

WITH GLEASON AS LEADER COLLINS SAYS THERE'LL BE MORE HARMONY THAN IN SOUSA'S BAND

"A REAL NEW YEAR'S PRESENT," EXCLAIMS WHITE SOX CAPTAIN

With Gleason at Helm, Famous Second Baseman Says He Wouldn't Trade Chicago's Pennant Chances With Any Team in the League

"KID GLEASON, manager of the White Sox! That's the best New Year's present I could think of. Mark it down, that in view of the fact that Gleason has been made chief skipper of the Sox, I would not change places on any club with any one in the American League. By this I mean to say that the White Sox look to me as the one best bet for 1919 in the American League."

The "four-minute" man, who welcomed Gleason's appointment as leader of the White Sox for the coming pennant race, is none other than Eddie Collins, of Lansdowne, well-known marine and captain and second baseman of the Chicago club. Who is in a better position to judge the wisdom of Comiskey's move in fastening the rattling hardware to Clarence Rowland and in his place naming the diamond veteran, who started his baseball career in Scranton, Pa., in 1887? Yes, we'll bet, you.

Actions as well as words expressed Eddie Collins' delight at the appointment of Gleason as the big boss of the White Sox. The Lansdowne marine, who, incidentally, is some second sacker, too, bubbled over with enthusiasm at the thought that he would be cavorting around the key-stone sack for the White Sox this year, with the peppery Gleason in full command of the line of campaign.

"Now I wish to put you right on Gleason," continued Collins. "I do not want to leave the impression that one man makes a ball club and one man wins a pennant. That's not baseball—the game which is played and won or lost by a team. When I say that the White Sox will go better than ever with Gleason at the helm, I mean to convey that harmony of the Paderewski sort will prevail in the ranks.

"This fellow Gleason—and the fans know it, too—is one of the greatest handlers of men for whom I ever had the pleasure of working. He's of the Connie Mack type when it comes to having the confidence of his men on the ball field. He knows baseball from Z to A and then forward. And what places a value on his knowledge of the game is the fact that he also knows how to convey his baseball wisdom to others. Crafty as an old fox, Gleason is universally liked by all on the ball field. He is the one man to right the White Sox machine, because he has the respect of everybody, and I, at this minute, can see our white-hoed outfit jumping into the games to win as much for Kid Gleason's sake as for themselves.

"Now that Gleason has been named, I look for most of the White Sox stars, about whom we have heard so many rumors of trade this winter, returning to Comiskey's club."

Harmony Lacking During Reign of Rowland

COLLINS refused to discuss any lack of harmony that may have prevailed in the ranks of the White Sox, with Clarence Rowland at the head of affairs. He elected to pass off anything that Rowland might have done as lightly as possible and at the same time inserting a little boost for the personality of the ex-manager.

It, however, is known that the greatest of harmony did not prevail in the pale-hoed set during the reign of Rowland, who leaped right from the tall grass of the bush leagues to the lofty perch of leader of an all-star club in the fast set. With the crafty coaching skill of Gleason at his disposal in 1917, the all-star Sox barged the American League pennant. Without Gleason in 1918—well, the Sox finished third. Admirers of Rowland might point to the fact that a number of stars of the Sox quit the club in midseason in 1918 and Rowland in no way could be held responsible for this. Be it as it may, Rowland experienced considerable rough sledding in 1918.

Private Collins, of the marines, who yesterday incidentally dropped the remark that he thought Uncle Sam would be through with his services in time for him to resume his second basing for the Sox at the start of the 1919 pennant scrap, was willing to bet a base hit that not a single discord would prevail in the ranks of the White Sox with Gleason at the helm.

"I've seen in the papers that Happy Felisch may be traded to some other club by Comiskey," said Collins. "There, of course, is nothing impossible in baseball, but you can rest assured that if Felisch is traded—and I do not place much credence in this report—Comiskey will get a mighty fine ball player in return for him. I have gone on record before and want to repeat that Hap Felisch is one of the best outfielders in the game, and I expect to see him and all the other Chicago players back, just as anxious as I am for the clatter of the opening gun. And, oh! how they'll play their heads off for Kid Gleason.

"Why, you know that if Comiskey had gone to France he couldn't have made a better selection than Kid Gleason for the generalissimo of his ball club. I care not to go on record as predicting a pennant for the White Sox in 1919.

"I WILL tell you just how I feel over the appointment of Gleason when I declare that I would not trade the chances I now have of being with another winner."

"Leonard Great Fighter," Gleason's Famous Interview

"WHERE'S there a fight today?" said a gruff voice over the telephone yesterday.

"Well, who wants to know?" was the prompt reply.

"I'm an old-timer; I played baseball many years before they took the sugar bowls off the tables," answered the inquiring one on the other end of the wire.

"There's a fight down at the Olympia; Leonard's going to get a little practice with Paul Doyle, and at the National—." Before we could interrupt the old-timer of the principals at the other club, he butted in with: "Leonard fights, eh? That'll be some scrap and that's where I'll find Kid Gleason, for I have yet to find the 'Kid' many miles away when there's a fight on."

The old-timer was right. Seated in an arm chair at the Olympia A. A., with "Muggsy" Taylor at his side, was the new manager of the Chicago White Sox, Kid Gleason, who, he came to see a fight and not to tell his friends what he intended to do as the skipper of the White Sox.

"Wait till I get a line on those White Sox and then I'll tell you more about them," was the only comment about baseball that came from the veteran, who was extended the glad hand on all sides.

"TAKE it from me, I like this bird Leonard's hitting," ejaculated the "Kid" with a hearty laugh, when an old friend asked him what the White Sox would do in the 1919 race.

Caused Heinie Zim to Pull Notorious "Bone"

THE coming of Gleason into the big league managerial game recalls his craftiness when he formerly acted as coach. His last stroke of baseball trickery was in the world's series of 1917—he having refused to report to the Sox last year—when he rode "Heinie Zimmerman" so roughshod that the famous H. Z. forgot why they used bats, to the sad disappointment of his batting average. He also "kidded" Zim into that famous foot race, with the feet Eddie Collins from the third sack to the home plate in that eventful last try of 1917, classic Zim.

Gleason, of course, is elated over his choice as boss of the Sox, but has requested that he be granted an opportunity to talk over club matters with President Comiskey, of Chicago, before divulging any of his plans for the coming pennant brush. This is merely typical of Gleason. He weighs in the balance of his crafty baseball cranium every move before making it.

Perkins First to Sign Mack 1919 Contract Press agents are not wearing out any typewriter ribbons telling of the plans of Connie Mack, the lean leader of the Athletics, for the 1919 brush. News of 1919 dates at the Lehigh avenue stadium of the A's has been conspicuous for its absence since the close of last season, but we have it from an authentic source that C. Mack is transacting much business these days.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



FAST CAGE TEAM AT SOUTH PHILA.

With Veteran Material. Chances for Regaining Dutch Trophy Are Bright

OPEN WITH NORTHEAST

By PAUL PREP With virtually a team of veterans to take the floor in the opening game of the interscholastic season with Northeast High School next Tuesday afternoon, the students of South Philadelphia High School are unable to see anything but a cage victory for their representatives.

Not only do they expect the Southern quintet to open the league season with a win, but they are confident that the championship once again will be returned to the trophy case at Broad and Jackson streets, whence it was taken last winter.

Leopard on Sick List

The veterans upon whom the downtown Red and Black School is banking its hopes and everything are Captain Chick Passon and "Bunny" Freeman, forwards; Dessen, center and Kaplan and Goldblatt guards. Leopold, who jumped center in a number of games last season, is back in school, but is unable to practice, owing to sickness.

National Champions Lose

Bethlehem Soccer Team Defeated by St. Louis, 4-3

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—Spectacular shooting by the St. Louis forward line sent Bethlehem down to defeat by a score of 4 to 3 today in the championship soccer game in front of the Garden City veterans. Bethlehem defeated Intelfalls, 3 to 0, and tied the All-Stars, 1 to 1.

FINAL ROUND TODAY

Walker Meets Truesdell for Trophy at Pineshurst

Pineshurst, N. C., Jan. 2.—Arthur L. Walker, Jr., of the Richmond County Club, interscholastic champion and medalist in the midwinter golf tournament in course of decision here, and William Truesdell, of the Garden City veteran, winner of the senior championship at Apawamite, will do battle for the President's Trophy in the midwinter final today.

Germantown Shamrocks Win

Germantown Boys' Club Shamrock team treated the "Triple" quintet of a 30-to-13 margin in the Garden City City veterans, winner of the senior championship at Apawamite, will do battle for the President's Trophy in the midwinter final today.

Mohawk, 23; Cherokee, 6

In a Germantown Boys' Club interscholastic League basketball game last night the Mohawks defeated the Cherokee, 23 to 6, winning by 23 to 6 points.

Sailor Heiman Fails to Appear

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 2.—Sailor Jack Heiman, of Great Lakes, failed to show up for the American Amateur League which was played on Friday.

Osgood, Harvard "Prof," Defends College Coach

Raps Dean Angell for Stand Taken at Association Meeting on Professional Instruction

"TUTOR NOT MENACE"

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK PROF. J. W. OSGOOD, of Harvard, has come to the rescue of the professional coach and has answered Dean James R. Angell, of the University of Chicago, for his slam at the athletic tutors at the recent meeting of the National Collegiate Association in New York.

Professor Osgood points to the comparison between the professional coach and the collegiate academic instructor. He says that the two positions are similar in that the one is as essential to mind-building as the other is to body-building.

Changes Not Needed

The professional coach, he contends, would have no criticisms directed at him if the college deans were good athletes themselves. He states that the only change necessary is to promote athletics on a commercial basis, that is, if sports are to be made compulsory, every student should receive the benefits of professional tutoring.

Students Deserve Best

"There need not be any change other than that athletics to promote interests should be classified on a commercial basis; that is, if athletic training is going to be compulsory, the student should have the opportunity to reap the benefits as in other professions.

W. AND J. STAR INJURED

Lieutenant Stobbs' Machine Falls While Flying Over Memphis

Washington, Pa., Jan. 2.—Word has been received here that Lieutenant William Stobbs, of the 1st Aero Squadron, was injured while flying over Memphis, Tenn. The machine was flying over the city when it was struck by a building and the pilot was injured.

CHARLEY NEWCOMB WINS

Smashes 95 of 100 Clays in Philadelphia Academy Event

The Philadelphia Shooting Academy held its first annual shoot yesterday despite the unfavorable weather conditions, and twenty-five gunners participated. The regular monthly event at fifty targets and a three-cornered match between Charles Newcomb, State champion, and two other shooters.

North Branch Swimmers Win

Coach Gregory's North Branch Y. M. C. A. team won the annual swim meet at North Branch, Pa., yesterday afternoon. The team beat the South Branch team by a score of 15 to 12.

Lewis and Downey Draw

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Bryan Downey, Columbus, writer-wrestler, and Ted Lewis, New York, drew in a wrestling match at Columbus yesterday.

KRAMER STOPPED

BY JEFF SMITH Milwaukee Boy Knocked Out in Third Round in National Feature

BARTLEY MADDEN WINS

Billy Kramer made the trip all the way from Milwaukee to take the place of Butch O'Hagen in the feature bout at the National yesterday, and the obliging Billy received a knockout for the trouble. Jeff Smith, veteran middleweight, put the youngster away before the regulation time.

INVITE SWEDISH ATHLETES

Foreign Runners May Compete in Meadowbrook Games

New York, Jan. 2.—The first international athletic contests in America since 1914 may be resumed within the next few months as the result of a formal invitation which has been extended to the Swedish Athletic Association to send a team to this country to compete in coming indoor games.

GREAT LAKES ON TOP

Forward Passes Cause Downfall of Mare Island

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2.—Smothering the Mare Island Marines under the aegis of the first three rounds of the association football team defeated the coast eleven here yesterday, 17 to 0.

TENDLER BEATS KANSAS

Local Lightweight Wins by Great Finish at Buffalo

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—After losing the first three rounds of the association encounter with Rocky Kansas here yesterday, Tendler, of Philadelphia, rallied in the end and emerged victorious by a slight margin. Over 4000 boxing enthusiasts witnessed the performance.

Tommy Ferguson Triumphs

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 2.—Tommy Ferguson defeated Rimmel (Kid) Wagner, of Wilkes-Barre, yesterday afternoon in the fifth round of a scheduled fight at Scranton.

Conway Takes the Count

New York, Jan. 2.—Joe Dillon, the Brooklyn fighter, knocked out Eddie Conroy, of Montreal, in the second round of a scheduled fight at New York.

McHugh Stops Young Fulton

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 2.—In a great fight for the Pennsylvania championship, McHugh stopped Young Fulton, of Allentown, in the eighth round.

Carlson Draws With Soldier Alross

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 2.—Sergeant Alross, holder of the Canadian middleweight championship, and Kid Carlson, former of Brooklyn, fought a fifteen-round draw here last night.

Sandow and Wolf Draw

Dartford, O., Jan. 2.—"Sammy" Sandow, Cincinnati, and "Kid" Wolf, Cleveland, drew in a fight at Cleveland yesterday.

RECORD CROWD SEES LEONARD OPEN 1919 CAMPAIGN WITH WIN

Nearly Seven Thousand Fans Pack Olympia When Champion Outclasses Doyle in Six Rounds

RALPH BRADY DELIVERS

By JAMES S. CAROLAN FIGHT nearly three hours 7000 fans, the largest crowd that ever packed, jammed, crammed or maneuvered its way into the Olympia sat in a hazy, misty, mirky atmosphere to witness a holiday boxing entertainment yesterday afternoon. Space—there was plenty of it, but not in the Olympia. The gallery was stacked, the most daring clinging to the rafters and walls, while on the main floor passage was most difficult, dangerous and almost impossible.

How Fighters Fared on New Year's Cards at Three Local Clubs

The New Year's boxing shows produced all kinds of action. The results at the three clubs: OLYMPIA A. A. Benny Leonard trims Paul Doyle, Thompson-Clark stopped in sixth by Doyle, Kid drew with Kid Norfolk, Nathan beat Billy Williams, Harry Williams stopped Kid Porter in first, Jimmy Mayson stopped Pete Miller in fourth.

MURRAY SHOWS CLASS IN WIN OVER MCGOVERN

Flyweight Claimant Victor in Cambria Wind-Up—Johnny Moloney Stops Renny in Fourth

Battling Murray eliminated one of his most dangerous rivals for the flyweight honors when he defeated Young McGovern in six fast rounds at the Cambria yesterday afternoon. The title claimant, a much improved boy over last year, turned in his second important triumph when he mastered the clever little lad from Port Richmond.

Harvard Booms Sports

Yale and Princeton Expected to Follow Crimson

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 2.—Harvard will take the lead in bringing collegiate sports back to their normal conditions. The Crimson has the coaches, the equipment and the students, so little remains out of the machine. The event was held under the class handicap system, and there was close competition among the twenty-three contestants.

EPPA RIXEY SAFE

Phillies' Twirler Came Through Fierce Fighting Unhurt

Lieutenant Eppa Rixey, of the chemical division of the American expeditionary force, is another ball tosser who escaped unhurt, although seeing the best kind of fighting in France. From Bar sur Aub Lieutenant Rixey writes that he is well and anxious to return to America, although he has no idea when he will receive orders home. Eppa is waiting for a chance to play baseball again.

STACKHOUSE WINS SHOOT

Leads Field in Handicap Event of Farragut Club

In spite of the all-day storm yesterday, a big crowd of marksmen turned out for the annual country shoot over the traps of the Farragut Club at Camden. The event was held under the class handicap system, and there was close competition among the twenty-three contestants.

Scrap About Scrapers

Local boxing club patrons once more demonstrated their generosity yesterday when the spectators at the National and Olympia clubs contributed about \$100 for the widow and child of Frank DeLoe, "Young Terry McGovern," the Philadelphia lightweight, who died in Boston Tuesday from injuries received in a fight with Billy Williams at the club evening. Benny Leonard and Billy Williams each gave \$25 in the Olympia fund.

Brady Triumphs

Ralph Brady, of Syracuse, made good in his initial show here. He handed a nice landing to Danny Whalen, of the navy, during their six-round act. Phil Lewis was in charge of Brady, and on this occasion introduced a very classy boy. Brady is no mistake, according to Lewis, who recently defeated and stopped Rocky Kansas in a gymnasium bout. Lewis now wants to send him against Tendler and Jackson. Brady must knock Rocky Kansas in Syracuse Monday night.

Joe Page, Former Boxer, Dead

Word comes from Philadelphia of the death of Joseph Page, the champion middleweight of the coal regions. Page lived in Philadelphia for several years, where he was very popular with the followers of boxing. He is survived by a widow and five children.

Kid Mack Defeats Sheeler

Greenville, Pa., Jan. 2.—Kid Mack, who recently returned to the coal regions from Greenvale, Pa., made his first appearance in the ring in a hard ten-round bout, defeating Kid Sheeler in a hard ten-round bout.

Boys' Club Indians, 28; Rovers, 19

Germantown Boys' Club Indians defeated Rovers of the same organization in their game, 28 to 19, last night. Each of the ten boys contributed a point or more to their respective teams.

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