

MUGSY SAYS 'MEDICINAL CONDITIONING' AND TRAINING ARE NOT THE SAME THINGS AT ALL

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

JOHNNY OVERTON'S MAGNIFICENT CAREER IN ATHLETICS A LESSON TO COUNTRY'S AMBITIOUS YOUTH

Called in Football and Baseball, but Kept at It Until He Found Suitable Sport. Father Tells His Story

The sudden announcement that Johnny Overton, sterling Yale athlete and holder of the world's indoor mile record of 4:16 made in the Mead...

Johnny Overton may not come back. He may lose his life in the display of that high degree of courage and grit that made of him a wonderful athlete after discouraging experiences.

HE PROVED a complete flivver in several fields of athletics, according to his father, who tells an interesting story of just how he happened to land in the distance running game.

Running Last Thing Overton Thought

RUNNING, or rather distance running, was the last thing the boy thought of," he stated during a faring session when a male audience was forcing him to tell something about his son at the time he was burning up things in eastern track circles.

"In fact," he continued, "the family always has been noted for large, fat feet and when the boy consulted me about his plans, I had to get at the problem by a process of elimination. I was obliged to encourage his spirit.

"Wind, of course, is the big thing in the distance stuff," he said, "and this he gained from mountain climbing. I guess he covered every inch of the ground around the mines at Bon Air during each summer and as a result his lung power is remarkably fine.

THERE was only one record of the son that pleased the already proud parent more than his athletic one, and that was his coming forward at once and enlisting for the biggest fight of them all, in which he now is engaged and already has shown the same stuff as in his athletic career, as shown by his promotion to a captaincy.

McGraw Accused of Trying to Beat the Gun

CHARGES come from Pittsburgh to the effect that Mugsy McGraw is trying to camouflage his training season plans in a way to give him a flying start over the opposition. Said charges are based upon the fact that a half dozen pitchers, two catchers and two infielders from the Giant squad are going to beat it to Hot Springs March 2, while the National League rules require that training shall start not earlier than thirty days prior to the opening of the league season.

The reply of the New York club is that the men are not going for baseball training, but that the whole scheme is to provide "medicinal conditioning." Said medicinal conditioning is stated to consist of golf, horseback riding, mountain climbing, viewing the ponies in action, bathing and visiting the movies.

It looks as if a nice little point for a scuffle has arisen, for it is going to take some ingenuity to define what is the difference between training for the baseball season and "medicinal conditioning."

ONE theory is that the scheme merely is some Teuton rough-stuff—a rise to get the players there to play the races so that they will be well trimmed at the start of the season and will be docile and gentle. This view of the situation offers thought to managers having a flock of holdouts on hand.

Collins as Fit as When Zim Chased Him Home

EDDIE COLLINS will play baseball this season. This big sensation of the midwinter circuit is surprising enough to warrant a Chicago paper playing it up with pictures. And all the human interest stuff appears as garish to the big story just like water cross around a double cut of strion.

The story lacks one feature of a real winter league story, and that is that Eddie does not come across with the usual stuff about playing the game of his life. This defect is cured by Manager Rowland, however, who recently saw Eddie while in the East and who proves himself a swell pinch hitter in the stove league newspaper game.

Collins is in better condition right now than he has been for a long time. I met Eddie in New York when I attended the baseball meeting. I was surprised to find he had taken off weight. He is ten pounds lighter than last season. When asked for an explanation of his exceptionally good physical condition, Eddie told me it was due to his incessant activity.

Rowland's general statement. The great player has kept himself fit during the cold weather by skating, shoveling snow and indulging in various other brisk outdoor pastimes.

Jim Vaughn Leading Holdout for the Day

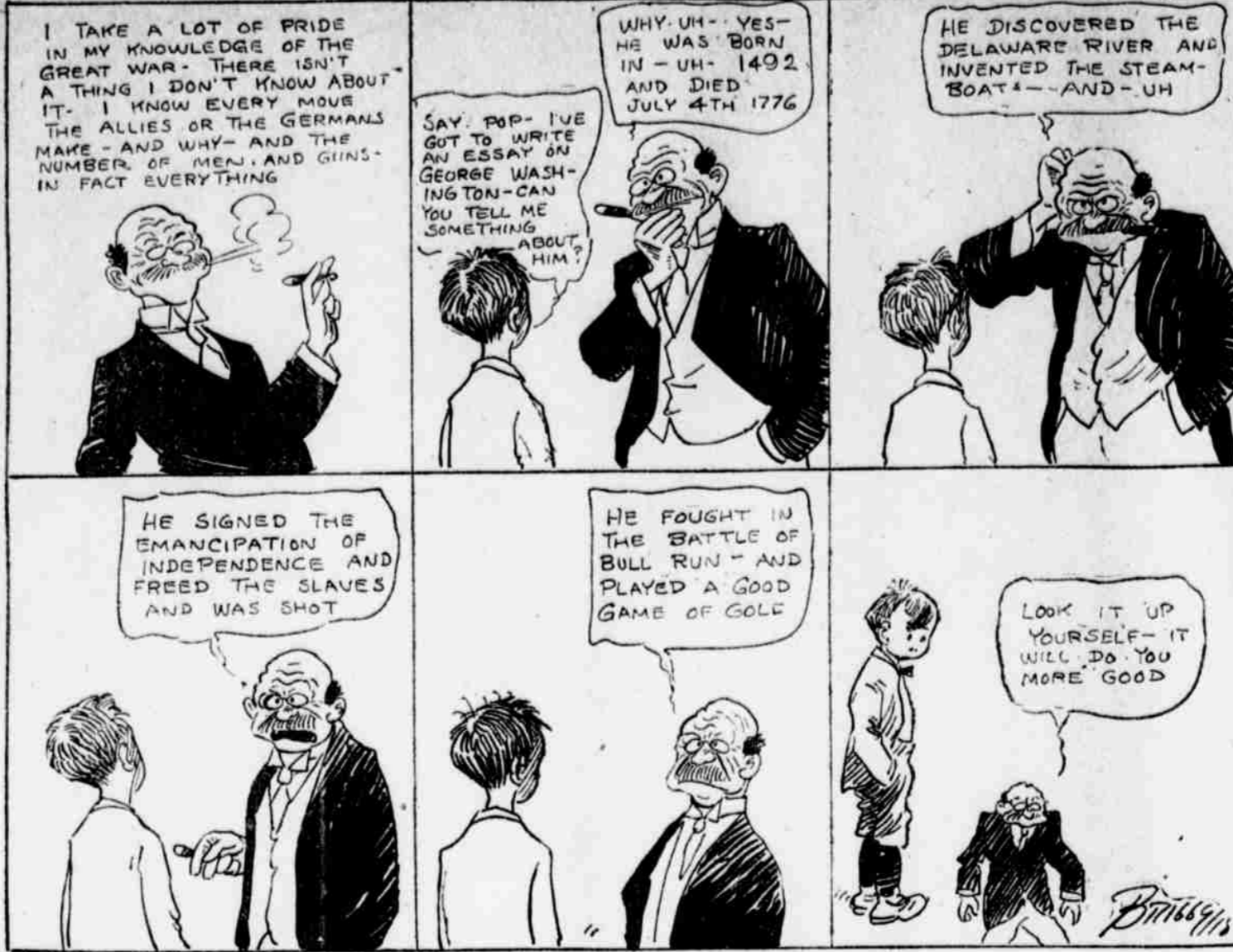
THE leading holdout for the day is James Vaughn, Esq., the Texas cab-man who had his best season last year and expects to raise his previous record and also his salary the coming season. The great lefthander is one of the class that has been in the big leagues long enough to know that a little holdout publicity is a good means of getting into print in the off season and is well worth while whether it succeeds or not.

Some of the Chicago scribes do not take Vaughn seriously, although he came through last year. One of them has discovered that the mammoth lawyer already has engaged an apartment for the summer and it was crucial to him to print this so that Weagman and Mitchell might accidentally see Vaughn worked last season under a bonus arrangement and the incentive was like a charm. Vaughn's disposition will fit a conditional contract and the success of the arrangement doubtless will land him another better one this year.

Few Ball Players Not Born on American Soil

THE fact that very few baseball players are entitled to the distinction of being the American national pastime is shown by the birth figures, which show that more than a dozen of the 400 major league performers were born in foreign lands. The list of foreign born includes:

John Joseph Archer, born in Dublin; Catcher George Gibson, a trooper in the Civil War; Catcher Miguel Gonzalez, of the Cardinals, who broke his leg in the Mexican Revolution; Pitcher George Chalmers, born in Aberdeen, Scotland; and others.



9 PENN ATHLETES ARE INELIGIBLE

New Faculty Rule Now Effective Hits Many Red and Blue Teams

CAGE FIVE ESCAPES

A new faculty rule on the eligibility of athletes at the University of Pennsylvania was announced yesterday with the result that nine candidates for sporting teams immediately became ineligible. The new law raises the standard of scholastic requirements and from now on an athlete cannot carry more conditions than are equivalent to a three-hour course.

Robertson Loses Four

Coach Lawson Robertson has lost four of his best track men so far, they being Harvey Price, captain-elect of the cross-country team; Fred Davis, a sprinter; J. Beardwood, a pole vaulter, and Johnny Bartels, a freshman shotputter and hurdler.

Cornell Game Tonight

The basketball team which plays Cornell in the all-important game in the East tonight will be in good standing. The battle with the Ithaca team tonight gives the Red and Blue a chance virtually to clinch the intercollegiate championship.

Sports Served Short

The recent enlistment of Wesleyan sailors has caused Captain Bowyer, of the swimming team, to draw on the freshman class for material.

Pitcher Dave Danforth, of the Chicago Americans, signed a 1918 contract which dispenses with the usual college season.

The State chess championship will be the 100th state all day today in the rooms of the Franklin Chess Club, 109 N. 10th St.

The University of Pennsylvania chess team meets Columbia in the New York city tournament for the American intercollegiate championship today. It will take part in the New York state individual college chess tournament.

Miss Harriet Sheard, of Hartford, Conn., won the women's tennis tournament at Heliar Heights, Pa. when she defeated the winner of the New York City, in the final match by 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Ernest Knob, pitcher, notified Business Bureau of the fact that he had been accepted for the aviation service and would not play with the St. Louis team this season.

The Hazleton club, of the Pennsylvania state basketball League, will stage a benefit game for the local city tomorrow when the proceeds will go to the benefit of the Hazleton hospital.

Athletic directors who have received complimentary passes to the World's Fair, will be permitted to accompany their respective teams to the fair.

VETERANS OF THIRTY AND FORTY WILL HAVE CHANCE OF THEIR LIVES IN CUP GOLF MATCHES

New Plan Will Permit Them to Lead Their Clubs in May-Day Battles of Links for Interclub Honors

By PETER PUTTER

THE Golf Association of Philadelphia decided to do away with the interclub matches this year largely because of the absence of so many of the young players. Delegates from the various clubs who supply the sixteen teams that play in the suburban team interclub games changed the point-scoring system for the same reason. It will be a great year for the veteran players.

Links Camouflage

But there will be a lot of old fellows in the thirties and the early forties who will try to hold down the places formerly held by the youngsters now in service. And in order to make it easier for the veterans, who, under normal conditions, would be playing somewhere well down the list, the delegates wisely changed the scoring system.

Would Have All Play

J. Franklin Meenan, of the North Hills Country Club, was very anxious to have twenty-five men on a team or more and make the affair a real interclub match, but as this would mean Saturday matches the delegates passed it up. Suburban Cup matches do not make a big hit on courses on a busy Saturday.

BOWLERS WILL ELECT CHIEF OFFICERS TODAY

CINCINNATI, Feb. 22.—The American Bowling Congress tourney got down to business in earnest today. Besides having the annual convention of the congress booked for this afternoon, all-day bowling made its appearance on the program. From now on the alleys will be in use virtually every morning, afternoon and night, with no time out for rest until the tourney is finished.

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Eddie Burns, Fine and Fit, Visits Friends in Frisco

Eddie Burns is visiting home friends, according to a Frisco paper, having arrived from Montreal, where he cuts in the winter. Eddie says he hasn't been keeping up with the current news of the city, but has been raising chickens and having a good time generally. He received a letter the other day from Frisco, which contained no information as regards the outlook for the year, he said. Burns is a proud father, having been placed in Class A1 by the draft board, which means he will be with the Phillies for a long, long time.

TENER DOOMS SPITBALL IN WARNING TO PITCHERS

Urges Youngsters Not to Use It and Indicates It Will Be Abolished

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Indicating that it was only a matter of a short time before the spitball would be abolished in the ranks of organized baseball, John K. Tener, president of the National League, yesterday issued a warning to all young pitchers, advising them not to cultivate the use of the spitball.

"Young pitchers starting to play professionally will find it to their advantage not to cultivate the use of the spitball," said Mr. Tener. "It will also be advantageous to National League players using this form of delivery to experiment as much as possible with some other style of pitching during the coming season. The spitball is a disgusting, unsanitary delivery, not likely to endure more than a few more seasons at the most. All the members of the National League rules committee, Dreyfus, Heydler and myself, are strongly opposed to it and favor its abolition."

Mr. Tener said a majority of National League players still were unopinionated, but asserted that the club owners would remain firm in their present position, as baseball conditions did not warrant the payment of larger salaries.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Baltimore St. JACK EDWARDS, Mgr. MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25. Jack Lester vs. Huskie Hutchinson. Frank Williams vs. Eddie Palmer. Joe Mendell vs. Phil Franzini. Jack Thompson vs. Albinston. Kid Lewis vs. Soldier Bartfield. 7:30. Res. 30c. 1st. Arena. \$1.50. Inc. war tax.

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Boosts and Bumps

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Ping Joins the Holdouts

MR. FRANK PAZZATTI, the demon outfielder who works for Connie Mack under the name of Ping Bodie, has been attacked by that dreaded "holdoutitis" germ and threatens to remain sick all summer. Mr. Pazzatti has been reading about the other big leaguers who have declared war on their nickel-nursing managers and believes he is in shape to pull the same line of stuff. At present he is confined to his home near So. Franklin and no one knows his troubles except the inhabitants of that western city on the shores of the Pacific.

Ping is highly indignant about something and from the steady flow of conversation his listeners are led to believe that he and Connie Mack are as close together as a pair of mile posts. According to Joe McInerney, who labors out in Frisco, Mr. Pazzatti is very much peeved over his 1918 contract and is devoting his time in orating about the high cost of living as compared with the low cost of baseball. He can't even convince himself that it is good ups.

Ping Is Indignant

"I ain't kickin' or nothin' like that," Ping told a friend the other day, "but I ain't offerin' ME part of the gross receipts. Connie sends me a new one, and wad'de think? He slips me a cut in salary an' offers me some of the gross receipts. Can you beat it? Offerin' ME part of the gross receipts. I ain't no fiter workin' on percentage, and any way, how can I tell if there's gonna be any gross receipts?"

"There ain't nothin' doin' on my contract. Connie might as well offer me a flock of green trees stamp 'cause times is hard. Yess, then magnates is hard guys. They ain't no human. They got cash registers where their hearts ought to be. They're harder to touch than Ty Cobb when he's runnin' wild on the bases. An' they offer ME a cut in salary and part of the gross receipts!"

"I an' th' Liberty Bell"

"Now you know I ain't braggin' about myself or anything like that, but I got to admit that I'm the only REAL ballplayer Connie's got. They ain't nobody else that can come through like me an' beat ME a bun contract for 1918 season. It ain't right, it ain't."

"Yess, I an' th' Liberty Bell is the only attractions in Philly. That's all they is to the town. I ain't th' kind of a guy to kick, but I ain't gonna stand for my new contract. I'm gonna hold out, I am. Can you beat it? Offerin' ME a part of the gross receipts. Who is this guy Gross, anyway?"

Holdouts Are Numerous

At that, Ping's case is not an unusual one. Less than 25 per cent of the

LEW TENDLER TO BOX FOR JOVIAL TWELVE

Lew Tandler, Philadelphia's candidate for the lightweight crown, is scheduled to give a three-round exhibition with his sparring partner in honor of the Jovial Twelve at the dance tonight at the New Auditorium Hall, Seventh street and Snyder avenue. Charles Schwartz, Philadelphia's downtown sportsman, will lead the grand march.

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