JACK DEMPSEY STAGES "COMEBACK" WHEN MANAGER KEARNS SENDS HIM A RAILROAD TICKET

DEMPSEY GIVEN $350 FOR BOUT LAST YEAR; NOW RECEIVES $27,500

Heavyweight Contender Had Rough Sledding Before His "Tryout" With Homer Smith in Racine—Amateur Boxers Begin Tournament at Olympia Tonight

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WHEN William Harrison Dempsey, known to the trade as "Jack," pauses and reflects over the happenings of one short year he will burst right out laughing, provided Jack ever pauses and reflects over anything. It surely is strange what a difference just a few months make in the career of a youthful gladiator. Today William Harrison Dempsey will spill some ink over an agreement to box Jess Willard, and when he fulfills his part of the contract Tex Rickard will hand him $27,500 cash money. When Dempsey thinks of that $27,500 he's just GOTTA laugh.

Just about a year ago Jack the Giant Killer and his manager, Jack Kearns, were bumping the bumps and counting their pennies out in Chicago. They hied themselves eastward, with nothing but a four-round reputation and a desire to show what they could do at a longer distance. Chicago was the first stop, and there they remained because their credit was not good on the railroads and it was too cold to ride on the outside. Dempsey had defeated Gunboat Smith and grabbed a decision from Carl Morris, but those battles did not place him in a class with the top-notchers. He still was a preliminary fighter and few would take him seriously.

A year ago the firm of Dempsey and Kearns had tough sledding. They wanted work, but the promoters could not see them. Finally, on one cold day, when the hotel bill was due and the future looked dismal and dreary, Kearns walked through three feet of snow to the office of a friend and admitted he had a world's champion starving on his hands. "He's a bear of a fighter," said Jack, "and can lick any heavyweight in the world, but how can I prove it? He isn't eating regularly, fight managers have given him the go-by and it's too cold to hunt for a regular job. What am I going to do?"

"If that guy is as good as you say he is," replied the friend, "I think I can help you. There's a show scheduled for Racine in a week or so and John Wagner is looking for a wind-up. I'll see what can be done."

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DEMPSEY was accepted and given a tryout against Homer Smith, the big heavyweight, who has boxed considerably in Philadelphia. Homer is no slouch, but Dempsey knocked him stiff in one round and collected $350 for his trouble. Now, twelve months later, he receives $27,500 for a fight and eats as many meals as he wishes. Is it any wonder he should pause, reflect and laugh?

Dempsey Was Rescued by Manager Jack Kearns

JACK arrived in New York this morning after a lengthy trip from Salt Lake City. There were rumors galore when his absence became known, and some of the scribes over in the big town hinted that his REAL manager, Jack Curley, was throwing a wrench in the machinery or putting the ball in the wrong pocket or something like that. They dished out a swell yarn which was long on language but short on facts. Jack Curley has nothing to do with Dempsey, for Kearns has him signed to a copper-riveted contract which cannot be broken with TNT. The big heavyweight stopped over a few days en route because he was ill and, anyway, the walking was bad.

Dempsey went West to attend to some trifling matter—a divorce from his wife—and when friend wife got through with him he found himself short of ready cash. He got as far as Kansas City, and from there went to Excelsior Springs, Mo., to wire Kearns that he was temporarily embarrassed and to ship him a bundle of coin to satisfy the railroad conductors. Kearns jumped into his Alice-blue racer, drew as much money as he could carry from the bank, sent it westward and Mr. Dempsey departed eastward. That's the real cause of the delay, and Tex Rickard probably knows by this time why the papers were not signed Saturday. Dempsey wasn't there.

But there IS a Curley mixed up in the affair—a young person named Curley Fisher, who once was Dempsey's traveling companion. Jack invited Curley to make the trip, and the double expense knocked him flat before he reached the half-way station.

However, a little thing like lack of railroad fare would not have prevented Dempsey's trip East. He has ridden higher than an upper and lower than a lower berth, and he is not afraid to tackle it again. Jack rode the rods and hung on the roof of our best transcontinental freights when business was bad, and still is quite familiar with the system. It was Jack Kearns and the family bankroll that provided him with the present tour on the cushions.

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AS SOON as the documents are signed Dempsey will begin training at $1000 a week. He will join a show for six weeks and lay enough coin aside to pay some alimony, if nothing else. With one divorce to his credit he is a regular actor.

Amateurs Will Show at the Olympia Tonight

AMATEUR boxing bouts will be given a tryout at the Olympia tonight, when Tommy O'Malley, brother of Johnny Mealey and the National A. A. U. 135-pound champion, meets Frank Varona, of New York, in a three-round bout to a DECISION. Samuel J. Dallas, president of the National A. A. U., will have charge of the bouts and is working with Harry Edwards, who donated the use of his club and will present the winner with a trophy. These bouts will continue for five weeks, and if successful another class will have a chance to battle for the championship.

Mr. Edwards has started something that all other clubs should follow. He is giving the aspirants for honors in the boxing game a chance to show what they can do and appear before a large audience. Good boxers are scarce nowadays and it is necessary to develop new talent. If a few of the amateurs are good enough to step into professional ranks, they now will have a chance to prove it. Tonight's bout will be watched with interest and will be held before the semiwind-up. Lew Tendler and Harlem Eddie Kelley are in the star event.

Philadelphia fight fans are in a class by themselves. They are the wisest persons in the world, for they can spot a bum bout as quickly as any one and it is impossible to put over any phoney stuff. More than that, they are big-hearted, generous sports, for they donate liberally to every charity that is brought to their notice. They gave almost $7000 to Jack McGuigan and his family in the last year and responded liberally to the tobacco fund and boxing glove shows. But they want a run for their money, and that was shown at the National last Saturday night.

In the semiwind-up Jack Russo butted Oscar Gardner over the eye early in the first round and the bout was stopped. Jack Hanlon immediately arranged a substitute bout, but in the meantime the wind-up between George Chaney and Pete Hartley was put on. In any other town most of the audience would have left after the wind-up, but not in this city. Every one kept his seat, waited until the substitute event was over and then left. Incidentally, they saw the best match of the evening when Russo defeated Joe Tiplitz.

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PHILADELPHIANS attend a boxing show the same as they attend a theatre. They are on hand early for the opening bout and enjoy themselves from the start. The wind-up does not mean much to them. They want five bouts the same as they want five acts in the theatre.

Ex-Managers Fall Into Soft Jobs

EX-BIG-LEAGUE managers cannot kick about their luck this season. They have had all of the breaks and probably will discover that every cloud has a silver lining, or words to that effect. F'instance, Patrick Joseph Moran was handed the tinware and shown the gate by the Phils, and after signing with the Giants he was lifted to Cincinnati as manager. Pat got the best of the deal, for he is in charge of a strong ball club.

Clarence Rowland also was canned from his job as manager of the White Sox, and now is owner and manager of the Milwaukee club of the American Association. Clarence and some of his pals raised $75,000 to put the deal through, and it looks like a good paying investment.

Jack Hendricks was banished from St. Louie after one year with the Cards and should be congratulated. First, he did not have to work in St. Louie any longer; second, he received a year's salary in advance for work he did not do, and third, he was made manager of the Indianapolis club at a good salary. Thus he gets paid twice for one year's work. Pretty soft for the ex-managers.

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SOME pleasant news drifted in from Mobile, Ala., yesterday, when it was announced that Bradley Hogg, the iron man of the Phillies, had signed his contract and would be with us this year. Bradley also announced he had been handed a raise in salary, which is startling. Many of the Phill players have been boosted this year, despite the talk of a salary limit.

I received a letter from Gavvy Cravath today, and the slugger says he will again do the fleet-footed act in right field.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

TENDLER HOPES TO STOP KELLY

Expects to Knock Out Man Who Went Limit With Leonard at Olympia

NATIONAL'S GOOD SHOW

JAMES S. CAROLAN

Benny Leonard failed to knock out Harlem Eddie Kelly here a few weeks ago. Lew Tendler meets this game rugged foe in the main bout at the Olympia tonight. It will be the same ring in which Leonard was unable to put over the knockout punch. Tendler now plans to show up Leonard by ending the fight before the regulation six-round limit.

This morning Phil Glassman phoned the office and gave forth this very confident message: "Tell all the world that Lew is just as great a fighter as Benny Leonard. In fact, I think he is just a little better. To prove this, WE are going to knock out this fellow Kelly tonight. Leonard couldn't do it; WE can."

Nothing succeeds like confidence. This same Kelly has been hit hard and often on the chin, but yet has to pass out. Once Eddie Wagond nalled him on the jaw with a wild right swing, but an eight count was enough to enable Kelly to return.

Tendler's Hand Better

Lew had a hard fight a week ago tonight with Ralph Brady in Syracuse. Lew was very careful with his left, as he wants to give it a chance to get better. He has been favoring it during the past month, but said he was going to turn loose all his punching power tonight in the hope of showing up Leonard.

A brace of New York boys will be seen in the semiwindup. Phil Franchini, a member of the Bagley stable, goes to the post against Joe Tiplitz, a lad who has been delivering the goods. Franchini also has made good here. His fight with Harry (Kid) Brown was a thriller.

Two southpaws will be seen in the third bout. It is seldom that three southpaws are exhibited on the same card. Tendler performs in the windup. Earlier, Terry Hanlon and Billy Gannon battle. They are fighting southpaws. In the opener Jimmy Myson takes on Billy Devine.

Jack Russo Hero

Jack Hanlon made good at the National last Saturday night. The clever matchmaker refused to permit his show to fall down when an accident put one of the actors out in less than twenty seconds. He immediately produced a capable substitute.

Jack Russo accidentally butted Oscar Gardner on the head in the semiwindup and the club physician halted the fray. Then at the conclusion of the regular windup Russo was sent back against Joe Tipilitz, and outfought the substitute during the five-round engagement.

Hanlon's act saved the show. The bouts were good and the program an entertaining one. George Chaney was in the windup and outslugged Pete Hartley. On a number of times Hartley was ready to say farewell, but Chaney's letdown alone saved him. There was plenty of action in this fray.

The fight of the evening was the clash between Tim Droney and Harry Boyle, two very rugged sons of swat. All boxing was overlooked and the best slugging match of the season was staged. Droney landed oftener and won.

Young Joe Berman, a ninety-eight pound Baltimore product, lost to Billy Devine in six fine rounds. This was a bloody session. In the opening tray Marty Campbell and Wally Dash drew.

St. Joseph After Game With Central High Five

Crimson and Gray Passers Anxious to Play for Scholastic Cage Championship

LOST ONLY ONE GAME

By PAUL PREP

ST. JOSEPH PREP is out to win the scholastic basketball championship of this city. The Crimson and Gray lads have won thirteen victories, eleven regular games and two practice contests. Only one defeat has been registered against them, Camden turning the trick Saturday.

With this remarkable record, the St. Joe passers see no reason why they shouldn't try to conquer more fields. Unfortunately, when the schedule was arranged at the beginning of the season, games were not listed with the leading quintets of the local Public High School League.

This, indeed, was rather an unfortunate oversight of the management, because it has been the custom of the winner of the Interscholastic League to lay claim to the scholastic championship of the city. And they invariably get away with the honors and everything.

Three Games a Week

The St. Joseph management has a good alibi. How were they to know that they would be represented by such a high-class team? They are willing to work all the harder now to arrange games with the leading Central High School five and also West Philadelphia and possibly Northeast.

The Crimson and Gray schedule calls for two games each week. This is generally regarded as the proper number of games which a team can play and still keep from going fine. But in order to get a contest with the high schools mentioned above the St. Joe team is willing to play three games a week.

Post Series Better

Perhaps it would be better if the St. Joe management would hold off playing the public high school teams until after the regular league season is over. St. Joseph appears as the most probable winner of the Catholic School League and Central High the Interscholastic circuit. A post series would draw a large crowd and the athletic associations of each institution would be enriched.

The Crimson and Gray team defeated the South Philadelphia High School team on Tuesday afternoon. The game was played in the downtown gym. Both teams had their regular players on the floor, and the St. Joe team can't understand why it should have been called a practice match by Southern.

Jack Bispham, Track Athlete, Returns to Episcopal Academy

"Jack" Bispham, who was a mainstay of last year's track team at the Episcopal Academy, and who has been in the marine corps at Paris Island since last spring, has returned to the local institution in order to graduate. This means that the track team will be considerably strengthened during its outdoor season. It is regretted that he is not permitted to compete indoors, for he would be a valuable asset in the dual meet with Central High on February 13.

Scraps About Scrappers

PETE HERMAN, the world's bantam champion, will engage in his first professional battle in more than a year when he faces Patsy Scanlin before the Duquesne A. C. in Pittsburgh tonight. Herman had a little workout with Max Williamson at the McGuigan benefit show last Wednesday night. Herman doesn't expect to have much trouble with Scanlin. This will mark the beginning of a busy campaign.

This will be amateur night at the Olympia. For the first time on record the amateurs will compete on the same program with the professionals. Tommy O'Malley, the National A. A. U. champion, and Frank Varona, of New York, will clash at the end of the third bout. Samuel J. Dallas, president of the National A. A. U., is in charge of the tourney.

Willie Jackson and Jack Brazzo will be the wind-up entertainers at the National Saturday night. Brazzo stayed six rounds with Leonard and nearly claim in Wildwood last July. This will be his first engagement with Jackson. He should force the New Yorker to the limit. Johnny Murray and Otto O'Keefe, of Allentown, are in the semiwind-up.

Johnny Tillman, the Minneapolis welterweight, will box for the first time in the East since last spring. Soon he engages Johnny Griffiths at the National on the night of February 22. Griffith's last battle resulted in a one-round knockout over Eddie McAndrews.

Johnny Burns is anxious to send his protege, Battling Murray, in against Pal Moore or Battling Leonard.

GOTHAM STARS IN PENN MEET

Brooklyn Poly Enters Strong Team in Interscholastic Swimming

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

ROBERT T. PAUL

Scholastic swimming stars of New York and vicinity are planning to come over to this city next Saturday afternoon to make a wholesale clean-up in the annual University of Pennsylvania interscholastic swimming championships, which will be held in Weightman Hall.

Brooklyn Polytechnic Prep. has entered virtually the same team which won the point trophy last year. Leaming Jelliffe again will lead the team. He has been crawling the fifty yards close to 25 seconds and 100 in 58 seconds. Joe Burrill, runner-up in the century dash last year, also will represent Brooklyn Poly.

Eberhart Is Star

Another star sprinter scheduled to compete is Walter Eberhart, of Stuyvesant High School, a double winner at the city's P. S. A. L. championships, who has been pronounced by Herbert Vollmer, the New York A. C. world's recordist, the season's find in the metropolitan district. Eberhart thrashed 100 yards in 58 3-5 seconds a few days ago in the pool of St. Paul's School, Garden City.

With this formidable array of stars pitted against them, the West Philadelphia High mermen will have to show unexpected strength to win the team trophy. The Speedboys have not lost a meet this season and the local schoolboys are pulling for them to triumph next Saturday.

O'Brien Gains

"Obey" O'Brien, Northeast captain, and Kneas, leader of the West Philadelphia quintet, are having a great race for honors in individual scoring. The Archive forward rung in quite a few pointers against Southern last Friday and now is even Stephen with Kneass for second place, each having 110 points.

As "Chick" Passon, the present leader in scoring, has played his last game, the fight for leadership now rests between O'Brien and Kneass. "Bunny" Freeman, of Southern, advanced to a seventh place and tops Voegelin, of Central, by two points. Cravis, of Central, continues to lead the second division.

FIRST TEAM LEAGUE

	Gms.	Fd. Gls.	Fl. Gls.	Total Pts.
Passon, Southern	5	37	57	131
O'Brien, Northeast	6	30	50	110
Kneas, West Phila.	6	28	54	110
Bechtel, Germantown	6	16	52	84
Hackman, Central	5	10	42	62
Stehle, Frankford	4	4	43	51
Freeman, Southern	6	23	7	53
Voeglin, Central	5	23	5	51
Fixter, Central	5	19	0	38
Goldstein, Central	5	17	0	34
Young, West Phila	6	17	0	34
Patton, West Phila	4	16	0	32
Leopold, Southern	6	16	0	32
W. Fisher, Northeast	6	14	0	28
Fairhurst, Frankford	6	13	0	26
Urban, Germantown	5	10	0	20
Cornin, Frankford	5	9	0	18
Birkby, Germantown	5	8	1	17
Dessen, Southern	5	8	0	16
Dieterle, Germantown	6	6	4	16
Hamilton, Northeast	6	8	0	16
Kaplan, Southern	4	7	0	14
Goldblatt, Southern	4	6	0	12
Walker, Northeast	2	6	0	12
Davis, West Phila	2	5	0	10
Schwartz, Central	4	4	0	8
Sweet, West Phila	6	4	0	8
Ramage, Germantown	6	4	0	8
Welch, West Phila	6	3	0	6

SECOND TEAM LEAGUE

	Gms.	Fd. Gls.	Fl. Gls.	Total Pts.
Cravis, Central	5	18	46	82
Gilmore, Frankford	5	13	16	42
Matt, Germantown	2	6	21	33
Miller, Southern	4	6	21	33
Bechtel, West Phila	5	8	12	28
Morrison, Germantown	5	9	8	26
Goldman, Southern	4	13	0	26
Hobson, Germantown	6	7	11	25
Forsher, Southern	5	11	3	25
Forsythe, Germantown	6	9	0	18
Silver, Southern	5	5	8	18
Charlton, West Phila	6	8	1	17
Walker, Northeast	4	5	7	17
Halpren, West Phila	6	8	0	16
Boyle, Northeast	4	4	7	15
Feinstein, Central	5	6	0	12
Ball, Central	4	6	0	12
Lehr, Frankford	4	6	12	12
Jaunon, West Phila	2	2	7	11
Green, Southern	4	5	0	10
Jeffries, Frankford	4	5	0	10
Anderson, West Phila	1	2	5	9
Casselbury, Northeast	3	4	0	8
Pennell, West Phila	3	3	2	8
Roswell, West Phila	5	4	0	8
Lyeres, Northeast	3	2	3	7
Nevin, West Phila	3	5	1	7
Filter, Frankford	3	3	0	6
Goldstein, Southern	2	1	4	6

FIRST TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Central	5	0	1.000
Southern	4	2	.667
West Philadelphia	4	2	.667
Northeast	3	3	.500
Germantown	1	5	.160
Frankford	0	5	.000

SECOND TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Southern	6	0	1.000
Central	4	1	.800
West Philadelphia	3	3	.500
Frankford	2	3	.400
Germantown	2	4	.333
Northeast	2	4	.333

Match "Strangler" Lewis and Stecher

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., challenger for the heavyweight wrestling championship, and Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Neb., the former champion, have been matched to meet in a finish contest here March 3 for a purse of $10,000. The winner will receive $6000 and the loser $4000 in addition to motion picture privileges.

PENN AGAIN IN LINE FOR LEAGUE HONORS

Intramural Sports Failed to Thrive in Michigan's Big Test

At the end of a four-year test the University of Michigan has decided that intramural sports do not succeed in colleges where intercollegiate competition is barred or even restricted. The number of students who took part in intramural sports in four years at Michigan follows:

	1913-1914	1914-1915	1915-1916	1916-1917
Soccer	35	25	30	35
Football class	337	260	276	284
Basketball, class and fraternity	400	450	450	615
Ice hockey	40	60	80	76
Baseball, indoor	...	...	125	60
Baseball, class	350	285	270	106
Baseball, frat'ity	...	300	350	125
Cross - country, class	76	80	50	...
Tennis, registered in tournament	250	300	296	192
Track, indoor	184	217	197	86
Track, outdoor	...	97	12	...
Rifle club	...	135	164	136
Golf	30	35	35	85
Cricket	30	...	...	...
Totals	1812	2314	2424	1750

MIKE SWEENEY RETAINS LEAD AS HIGH SCORER

Penn Forward Has Tallied 34 Points—Van Slyck Is Second

Mike Sweeney, the flashy Penn forward, is top scorer in the Intercollegiate Basketball League. He is credited with thirty-four points, one more than Van Slyck, of Yale. Twenty-eight of Sweeney's total points were gained from the foul line. Mike undoubtedly is the best foul shooter in collegiate ranks.

The Princeton cage men are down at the bottom of the scoring list. This is because the Orange and Black have played only one league game as against three games for Penn, Yale and Columbia.

INDIVIDAUL SCORING

	G.	Goals Fd.	Fl.	Pts.
Sweeney, Penn, forward	3	3	28	34
Van Slyck, Yale, forward	3	9	15	33
Horton, Yale, forward	3	11	0	22
Farrell, Columbia, forward	3	2	16	20
Stannard, Penn, forward	3	6	0	18
Hamill, Yale, center	3	8	0	16
Weinstein, Columbia, guard	3	7	0	14
McNichol, Penn, guard	3	6	0	12
Davis, Penn, center	3	5	0	10
Stradella, Yale, guard	3	5	0	10
Alderman, Yale, guard	3	5	0	10
Tynan, Columbia, forward	3	5	0	10
Opie, Princeton, forward	1	0	0	0
Peck, Penn, guard	3	4	0	8
Davis, Princeton, guard	1	4	0	8
Johnson, Columbia, center	3	3	0	6
Gray, Princeton, center	1	2	0	4
Marsetts, Princeton, guard	1	2	0	4
Trimble, Princeton, forward	1	1	0	2
Riendl, Columbia, guard	3	1	0	2
Ramonat, Penn, forward	1	0	0	0
Cohen, Yale, guard	1	0	0	0
Goodell, Yale, guard	1	0	0	0
Zucker, Penn, guard	1	0	0	0
Mouradian, Penn, forward	1	0	0	0
Kennedy, Columbia, forward	2	0	0	0
Wood, Princeton, guard	1	0	0	0
Vollmers, Columbia, guard	1	0	0	0
Hunt, Princeton, forward	1	0	0	0

Saturday's Victory Over Yale Places Red and Blue in Second-Place Tie

PLAY PRINCETON FEB. 18

By downing the fast-going Yale quintet in the packed-to-the-limit Weightman Hall Saturday evening the Penn five once more got into step in the march to the trophyless Intercollegiate League championship. The count at the termination of the forty minutes of play stood: Penn, 29; Yale, 22.

The Red and Blue rooters were given quite a scare, or something like that, during the first half, for it wasn't until after the intermission that the home team caught its stride. During the first twenty minutes of play Yale's quick covering up when Penn had the ball made the Red and Blue tossers appear slow and listless.

Only One Field Goal

How well the Yale team succeeded in covering up is easily seen in the fact that Penn tallied but one field goal in the first half. This was registered by "Dutch" Peck after a scrimmage under the Yale basket. Penn was unable to get inside Yale's foul line and their shoots from the center of the floor went wide of their mark.

The conditions were reversed in the second half. Captain Laddie Davis and his teammates literally swept the Yale team before them in the first five minutes of play. Two double-deckers each by Andy Stannard and Captain Davis gave Penn a six-point lead. The game was clinched when Peck, Stannard and Sweeney each dropped in a two-pointer.

In this half the Penn team showed its real form. The men cut in for the basket and passed with a dash that surprised the Yale team and the Penn rooters. All took a hand in the passing and each is deserving of some of the praise. Yale staged a rally near the end of the game, but it fell short by seven points.

Two Games This Week

The Red and Blue passers are now in the straightaway in the intercollegiate race and don't encounter their next hurdle until February 18, when Princeton is the attraction, at Weightman Hall. The Tigers at present are leading the circuit with one victory and no defeats, with Penn and Yale deadlocked for second place. Each has won two games and lost one.

But Coaches Jourdet and Martin aren't going to permit their proteges to go "stale" waiting for February 18 to roll around. Two games will be played this week. Delaware College is due here Wednesday evening and Swarthmore on Saturday. These two games will keep the Penn team on edge for the Princeton contest.

Results of Saturday's Soccer Matches

BENEFIT GAME
Shipyard team, 1; Bethlehem, 1.
ALLIED LEAGUE
Second Division
Christ Church, 2; Disston, 0.
American Pulley forfeited to Puritan.
Third Division
Keystone, 4; Puritan Reserves, 1
Wolfenden Shore, 2; Textile, 2.
BOYS' CLUB LEAGUE
Lighthouse Blues, 3; St. Nathaniel, 1.
CLUB GAME
Fundield Juniors, 3; Kensington, 0.

SOCCER TEAMS TIE

Merchant and New York Each Tally One Goal

The Merchants A and the New York Field Club elevens battled each other to a one-goal tie on a field inches deep in mud at Harriman, Pa., yesterday. It was the return match in the National League series between these strong teams, the Merchants having won the first clash, staged in New York a few weeks ago. There is a report going the rounds that this first game must be replayed, but no explanation for this edict has yet been made by the National Football Association.

Ainsmith Signed, Spencer Released

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 10.—With the signing of a Detroit contract by Catcher Edward Ainsmith, the local American League Club announced the unconditional release of Catcher Eddie Spencer. It is understood Spencer, who came to Detroit as a free agent, plans to return to the Pacific Coast League.

Slim Sallee Quits Diamond

New York, Feb. 10.—Slim Sallee, the Giant's southpaw, has quit the game. This announcement was made by John McGraw today. Sallee declined to sign a contract, saying he was through with baseball.

Bill Grevel Signs With A.'s

Bill Grevel, star pitcher of the R. G. Dunn & Co., team, has signed a contract with Connie Mack's Athletics.

TAD JONES MAY RETURN TO YALE

Former Football Star Favored for All-Year Athletic Instructor

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 10.—Yale's latest athletic developments indicate the appointment of an all-the-year-round athletic coach, who may be raised to a position on the university faculty as the formal head of the department of athletics and physical science.

This recommendation in the reorganization of American university sport was made at the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Association in New York city December 27.

In case the plan is put into effect, Tad Jones is the Yale coach who is generally regarded as virtually certain of selection. His brilliant exploit of turning out in 1916, after the most unfortunate football season Yale ever went through, an eleven which defeated Harvard and Princeton makes him the logical candidate.

CREW DRILL AT HARVARD.

Crimson Oarsmen Report for First Practice Today

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 10.—Athletic activity in all major sports of the spring will start buzzing at Harvard this week. Captain Fred Whitman has ordered candidates for the crew to report this afternoon.

Coach Duffy will address the baseballers tonight and call on his batteries to report for work in the cage tomorrow. "Pooch" Donovan will put on the finishing touches to the men who are to take part in next Saturday's service meet.

Resolute's Skipper Buys Sumaki

New York, Feb. 10.—Charles Francis Adams, skipper of the America's Cup defender Resolute, has purchased from William Harcourt, of New York, the fast Class R knockabout Sumaki and will race the boat in eastern waters this coming season.

At least six boats are assured for the Class R knockabout class here next summer, and two of them have Marconi rigs.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Bainbridge Streets. Harry Edwards, Mgr.
MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 10
Tommy O'Malley vs. Frank Varona
For the 135-lb. Amateur Championship
Jimmy Myson vs. Billy Devine
Billy Gannon vs. Terry Hanlon
Muckles Riley vs. Tony Friedel
Joe Tipilitz vs. Phil Franchini
Harlem Eddie Kelly vs. Lew Tendler

PALACE RINK 39th & Market Sts.
Every Aft. & Eve.
Roller Skating, Dancing, Jazz Band Concert. Races tonight. Prof. Relay Race. Also 1 mile Sailor and Soldier Race.

SIGN ARTICLES TODAY

Jack Dempsey Arrives in New York After Prolonged Trip

New York, Feb. 10.—Jack Dempsey arrived here early today from the West and will probably sign the articles for the bout with champion Jess Willard some time this afternoon.

"The articles will be signed at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Hotel Claridge," said Manager Jack Kearns, shortly after Dempsey's arrival.

Tex Rickard, the promoter, who had been told the articles would have to be signed in New Jersey because of legal complications which might arise if signed in New York, later said it had not been decided this morning where the articles will be signed.

LITTLE CHANGE EXPECTED IN AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE

St. Columba Should Easily Defeat Wilbar Five in Tonight's Game

REVISAL OF SCHEDULE

Two nights in succession will be the program in the American Basketball League this week, the officials being unable to obtain the hall Wednesday evening on account of the holiday. The schedule calls for games Monday and Tuesday as follows: Tonight—St. Columba vs. Wilbar; Yours Truly vs. Midvale. Tomorrow night—South Philadelphia Hebrew's Association vs. Dobson.

St. Columba has the better of the race just now, and is practically certain of defeating Bobby Winskills' champion thirty-five-minute Wilbar outfit tonight. Jim Coffey's Lehigh avenue champions are scheduled to play the crucial contest next Monday evening against Midvale, and that game will decide whether they win or if the season ends in a triple tie with Midvale, the Saints and Hancock.

The upset the latter handed the steel workers on Wednesday was a big surprise, but with Kerr in the line-up, it is hard to win especially with far better men sitting on the bench. Yours Truly showed a wonderful improvement last time out and may make Midvale hustle to gain the honor this evening.

Second-Half Records

In scanning the records for the second half alone one finds that "Mocky" Brennin leads in points scored with 42, or an average of 10 per game. The only other league player to maintain this pace is Jack Lawrence, with an even 40 in four contests. The St. Columba center has dropped in 16 field goals, as against 10 for Brennin, while the S. P. H. A. star has tallied 22 foul baskets.

While "Liz" Powell has ousted Johnny Brown as leading scorer for the season, the captain of the Saints holds one honor, and that is the leader in making assists. He is credited with making 21 passes to teammates and Powell is second with 18. The Hancock man is a forward that will come in mighty handy to some big league outfit. He is an essential team worker and rarely resorts to individual play.

Midvale in the four games played in the second half has succeeded in allowing its opponents only 74 points, less than 20 per game, and tops the field in this respect. Hancock is next best. S. P. H. A. has been the weakest, with 137 points made against them. The referee has seen fit to call the most fouls against the opponents of S. P. H. A. This aggregation has had 262 chances. Hancock had the least, 202, and Midvale next, 207.

The first half of the pennant race in the Delaware River Shipbuilding League came to a conclusion on Saturday evening, when New York defeated Chester, 39-25, and made it eight straight wins and no defeats.

Standings of Teams and Cage Schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
St. Columba	4	0	1.000	Yrs. Truly	2	2	.500
Hancock	3	1	.750	Dobson	1	3	.250
Midvale	3	1	.750	S. P. H. A.	1	3	.250
Victrix	2	2	.500	Wilbar	0	4	.000

WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Tonight—St. Columba vs. Wilbar. Yours Truly vs. Midvale.
Tomorrow night—S. P. H. A. vs. Victrix. Hancock vs. Dobson.

SHIPYARD LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
New York	8	0	1.000	Hog Island	2	6	.250
Chester	4	3	.571	Pusey & J.	1	7	.125
Harlan	4	3	.571				

WANT DECISION BOUTS

Scranton Promoters Start Movement to Change Proposed Bill

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 10.—Agitation has been started by local boxing fans to have a change made in the proposed State Boxing Commission law so that decision bouts will be permitted in Pennsylvania. Just now the bill provides for no decision bouts. It is the contention of the local men interested in having the regulations changed that decisions in bouts will help the sport in the State.

Legislators are also being asked to oppose the license fee feature in the boxing bill. Under the terms of this fee system it is doubtful that a boxing club could operate with success in this part of the State.

Sargeant and Barnes Lead

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 10.—Sargeant and Jim Barnes, of the Sunset Hills Club, St. Louis, played against Doyle and Cyril Walker, of Golden Valley, in a professional foursome affair on the championship course yesterday. Sargeant and Barnes seized the lead at the start and had the better of the argument all the way.

Chess Champion Reported Dead

Word comes from England that Car Schlechter, famous for many years as the Austrian chess champion and participant in more than thirty international tournaments, including the one at Cambridge Springs, Pa., in 1904, died at Budapest on December 27 last, at the age of 45.

New York A. C. Meet February 21

New York, Feb. 10.—The New York A. C. will conduct an indoor meet at the Forst Field Artillery armory on February 21. The program includes open track and field events, and specials for soldiers and sailors.

International Shoot Today

Kansas City, Feb. 10.—More than 100 marksmen from twelve States have entered for the fifteenth annual international and the national amateur wing shot championships which open here today.

Philadelphian Sells Yacht

New York, Feb. 10.—S. F. Houston, of Philadelphia, has sold the 28-foot waterline Lawley yacht Silverwater II to H. N. Bloomfield, Boston Yacht Club.

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