfing friends discussing the game. Put a nongolfer in a crowd with golfers and he is hopelessly out of the conversation, for the golfacs talk of nothing else but golf. He is a keen student of the game, and the many amusing things that come up in a day's play have given the excellent cartoonist a fund of material that he employs to the best advantage. Would any one but Briggs have conceived the picture of the golfer shown on this page, who, reduced to extremities by the weather and general situation, proceeds to make of his home a replica of some of those castle-torn houses in northern France?

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TO THOSE of us who have seemed lost this winter because of the lack of an opportunity to play the game, the cartoon will have a big appeal to the risibilities.

MUGGSY HAS NEW UNKNOWN FIND

Lightweight Has Won Many Battles, but Has No Name

CALLAHAN AT NATIONAL

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

CAMBRIA A. C.—Gussie Lewis trounced Young Merino; Frankie Conway had an easy time with Terry Miller; Eddie Mullin defeated Danny Davis; Jim Tierney won from Hughie Hutchinson; Jimmy McDonnach stopped Kid Le Roy in the third.

CLEVELAND—Matt Brock knocked out Monk Fowler in the sixth round.

BOSTON—Benny Valger knocked out Tommy Regan in the eighth of a twelve-round fight.

PROVIDENCE—Chick Hayes and Billy De Vee fought a twelve-round draw.

By BILL BELL

Herman Taylor, the enterprising manager and fistic authority, is a very busy person these days. He is about to leave for Boston, where his star performer, Johnny Tillman, mingles with Jimmy Duffy in a twelve-round battle on Tuesday night. All of this takes time and some worry, but it seemed to be the last of Muggsy's troubles when he dropped into the office today. He had a news item and was not at all bashful about spilling it.

"I gotta new boy," said Muggsy, "and he is the real goods. Can fick anybody around here and I'm gonna match him with all of the 133-poundegs and beat 'em all. My new phenom is only nineteen years old, has had fifteen important fights and won all of them. He certainly is the Georges."

What's in a Name?

"What is the name of this champion?" we asked.

"Name?" asked Muggsy, as he paused to get his second wind. "Name? Of course he has a name. Now, that's funny. I forgot to ask him. Wait till I get him on the phone." Muggsy will have a name for his new fighter if he has to wish one on him himself.

Callahan Meets McGovern

Frankie Callahan, of Brooklyn, will appear in the final act at the National tonight against Terry McGovern, the North Side mauler. Terry is anxious to get a crack at Callahan, as he wants to stage a comeback of something. "Callahan isn't much of a fighter," says Terry, "and I know I can give him lots of trouble. The only man I have trouble with these days is Tommy Carey. I'd rather meet Callahan six nights in a week than box Carey once a month. I guess Tommy has my number."

Battling Murray will be given a severe test when he meets Jack Wolpert, the Lancaster flyweight, in the semi-wind-up. The other bouts will present Johnny Byron and Mike Howell, Danny Buck and Joe Wright and Johnny O'Mara, a citizen of Lelperville, Pa., meets Johnny Sharkey.

Glassman Orates

Phil Glassman, boss of Lew Tendler, expects a hard battle with Tommy Toughey at the Olympia, next Monday night. "I can't see why you say it will be a 'set-up,'" howled Phil over the phone. "Toughey ain't to bum or a pork and beaner. He's a swell battler and will give Tendler jest as hard a fight as Jackson or the others. Lew doesn't expect a cinch and, take it from me, it will be a regular scrap."

Joe Lynch and Benny Valger will meet in the wind-up at the Olympia a week from Monday night. Mike Ertle and Young McGovern will box in the semi.

Tommy Reilly is willing to help the boxing glove fund if given a chance. He says that his battler, Preston Brown, will give one-half of the money he makes in the ring to the cause. All he wants is a chance to fight.

Johnny Tillman received word yesterday that he has been placed A-1 in the draft. He is the sole support of his mother and an invalid sister, but says he will not make any protest and that he will be ready to go when called.

EARL CADDOCK NEW WRESTLING CHAMPION

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 9.—Earl Caddock the new world's heavyweight wrestling champion, was back in Camp Dodge at his duties today as an army private after winning a referee's decision from Wladek Zbyszko last night. Each man had won a fall when the agreed time limit expired.

Notes of the Bowlers

The peg topplers resumed play after the general mix-up of nights due to fuel-saving holidays. Northwestern No. 2 of the Artisan League was handed a double defeat by the Lehigh quintet, the former losing the final game by four pins.

Lehigh, which has been running in a tie with Harmony, lost its three games, thus giving Harmony the lead in this division. Kensgrotte, in his last game, struck a strident and beat out Larchwood, making the second game it has won this season.

Sun Company, in the Petroleum League, took two out of three from Texaco, leaders of this league. Toland, of Texaco, made a great get-away, scoring 216 in his first roll, which helped his squad to win the odd game.

Songster, of the Golf team, was out of condition. He permitted Snyder to roll the next two, but he also failed to make good as a scorer.

Underdown, of the Artisans, Section A, added considerably to its count when it took three straight from Adelphia. It totaled 2767 pins for three games, winning the final game with but five pins.

Adelphia, by losing three to Underdown, also lost second place in its league when Bartram took the odd game from Northwestern No. 1.

Anders showed superb form when he rolled them over for 222 in his first game, 231 in his second and 165 in his third, making more than 600 for a total.

Campbell, Kline and Anders each found them for double counts. A. Blind was used by Adelphia in the first games, but Theis, reporting, replaced him.

Santa Maria, in the K. of C. League, robbed the Pan Salvador of a victory when it substituted Sweeney for Wormer in its last game, his scoring being a feature.

St. Leo's recovered its stride and defeated San Domingo in its series, Fredericks showing excellent form when he felled them for 223 in his roll-off and netting 211 in his second game.

Mooney, Thompson, Morgan, Costigan and Fredericks, of the K. of C. League, all went over the top for 200 and over.

Doves, of the Mucko League, continue their winning stride, taking all three from Crows; Parrots divided with the Woodpeckers; Owls took two from Robins, while the Eagles did likewise to Sparrows, losing the last game by a mere three pegs.

Kirk, of Section B in the Artisans, was the only bowler to earn double counts in his section, toppling them for 202 and 201 in his first two games.

A GREAT DEAL CAN BE DONE WITH THE IMAGINATION

NEW PENN RULING HELPS ATHLETICS

Shorter Classes Enables Minor Sports to Flourish With Military Training

RUTGERS GAME TONIGHT

Some time ago the Athletic Council at Penn passed a rule making military training compulsory for athletes, and this law virtually was a deathblow to minor sports, for it was stipulated that the drills had to be made in the regulation military uniforms. Seeing the error of their ways, it was not long before a concession was made and the minor sport candidates were allowed to drill in their athletic uniforms.

This did not prove satisfactory, for less than an hour a day is devoted to minor sport practice and most of this was eaten up by the military training. Now Dean McClellan, the head of the Wharton School, has cut the length of the classes from one hour to fifty minutes.

The cut in the time limit will enable the athletes to get out for military training at 1:30. The regulation one-hour drill in military uniforms then will be held, and from 1:30 on the athletes will be able to practice their respective sports. The rule will go into effect at the beginning of the new semester next Monday.

The last basketball game of this semester will be played in Weightman Hall tonight, when the Red and Blue lines up against the much-touted Rutgers five, with the renowned Robeson, of football fame, as one of the New Brunswick forwards.

It is very likely that Lew Martin, the injured captain of the Red and Blue, will return to the court with the Quakers tonight, but he will not start the game. Coach Jourdet plans to send him in during the closing minutes, provided that the Penn aggregation has a commanding lead.

The game tonight will not affect the standing in the league, for Rutgers is not a member of the intercollegiate organization. The next league game will be played with Cornell at Ithaca on Tuesday afternoon.

CORNELL ENTERS TEAM IN FOUR-MILE RELAY

Cornell has sent word to the management of the Annual Penn Relay Carnival, April 26 and 27, that a four-mile relay team will be entered and possibly a one-mile relay team. Chicago and Massachusetts Institute of Technology are also expected to enter a quartet of milers against Penn and Cornell in the four-mile event.

More than thirty colleges have entered teams to date. Franklin and Marshall, Haverford, Swarthmore, Rutgers and Stevens Institute will compete for the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate A. A. championship race.

Texas and Florida Will View Big League Training

More big league teams will train this spring in Texas and Florida than any other Southern States. No fewer than ten clubs will get into condition for the pennant races in towns in these two states. The Chicago Cubs, with the most traveling them any other team. Their training camp is situated at Pasadena, Cal.

IZZY HOFFMAN LEAVES FOR WESTERN SHOOT

Local Gunner to Compete in Championships at Kansas City Next Week

Harry (Izzy) Hoffman, one of this city's crack pigeon shots, has left town in quest of bigger honors in the trap-shooting world. Hoffman and another local wing shot boarded a train for Missouri, where they will try their marksmanship next week against the Western State shooters in the western championship pigeon tourney at Kansas City.

Robert Kline, of York, has been informed by a basketball that the big wild animal he shot in the mountains northeast during the recent hunting season was a catamount or a North American tiger. It measured forty-four inches from head to tail and weighed sixty-five pounds.

Three gunners, J. Kane, Paul Berger and Billy Wolstencroft, are the trio of gunners in the Tradesmen's League who have made perfect scores this season.

Gunning Notes

Target matches slated for today around Philadelphia are at Hedgeville Junction, Manoa, Cobbs and Rivertol.

Charles Dubbs, of Pitman, N. J., and Harry Morrison, of Ogden, N. J., are the only two amateur trap shots in those parts.

The Chestnut Hill Gun Club members are awaiting the ice under the canoe house on the lake. The club trapshoot, Fourth street and Hills avenue, Wissahickon.

The Academy Gun Club, at Chester Hill, is the headquarters for many local gun shots. The club's annual shoot is scheduled for Washington's birthday.

Harry Cain, of West Philadelphia, has announced his intention of shooting in the Pennsylvania State championships, to be held tomorrow at Harrisburg on February 22.

KENTUCKIANS ENTHUSE OVER BIG-LEAGUE BALL

The exhibition games which the Giants and Indians will play in Lexington, Ky., on April 13 will be the first major-league game ever staged in that city, and the fans in the Blue Grass town are looking forward eagerly to the coming of the diamond stars. Lexington has long been a stronghold of racing, and while baseball, too, has been closely followed in that section of Kentucky, the exhibition to be given by the National League champions and their American League rivals will add a new impetus to the sport down there.

Other cities to be visited by the teams on their joint tour will be Dallas, April 4 and 5; Houston, 6 and 7; New Orleans, 8, 9 and 10; Memphis, 11, and Chattanooga, 12.

BUNNIN CONTINUES TO LEAD SCORERS

Former South Philly Forward Closely Pressed by Northeast Captain

REEVES IS FAVORITE

Basketball Games Today

Rutgers at Penn.
Central H. S. vs. Girard College, at Girard.
Wilmington Friends' School vs. Swarthmore Prep, at Swarthmore, Pa.
George School vs. Haverford School, at Haverford, Pa. (two games).
School of Pedagogy vs. Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf, at Mount Airy (two games).
Norristown H. S. vs. Wilmington H. S., at Wilmington, Del. (night).
Lower Merion at Chester High.
Naval Training Camp at St. Joseph's College.
Villanova Prep at St. Joseph's Prep.
Fourth Naval Reserves at Penn Frosh.

By PAUL PREP

It is now only a question of a few days until Gendel Reeves, basketball captain of Northeast High, passes Micky Bunnin, formerly of South Philadelphia, in the race for individual scoring honors in the first division of the public high school cage league.

Bunnin now is playing with the School of Pedagogy, and although the future professors compete with the high school teams their records don't count, Reeves participated in one game this week against Trades and scored eleven field goals, which boosted his mark above Trautwein's and Surgeon's, who also have played their last school contest.

Reeves is four points behind Bunnin, with 126 credits. Trautwein continues to hold fourth place and Surgeon third. Clark, of West Philadelphia, has been shifted from guard to center and now will have more opportunity to tally two-pointers. Evenson, of Trades, competed in two championship tilts this week and boosted his supplier of points to sixty-nine, one more than Clark's.

One reason why Northeast is leading the league in team standing is its strong offensive power. Four representatives of the Lehigh avenue school are found in the leading ten scorers—Reeves, Herzog, Schleicher and Wetherly.

Owing to the continued shortage of fuel several of the games scheduled for the last week were postponed. Germantown and Frankford teams didn't play, as the members of the team couldn't boost their scoring records.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING RECORDS

	Field Goals	Foul Goals	Total Points
Bunnin, S., forward	22	80	120
Reeves, N. E., forward	20	81	121
Surgeon, S., forward	17	77	111
Trautwein, C. H. S., forward	26	58	110
Evenson, T., forward	10	69	89
Clark, W. P., guard	16	58	90
Herzog, N. E., forward	10	67	87
Schleicher, N. E., center	12	58	82
Wetherly, N. E., guard	12	58	82
Sortisio, C. H. S., guard	12	58	82
Keating, C. H. S., forward	15	58	88
Kinsley, W. P., forward	15	58	88
Kinsley, W. P., guard	15	58	88
Dornhelm, P., forward	14	58	86
Berthold, N. E., guard	10	58	78
McCann, W. P., forward	16	58	90
Berkley, G., forward	15	58	88
Rhoades, W. P., forward	15	58	88
K. Hutchinson, C. H. S., guard	11	58	80
Wood, T., forward	11	58	80
Leibler, P., center	10	58	78
Fetzer, C. H. S., center	9	58	76
W. Buckman, C. H. S.	3	58	64
Milestone, S., guard	8	58	74
Gilbert, N. E., forward	11	58	80
Hall, S., guard	6	58	70
French, W. P., guard	6	58	70
White, N. E., guard	6	58	70
Spratt, T., guard	4	58	66
Porter, S., guard	3	58	64
Armstrong, C. H. S., center	4	58	66
Toler, W. P.	4	58	66
Mackbeth, W. P.	4	58	66

BERRY MAY NOT RUN FOR CAMP DIX TEAM

Howard Berry, the world-renowned University of Pennsylvania athlete, will not be seen at the preparedness games of the Metropolitan Association at the Thirteenth Regiment Armory, New York, on Monday night unless the military authorities at Camp Dix see their way clear to sending him from Wrightstown with the Camp Dix relay team, which is entered in the one-mile race for soldier and sailor teams.

According to the list of members of the team, which was received at the Amateur Athletic Union office yesterday, Berry's name is not down to run at the Brooklyn meet. The four men named are Lieutenants William Anderson, G. C. Anderson, William Kelly and W. Howard. Howard ran in Berry's place on the Camp Dix four at the Boston A. A. games last week.

Basketball Notes

St. Anne C. C. would like to arrange games with first and second class teams having halls. James D. McFadden, 2534 East Somerset street.

Pannonia B. B. A. Class B would like to arrange games with thirteen and fourteen year old teams at home or away. Samuel Berg, manager, 1502 South Twentieth street.

South Branch Y. M. C. A. would like to arrange games with first-class traveling teams. Ted Crawford, 1534 Emily street.

Elliott-Lewis Reserves would like to arrange games with second-class quintets having halls. Edward Krem, 1017 Race street, or call Walnut 4601 or Race 1590.

The A. M. B. B. C., junior champions of the city, are desirous of defending their championship against the winners of the National Basketball League. William Segal, care of the Starr Garden Recreation Center, Seventh and Lombard streets.

LOSSES TO WHITE SOX AND GIANTS SMALL, BUT OTHERS UNCERTAIN OF MAKE-UP THE COMING SEASON

Baseball Pennant Picking During Months of February and March More Perplexing Than Ever This Year—Coy Greatest Line Smasher

By GRANTLAND RICE

DOPING out pennant races in February or March has never been one of the most certain undertakings in the realm of things. Even in steady years, when every one knew just what man each club had to offer, the assignment has been fraught with considerable upset.

But 1918 is going to be the toughest of the lot. Few managers are going to know in advance every man they can keep. And others who have lost men will not know just what the deficit will be until the actual test arrives.

How the Game Goes

Baseball is a queer game in this respect. There has been more than one club that finished like a bad ball club—where just one or two men added at certain spots would have produced a championship winner.

There have been other championship clubs where the loss of one or two men would have brought on disaster. But no one can ever know just when this shift is due. Early in 1915 the Phillies lost any number of stars. They lost a good catcher, two good infielders, a pitcher and an outfielder. They had not been able to win in 1914. Yet in 1915, despite these losses, Pat Moran stepped out and won a pennant. In 1914 the Braves won a championship and a world series in four games. In 1915 they lost Bill James and one infielder, and immediately dropped out of the running.

For 1918

It is pretty well established for 1918 that both McGraw and Rowland can afford to lose a man or two, or even more, and still have good ball clubs.

Their losses are hardly likely to grow sufficiently in volume to haul them back any great distance.

But no one can tell just what the losses that Cleveland has suffered will mean. This club was on its way up last year. It was just beginning to reach its stride. But it wasn't strong enough to stand any such jolts as the drain brought on.

The Hardest Line Hitter

In a football confab the other day some one brought up the subject as to who should stand as the greatest line hitter of all time.

All time covers quite a bit of ground—far more than we can see in our limited observation.

But some interesting data was furnished. In the East Ted Coy was given prominent mention. McCormick, of Princeton, was another. In the West there were Heston, Salmon and Magidsen, among others.

But it is extremely doubtful if any man could hit a line harder than Ted Coy. Tackles, guards and defensive halfbacks who have got in his way all give him the leading vote. Coy ran with terrific power. He was harder than an aurochs bull to overthrow. He landed with crashing effect and only the strongest sort of resistance could hold him in check. He may have had his superior at this peculiarly gentle and delicate art, but no man who ever tried to stop the old Yale star will believe it.

There may have been greater line hitters in the old days, when line hitting was a big part of the game. The old guards-back and tackles-back formations may have produced more powerful plungers than Coy, but they must have been exceptionally supermen. Heston and Salmon were among the great line-smashing stars of the West. Heston was a fine broken field runner, but with his ability to start at top speed and his unusual leg power he could also tear a set of forwards with demolishing effect. Salmon, of Notre Dame, was another who could fight his way along with any sort of help. The list is too long to be given in full, but it is very doubtful that any four men had it on Coy, McCormick, Heston and Salmon for all-around line plunging worth.

KIECKHEFER WINS WORLD'S BILLIARD TITLE

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Augie Kieckhefer, of Chicago, won the world's championship at three-cushion billiards from Alfredo De Oro, of Cuba, by scoring 50 points to the former champion's 31 in last night's play, giving him a total of 150 to De Oro's 126 for the entire match.

OLDRING MAY COME BACK TO ATHLETICS

Rube Has Sold Farm and Hints He May Get in Game Again

Rube Oldring, who retired from baseball while still in his prime, will probably be found in Connie Mack's outfield again next season.

Oldring recently sold his farm and equipment, near Marlboro, N. J., and moved his family to a new home in West Philadelphia, which he immediately purchased.

The ball tosser is said to have confided to a friend in south Jersey that virtually all arrangements had been made for him to play with the Mackmen again next season.

Over the phone last night Connie Mack was extremely reticent in talking about the probability of Oldring playing with the Athletics again. "I knew Oldring has returned to Philadelphia and bought a home here," he admitted, "but whether he will play with the Athletics is something I can't discuss."

BIG RED CROSS DOG SHOW IS PROMISING

Total of 2693 Entries Listed for New York February 20-23

All signs point to a big society and sporting success for the forty-second annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club, in which all the profits will be donated to the American Red Cross, to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York city, from February 20 to 23. The dogs nominated total 1636, making a duplication of entries an aggregate entry of 2693. The actual nomination of dogs is 150 less than for last year's Westminster show, but ahead by about the same total of the 1916 show, so that the fixture still well deserves its place as the greatest dog show of the world.

A benching of 1636, which will be the case if all the actual dogs named are paid for will be on competition, means that under the new system of counting the championship points thirty-nine of the fifty-seven breeds having a classification will be five-point breeds toward a title, while of the nineteen to fall short of the maximum of five points, there are four—Doberman Pinschers, French bulldogs, smooth fox terriers and Pekingese—that just fail to pass the four-point mark.

SPORTS SERVED SHORT

W. L. Allen, of this city, led a field of fifty veterans in the annual seniors' tournament at the Bellevue Country Club, with a gross score of 87 and a net of 69.

The University of California has decided to give an rowing for the year.

The soccer games scheduled for today and Monday in the Allied and Industrial Leagues have been called off.

The Northeast High School defeated Friends' Central in the dual indoor meet by a score of 39 1-3 to 28 2-3.

Miller Huggins has received the unsigned contract from Derrill Pratt. The latter says he wants the suit against Phil Ball settled first.

Howard Baker, a third baseman of promise, has sent his contract in to the Giants. He played with New Orleans last year.

Jimmy Johnston, the Robins' young outfielder, has signed his contract.

Ferdinand Ames Unger won the national Class C 18.2 balk-line billiard title with a clean string of victories in Brooklyn.

Jack Eller, the famous timber topper, has been appointed physical director by the Y. M. C. A. army camp committee.

Ray Caldwell will remain as one of the Yankee pitching stars, says Miller Huggins after a conference with the twirler.

Girard College High School swimmers defeated the alumni swimmers by a score of 47 to 7 at the Y. M. C. A.

Athletic authorities at Northwestern University called off the annual interscholastic track and field meet set for March 26. The biggest event of the kind scheduled in the West this year. The war was given as a reason.

James Marie Johnston, the outfielder, sent in his signed contract to President Charles H. Ebbets, of the Brooklyn Baseball Club. Shortstop Jimmy batted .270 in 103 games in 1917.

Michael A. Devaney, the star distance runner of the Millrose Athletic Association, has been caught in the draft.

Eddie Loos, the Philadelphia Cricket Club professional, played the championship course at Pinehurst in 34—36—70, thus establishing a new low figure for the season.

The 100-target handicap at the Pinehurst Gun Club was won by Jay Y. Hall, of New York, on the shoot-off of a tie with J. H. Andrews, of Akron, Ohio, in which Hall stood at 92—8—100, and Andrews at 82—18—100.

Ed. Konetchy, the big first baseman of the Braves, threatened to retire from baseball unless he gets an increase in salary. It is not known whether the contract sent the first baseman called for less than he drew last season.

Donie Bush and Pitcher James have signed their 1918 contracts with Detroit. Both are subject to draft, but were exempted.

James because he failed to pass the eyesight and Bush has a dependent mother and elderly.

Outfielders Tris Speaker and Roth, of the Cleveland Americans, signed their 1918 contracts.

The finals of the St. Valentine tournament for women were played at Pinehurst. Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, formerly national champion medalist, took the first division trophy by defeating Mrs. J. D. Armstrong, of Buffalo, 7 up and 6 to play.

Nathaniel W. Niles, of Boston, won the Hippodrome Challenge Cup, emblematic of the American amateur figure skating championship, at the Crystal Carnival Ice Rink, New York, in an unusually close competition with Miss Theresa Weld, of Boston, who won the cup last year.

Announcement has been made by the Country Club of Atlantic City to the effect that the annual spring golf tournament will be held May 2, 3 and 4. Last fall the Davidson Herron, of Princeton, won the event held on that course.

The title of world's professional skating champion passed from Edmund Lamy, of Saranac Lake, to Bobby McLean, of Chicago. McLean won the three events held at Saranac Lake and had a safe lead in each finish to give him the title.

Dean Briggs, head of the Harvard athletic committee, will recommend that Yale, Harvard and Princeton hold their delayed conference February 22 to endeavor to formulate an athletic policy for major sports.

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HOFFNER AND FRENCH LEAVE TODAY ON BIG GOLFING TRIP

Will Play in Tournaments Throughout South and Participate in Exhibition Matches

By PETER PUTTER

CHARLIE HOFFNER and Emmett French left this city today for the sunny South. They will visit all the big golf courses in the southland, including Pinehurst, where both will play in the North and South championship, which last year was won by another Philadelphian, long Jim Barnes, of the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, who is now holding down the pro job at Palma Ceia, Tampa, Fla.

Hoffner is the youngest of three brothers who learned the game of golf while serving their caddieship at the Bala Golf Club. George is now in the national service, while Charlie is not yet old enough to come under the draft. Bob was one of the sensations of the Bala tournament last year, winning the second flight with the greatest of ease.

Charlie was runner up to Jim Barnes in the open championship of this city last year, and for a number of years he has figured rather prominently in the professional tournaments. He has been at the Philmont Country Club for the last two years, and he is not only an excellent player but a very good teacher.

Emmett French, who is a professional at the York Country Club, was the locker boy at the old Merion Cricket Club, and as the locker boys at most clubs have a lot of leisure time at their disposal in the morning he soon became expert at the game. He has been among the leaders in professional golf, as a number of our best players have found out to their sorrow.

Hoffner and French will team up during their visit to the South, and they will not only participate in all the big tournaments, but they will play a number of exhibition matches, the majority of which will be of a patriotic nature. They expect to be back North about the first of April.

While it is a bit early for the ball players to begin their spring training, many of the best-known professional golfers are either in the South or will shortly leave for their annual winter visits. Most of the big courses south of the Mason and Dixon Line have open tournaments during February and March and hang up attractive prizes.

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