## DON'T RAP A PHIL WHEN HE FANS THIS YEAR—HE MAY BE WORKING UNDER ORDERS FROM FRONT

## JACK COOMBS LOSES NO TIME IN GAINING CONFIDENCE OF PHILS

New Manager Wins Over Veterans and Becomes Popular With Newcomers Through Knowledge of Game, Shility to Teach and Appealing Personality

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Charlotte, N. C., April 10. TACK COOMBS has been passed upon and unanimously elected a member of the managers' union by the ball players now suffering on their training trip down here. The new pilot of the Phils has demonstrated he knows base ball of the 1919 vintage and can teach it without the aid of a map. It took two weeks to prove this, but now that it's over the boys are playing bard, taking an interest in their work and seem eager to learn.

Coombs stepped into a job, but that lets him out. His ball club is nothing to brag about, for there are many glaring weaknesses which will cost him lots of ball games before the senson is over. Notwithstanding this handicap, the new manager is working just as hard and has as much enthusiasm as a bucky guy with a pennant winner on his hands. He is teaching a different brand of baseball, but it is interesting, and the players cannot get enough of it. They are like prep school kids learning the game for the first time.

Every day Jack is out on the field in a ball suit, pitching to the batters, playing in the infield or delivering a short lecture on a play which had been missed. He is not a hard taskmaster, but in a smooth, easy way insists that his ideas be carried out. Thus far no one has disputed anything he has said and everything is serene and joyful. If the players continue to show the present spirit the Phils will be a happy family this year, with every man working his head off for results. Too bad Jack hasn't a fairly good team

WHEN Moran was let out it was believed that the older players, like Luderus, Cravath, Bancroft, Oeschger and the others, would not play their best for the new man. There is nothing like that on the ball club. The veterans like Coambs, like his methods and are strong for him personally. Instead of lying down on the job, they

### May Issue Orders to Strike Out

COOMBS collected lots of good stuff while toiling for Connie Mack, and Udoes not hesitate to say that the slim strategist is the best manager in the world. He is using some of Connie's ideas and he would be a sucker if he didn't.

The other night, when it was too cold to be on the street and the players were around the steam radiator in the lobby, Jack joined the group. There was an argument about the proper way to hit the ball, and Coombs broke in,

"I know everybody likes to hammer that pill, but sometimes it becomes necessary to stand up at the plate with your bat on your shoulder and allow yourself to be called out on strikes. Now suppose I tell one of you men to go up and strike out some time this summer? What will you do?"

"Don't tell me to do that," said Bancroft. "I can whiff enough times on the level without instructions. Lay off me on that stuff."

"You're the manager," said Gavvy Cravath, "and I suppose we must follow orders. But it's a tough assignment, because that will be the time the pitcher will stick them in the groove."

"Well," responded Jack slowly, "you can expect to do that very thing this year. The pitchers will be the goats most of the time, but as they can't hit anyway, it won't be so bad. But the other fellows also are likely to

"For example, suppose it is a very hot day, my pitcher is going good and the game is close. Now what would be the use of having him run his head off around the bases, if he is lucky enough to get a hit, and get so tired he becomes worthless on the mound? Of course, when there are men on base he can sacrifice or try to hit one, but with nobody on, the best thing is to

"BELIEVE it is good baseball, because it has been tried before and with much success. In fact, I have struck out many times

### An Example of Connie the Cunning

ONE Fourth of July we were playing the New York Yankees, and it was morning and afternoon, and I worked in the first. The heat was terrible and I was working hard, and when it came my turn to but Connie Mack told me to strike out. I didn't like to do it, because I was proud of my hitting in those days, but Connie insisted on it. I never took the but from m shoulder and let three perfect strikes float by. It was the same the next two times, making three strike-outs in a row.

We got off to a bad start in the afternoon game, but tied the score in the seventh inning after two pitchers had been used. Connie sent me in to h the game, and it was a tough battle, which lasted fifteen innings. In that game I went to but three times, and each time Connic told me to out. That didn't mean to work the pitcher for a base on balls, but to hit at balls in the ground or over my head, so long as I did not have to run, play was to save the pitcher for pitching and allow the other players to hit the ball. I didn't like it at the time, but now am convinced it is the proper dope.

"Connie had some great ideas and used to fool the opposing managers

every time he had a chance. One Saturday afternoon in Chicago we knocked a pitcher out of the box and a relief hurler was sent in. I forget his name. it he didn't have a thing, and it was only through dumb luck on his part that we didn't score a million runs in the eighth inning. As it was, we went two, three, on long drives to the outfield. "In the ninth inning we were a couple of runs to the good and the boys

ere preparing to fatten their batting averages by soaking the ball out of the ot. They were crossed by Connie, however, when he told Socks Seybold, Harry Davis and Danny Murphy to go up and strike out.

GTHOSE slungers reluctantly followed instructions and exerted a grouch until Connie explained why he issued the orders. He said the pitcher was so easy that he wanted him for the Sunday game, and the strike-out stuff was put on to fool Fielder Jones, who then managed the Sox. The funny part of it was that Jones started that pitcher the next day and we knocked him loose from his cap, winning by a large score."

### Beating Pitchers by Letting Them Hit

GAVVY CRAVATH was an interested listener. The noted slugger, by the or the job could not be found.

"That's pretty good stuff." he said. "Many a time I have seen a

nitcher lose his own game trying to stretch a double into a triple. If we ever see a hurler running his head off we just let him run, for then we get all the best of it. Last year we beat Pete Schneider twice in Cincinnati after we apparently had been licked. On both occasions Pete hit three-baggers, and when he went to the mound the next inning we hammered him all over the place. The idea is to get a pitcher tired and then drop a few bunts in his direction. Nine times out of ten he will foozle and then go atraight up in the air.

We did that to Bill Doak at St. Louis and got away with it. But the real stunt pulled on new or bone-headed pitchers is to trap them between he bags and run them down. Just watch it the next time it happens. No tempt is made to make a put-out—we just run him back and forth until drops from exhaustion. One day we had Pol Perritt, of New York, on the lines for five minutes, while McGraw was tearing his bair and shricking to Perritt to stop and be tagged with the ball. Pol didn't hear him and finally rolled on his back. He was of no further use that day.

The pitchers must be protected and told what to do at the plate. fren Alexander, who was a smart player, used to run himself out and lose all games because he liked to hit the ball and travel around the bases. If had my way I'd tell the pitchers to strike out unless there were men on es and a score needed to win."

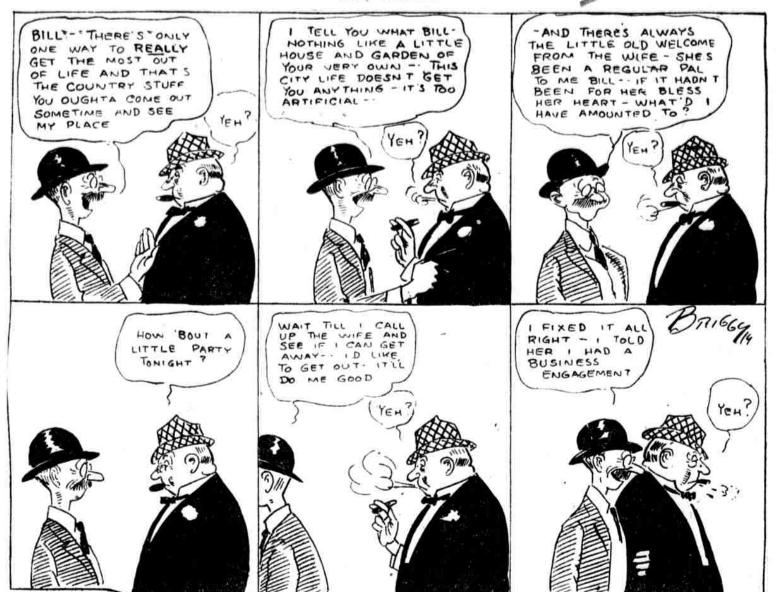
THAT is only one of Coombs's ideas. He has others to spring, and they are lagical and sound. As Jack says, he might not have a winning ball clab, but it will be interesting and give the other clubs quite a little trouble this year.

### Coombs Goes Back on Hill

TACK COOMBS broke into the pitching game again vesterday when he tool the hill for the first four lanings against the Yanigaus and the Regulars ned revenge on the youngsters for their previous victories. The tilt was saided affair and the first club won by 13 to 3. Jack is working as hard as any of the members of the staff, and it would not be a surprise to see the in there for the Phils during the championship season. He may not start any of the games, but it is almost certain that he will do relief duty. Cy Williams went on a hitting spree again. The lean Westerner coled his second home run over the right-field fence and contributed a double a triple as well to the Regular total of safeties. Forrest Cady and Adams also slug the ball viciously. Gavry Crawath is the only one isn't doing any real hitting, but that's not his fault. Cy Williams up almost out of the state when Gavry buts.

BB Phile were blessed with some more cost weather postering.

### OH, MAN!



## NATIONAL CHAMPS PLAY OLD RIVALS

Richards and Tilden Meet Kumagae and Voshell in Pinehurst Final

Richards and Bill Tilden, holders of the national indeer and outdoor doubles titles, will meet Howard Voshell and lehiya Kumagae in the final round of the doubles for the North and South championship here today.

The finals round of the women's singles also has been reached and Mrs. H. P. Norse, who as Miss Marion Van-derhoff ranked among the leading play ers, will have as her opponent Miss Marion Zinderstein, the young star who

halls from Boston.

The final of the men's doubles is expected to bring out the best tennis of the four principals. Both Voshell and Kumagae will oppose Tilden and Richards respectively in the singles. and each of the former pair has an old score to settle with the champions.

Same Steward While Bala a

relinguish his indoor ster, each winning one.

### CHANGE NAVY CREW

Sanborn Shifted From Plebe to Varsity Boat

Annapolis, Md., April 10.-In paration for the races against the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania on Saturday, have sixty guests for dinner that night Coach Glendon had the longest practice, and he wanted to know if the steward of the week vesterday afternoon. Sanborn, a powerful youth, who has picked up the rowing art wonderfully,

Whittemore Leads Tin Whistles the best gross round, 38-36-74, short of food supplies he rust the best twelve holes, with a score of 40, machine out there with the stuff.

One-Time Star Ring Peril

"Pro" Bouts in France

WELL, boys, it segreat to be back and in 'cits' again." smiled Bobby Reynolds as he leaped from his

comfortable seat in a high-powered

racing car at Sixth and Chestnut streets

last night. "I'm out of the service

and it's fine to be back home once more,

I fooled 'em all and got back without a scratch.'

Bobby, in his prime a clever boy and

one capable of going the distance with

the best, including Johnny Kilbane, Benny Leonard and others, saw service on six fronts. "Over there," when not

occupied in the strenuous work of

machine gunning the boches into silence,

The army life apparently has done

erweight, but it will require many weeks of "drying out" before he even will bet below the lightweight limit.

Bobby, however, insists he is a full

During his brief stay in France he

machine gunned on the Alsace-Lorraine more money in those battles than he

front, then followed Avoncourt, the Argonne Forest, St. Mihiel, Ypres and the Scheldt. Between journeys to the various fronts Bobby once managed to reach Paris. While there he ting they lack the "old kick."

gave on exhibition against Roretti and For the next month Bobby is just

he engaged in a few exhibitions for

him much good. He once was a feath-

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fledged 135 pounder.

former Saw Service on Six Fronts-Made Good in 4

BOBBY REYNOLDS RETURNS.

# Golf Club Restaurants

### Satisfactory

in no revenue, yet it is one of the most important elements in the club, and Others to Try Plan the nineteenth hole into the discard.

the club steward. Most of them will so well conducted, not take the trouble to call up the stew-ard in advance, but will wait until they acted under this plan, and judging are primed for the curtain raiser of the match.

out to the course. The next day there many of the clubs do not close until Although the strength of the middles may be fifty members playing, so that midnight the steward has long and has not been tested, the crew contains the steward has a hard job catering to rather uncertain hours. the golfing crowd.

of the Bala members telephoned one afternoon at 4 o'clock that he would have sixty most for discovering the new service in a few days.

All three of the Red and Blue eights will work out on the Severn late this afternoon. could fill the bill. He got a prompt

At the last Bala golf tournament the night. Harlem Eddie Kelly, the rugged steward fed about 150 players a day, New York welterweight, is slated to en-Whittemore Leads Tin Whistles

Pineburst. N. C.. April 10. — Fifty-five
offers took part in the last Tin Whistle
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triple wind-up with Charley (Kid)

BOBBY REYNOLDS

## QUAKER CREWMEN Run Under a New Plan

North Hills and Bala Have Same Manager, and Another Club Shortly Will Join in Scheme That Is

By PETER PUTTER

MISS ZINDERSTEIN WINS

The Overbrook Golf Club believe they have solved the problem of the problem of the problem. Supplying three clubs he can buy his provisions in large quantities, and there is no trouble about fixing up even the restaurant. Golfers are well aware that this part of the golf club brings had been built but this part of the golf club brings that this part of the golf club brings had been built but this part of the golf club brings that this part of the golf club brings had been built but this part of the golf club brings that this part of the golf club brings had been built but the country Club and Supplying three clubs he can buy his provisions in large quantities, and there is no trouble about fixing up even the golfer who tardily asks for a dinner.

This morning at 12 o'clock the Penn late in the evening.

take place on the Severn course on Sat-Golfers make unusual demands on clubs were organized was the restaurant urday. Varsity, junior varsity and

get to the course, and many do not from the satisfactory way in which it the intercollegiate rowing season.

The Onakers' first boat has been been done of the course of the course. will try the plan. There is no business through several strenuous workouts this merely "rotten golf. There are days where everything at any of the clubs in the morning exoverhead is bright and not a player goes cept on Saturdays and Sundays, and as week and has shown excellent form.

like to tackle a golf club. Not only fight to win. While Bala and North Hills are fifore to settle with the champions.

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weather conditions business is most unthough the conditions business is most unthe conditions business is most unthough the conditions business is most unthe conditions busi ards, while the Jap has played two Philadelphia golf district, both clubs matches with the sensational young have the same steward, and in addition lem which has been a most bother. G: Ellson, 5: Supplee, 4: Roberts, 3 Keller, 2: Ames, bow, and Harden, cox lem which has been a most bother. The junior varsity and freshman

### Varsity, Junior and Freshman **Eights Meet Middies** Saturday

crews leave for Annapolis for their will be more so after prohibition throws And Bala and North Hills members regattas with the middles, which will freshman eights are entered in the con-

The Quakers' first boat has been put five veterans, and Coach Wright's pro-Because of this many stewards dis- teges will have to put up a sturdy

Fortunately, Bala and North 6; Ellson, 5; Supplee, 4; Roberts, 3; have the same steward, and in addition he is also the steward for one of the big automobile clubs in Philadelphia, He supplies each club with a competent cook and other servants and he sees that each club gets food when it wants it.

Here is a sample of his work. One steward that it has just lost a steward that it has just lost a should row a good race.

Keller, 2: Ames, bow, and Harden, cox. The junior varsity and freshman corews, after receiving the finishing touches on the Schuylkill on Tuesday, are also in good condition for the grind. The yearlings, although inexperienced, have shown a good deal of fight, and, with two veterans to set the pace, should row a good race.

### on May 3 SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

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The Tommy Walsh-Nate Lewis due has the possible. The Tommy Walsh-Nate Lewis due has decided to make April 14 a regular holiday. On that evening Pal Moore boxes K. O. Brown in Memphis, Joe Burman faces Harry Coulon in Pittsburgh, Johnny Griffiths engages Bobby Sullivan in Buffalo, Bud Christiana battles Young Mende in Buffalo and Charlie White takes on Eddle Fitzsimmons in Boston.

a triple wind-up with Charley (Kid) Thomas and Eddie Wagend clashing in the second part of the net. Jimna-Mason and Kid Wolf meet in the third eight-round fray.

William H. Rocap will make his AFTER ACTIVE TIME ABROAD William H. Rocap will make his debut as a New Jersey referee when he officiates at tonight's show.

Whiter Fitzgerald will go against Preston Brown in the Cambria wind-up tomorrow night. Brown, a clever lightweight, now is ready to meet the headliners, but wants to convince the fans that he has the class by disposing of all local talent. Fitzgerald should supply some very worthy opposition.

Johnny Hagen will be at the Cambrai ingelde to watch his protege, Al Thompson, n action scalinst Willie Hoyle in the semi-dindup, The third bout presents Johnny dorgan and Joe Stanley. In the others formny Murray, a brother of Battling Murray, meets Johnny Mair, and Tony Friendingsges Mickey McDonough.

Young Chaney and Charley Beecher, two

shifty bantams, come together in the Na-lional aemiwind-up. Another Chaney in the erson of Joe, a brother of George, appears in the opener against Billy Gannon. In the other bouts Lieutenant Short faces Joe larks, and Wille Hannon opposes Young jeFarland. A brace of lightweights also will entertain in the main battle at the Olympia on Montay night. Willie Jackson positively will appear, according to Assistant Manager Leon tains and Doc Bagley, manager of Jackson, to fulfill his agreement to meet Frankle frit in the wind-up. This will be Jackson's lead local appearance sidee his return from he coset.

Johnny Kilbane will go against Jack lawler in Charlestown. W. Va., on Saturday night. This should help put the chambion in real condition for his next appearance in this city, which will be at the National on the evening of April 19 against Johnny Mahoney, the hard-hitting Hagleton has

The evening of April 28 will find two very standards bours, scheduled. Irish Patay line and Johnny Tillman entertain at the sympia, while Benny Lechard and Wille Lichie battle in Newark. Tillman will face lack Britton oper the tweive-round distance in Baltimore on April 21.

going to take life easy. Then he plans It looks as though Pap Feeney is distrib-ning his star fighters, First, Herman Hindin announced he was the manager of Young Merino and the following day Eddle Stat-tery stated he was in charge of Joe Koons. The Cambria vice president when inter-riewed said he would make a statement in a few days. on the same card was Jimmy Fryer and K. O. Brennan. Following the Brennan bout, Freyer put on an "Fddie Mack" pantomime skit which went over big.

Bobby had four fights and earned from the army Monday.

Circuit Manager Walsh also wishes to announce that Johnny Griffiths will meet Denils C'Keefe in Milwaukee tomorrow night, and that two days after Griffith's meeting with Bobby Sullivan he will journey to Detroit to engage Jack Britton.

Ever since Eddle O'Keefe trounced Phil Franchini, Manager Jack Weinstein has been waiting silently, duietly and patiently for his protege to get another chance. He was rewarded for his watchful waiting, for Eddle will entertain in the Olympia semi-wind-up Monday night saginst Young Norman, of Brooklyn, Norman once stopped Johnny Campi. man, of Brookiya, Norman Johnsy Campi, Johnsy Campi, Johnsy Tyman will appear in the third baut at the Olympia Monday night against Whitey Fitzgerald, the Kensington boy: The second bout will present Duke O'Brien and Mazey Green, with Young Hoppe and Young Medway battling in the opening session.

Tommy Carry, the veteran lightweight, will see action in Allentown tonight against Allentown Dundee. Carry refuses to listen to the call of time and persists in battling the tough ones.

Walter Rennie, the singing fighter, will be one of the wind-up boys before the Pernagrova A. C. tomorrow night. He meets Willie Spencer, the Gloucester entry. Joe Borrell and and Joe Allison are due to clash at Pennsgrove on the night of April 25. Borrell also is slated to appear on the atternion of April 19 in Stectton against some good middleweight.

Pete Herman's next bout will be in Louis opposed to Kid-Egan, on April 15 May 19 the champion faces Jack Wolf Cleveland.

Bobby Gunnis is preparing Len Rowlands the western middleweight, for a battle with Tommy Ferguson in Scranton shortly. Yankee Gilbert, the "international" heavy weight who claims Philadelphia as his home now is out of the army. Yankee is her scarcing for trouble in the form of a match with any of the good big boys. All Yankee can see is Demopsey in the coming heavy-weight struggle.



## TIGERS LOST WHEN SIDE-ARM WORK, OF ALEX FOOLED SCOUT

Two Ivory Hunters Looked Over Great Pitcher When in Minors, Then Informed Hughey Jennings to Forget About Promising Phenom

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

(Copyright, 1019, All Pights Reserved) THE way of the baseball scout may seem to be a soft and balmy road to many noncombatants, but there are times when it is as scamy as the Judging baseball flesh and segregating genius from medicerity is no light Judging pascount task, as simple as it might seem.

IF THE scout recommends a phenom who turns out to be a frost coated prune, he hears about it more than once.

### Missed Chances

THERE is the case of two scouts Hughey Jennings sent down to look over Grover Cleveland Alexander at a time when Jennings needed pitchers badly. These two scouts saw Alexander pitch a double-header against Wilkes-Barre. Alex lost the first game, 1 to 0. He won the second, 2 to 0. In eighteen innings he allowed only one run.

Here was a big, well-built pitcher with fine speed and a good curve ball, with good control, who just had pitched two remarkable games in one day. Yet the two scouts proported that he would never do Why? Because he had

Yet the two scouts reported that he would never do. Why? Because he had a side-arm motion that never would last, both thought, in the big league. There are very few side-arm pitchers of any value. Alexander's pitching teotion brought the adverse verdict, and by this report Jennings lost a pitcher who easily might have won three or four pennants, backed up by the batting

of Cobb, Crawford, etc.
Worse than this, the manager who handled Alexander that season wired Clark Griffith not to try to buy him, as the side-arm motion never would last in the main show.

HESE scouts merely worked upon the theory that as ninetecen THESE scouts merely worked upon the theory that as nineteen side-arm pitchers out of twenty are of very little use, they had nineteen chances out of twenty in being right by turning Alexander

### The Other Way

THERE are times when the manager hits the skids rather than the scout. One eagle-eyed observer many years ago wired Fred Clarke, of Pittsburgh, that he had located a great looking youngster out in a small Idaho town, who could be secured for carfare East.

Clarke was suspicious of youngsters who could be bought for \$25 or \$30.

"I've got all the youngsters I need," he wired back. TEN days later the same youngster came to Washington for a brief trial. His name was Walter Johnson.

### The Kinks of Genius

THE mystic kinks of genius in baseball are often beyond unraveling. Take the case of Jim Vaughn.

The Yanks tried out the big left-hander for four or five years. They gave him one trial after another. They knew he had the stuff, and yet year after year he was virtually valueless.

So they finally turned him over to Clarke Griffith, a master hand at the

art of getting out the best a pitcher has.

Griff worked with Vaughn a year or two, gave up the case as hopeless and sent him on to Kansas City. You could have got 20 to 0 that Vaughn never would reappear in the major leagues again.

YET for the last few years he has been the Cub mainstay, one of the most effective left-handers in baseball, a hard-working star. It's quite a game, when you take a few glances back of the curtain. And more than just a little of it is sheer raw luck.

Maxims of the Nineteenth Hole

Hew to the line, let the chip shots fall where they may. It is better to live with a brawling woman in a narrow house than a

It is remarkable how few putts drop in that stop short of the cup.

The average golfer beats himself before his opponent has a chance.

Too many golfers call it "rotten luck" where 90 per cent of it was

### Gentle Spring

"Gentle spring, in mushine clad." As we said but yesterday, Where the dope is mostly bad As we guess, and guess away,
"Each young star is at his best"
(That is how I've often read it)

Till they meet the July test-

When we swear we never so

I'T MAY be that Dempsey basn't a chance against Willard. But for that matter Corbett never had a chance against Sullivan. Jeffries never had a chance against Fitzsimmons and Willard never had a look in against Johnson. The percentage of winners from "The Hasn't Got a Chance Club" is remarkably robust, taken up and down.

### YALE TO PLAY PENN

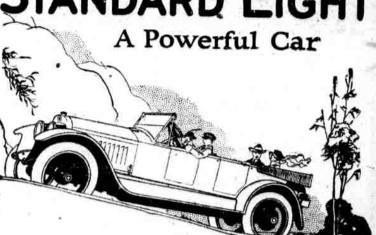
Rival Lacrosse Teams to Meet Here

New Haven, Conn., April 10.-Yale's acrosse schedule was announced as follows: April 26, Stevens at Hoboken: May 2, Swarthmore at Swarthmore; May 3. University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia: May 9. Hobart at New Geo. K. O. Chaney vs Jack Russe

Haven: May 17. Harvard at New Haven.

\*NATIONAL A. A. \* SAT. NIGHT Joe Chaney vs. Billy Gannon Joe Marks vs. Lieut. Short Willie Hannon vs. Yg. McFarland Yg. Chaney vs. Charlie Beecher

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