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COOMBS SAYS THAT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CELLAR WILL BE WELL PHIL-ED THIS YEAR



Coombsmen First Dropped Thirteen Straight, Won One and Now Follow With Eleven More Consecutive **Reverses**—Dempsey Opens in East With Circus

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FTER witnessing the downfall of Jess Willard it was not at all difficult to sit through the double-header at the Phils' Park yesterday and observe the home folks take the high dive on two separate and distinct occasions. The first rame was the better because the result never was in doubt and there was no need for worry. In the second, however, the men of Coombs actually threatened to op the combat, but tossed in the towel in the tenth round. Thus they are seven rounds better than our noble, perspiring ex-champ.

Way back in the dim distant past the Phils won a ball game. Historians tell us it was on June 25, but that cannot be proved without extensive research work. Anyway, we will assume they won a game on that day and kept their record clear ever since. Vesterday marked the eleventh consecutive defeat. The boys dropped thirteen on the road, which proves beyond all question of doubt that they are versatile. It makes no difference where they play, home or abroad, they can lose ball games. Pat Moran, it is said, is indignant because he has not arranged twenty or thirty games with the Phils. He needs those games to grab the pennant.

The home-town boys were quite accommodating yesterday and boosted the Giants back into first place after an absence of one day. This makes it less in-trickit for the Gothamites and they can go home just as chesty as ever. However, it looked sad and disheartening for McGraw in the twilight tilt when a pair of markers were shoved over the pan in the seventh frame. Fred Toney eased up a bit and singles by Meusel, Luderus and Adams and an infield out by Bancroft knotted the count. That gave us a chance to put over the vietorious wallop, but the other guys beat us to it

In the tenth they hammered Bradley Hogg all over the playground, and before the bombardment ceased five aliens had spiked the plate.

THE Phils played listlessly. There seemed to be no life or pep in any of the players and they acted like a bunch of gents trying to hold down the score, with no intention of winning. It seems strange that a ball club like that should lose so consistently, but we must remember that Willard was a pretty big guy.

Dempsey Makes Debut With Circus in Newark

JACK DEMPSEY finally has decided to join a circus and will make his debut next Monday in Newark, N. J. He cast his lot with the Sells-Flotto show, but reserved the privilege to take a couple of weeks off to train if he cares to fight. This is a good move on the part of the new champion because it shows he has not yet reached the money-grabbing stage. Otto Flotto, one of the owners of the show, is a Denver newspaperman and one of Dempsey's best friends. It was through him that Jack signed the papers.

Now that everything is over it easily can be seen that Dempsey had all the better of it in training for the championship fuss. He had nothing on his mind but the fight, worked with only one idea in view and there was nothing to distract him. Out at the Overland Club he was all alone and never saw the mob except at the afternoon workouts. Then he was too busy to talk.

Jack never left his training quarters to make social calls. He would go out for a jaunt on the road or ride around in his automobile, but that was all He did not wear a white collar for a month and forgot even to put on his coat. He just remained out there on Maumee bay, ate, drank and slept fight, and when the time came to put on his act he was ready, mentally and physically.

Willard, on the other hand, had many things to take up his time. He lived several miles from his training quarters, visited the hotels and ticket fice to talk things over with the boys and afterward rode out to the Casino to go through his daily exercise. He did not have the proper training phere, did not take his work seriously and came to grief. He mixed business with fighting and lost out. A boxer never has been able to do this in

Jess evidently realizes he made a mistake, but will not admit it. He takes all blame for his defeat. It will be remembered that Willie Ritchie tried to manage his own affairs and arranged a championship bout with Freddy Welsh In London, where he lost the title. Boxers need managers these days.



WILEY TO START IN REVIVE INTEREST IN SEVEN KNOCKDOWNS HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

Dempsey Brings Division Back to Normal by Stopping

Three Giants-Greb After Knockout Over

has become more courageous and all Eddie Moy vs. Harry Pierce,

Levinsky-Smith vs. Gans at Shore

BY JAMES S. CAROLAN

IS FORMER TITLE HOLDER Those whirling, swirling sons of pace CONCESSIONAIRES

Jeff Smith at Shore

wants.

will whirl and swirl fifty miles over the class back to normal.

pion has won four races here this sen-son and is out to annex honors in this less than three rounds for Morris and sideration. pion has won four races here this scaimportant chase. three for Willard.

50-MILE PACE RACE

Injured Rider Will Attempt to

Beat Lawrence. Corry.

Walthour and Madonna

George Wiley, a former champion. who received a bad spill a week ago, will be found among the speeders. Vincent Madonna. Bobby Walthour and seem willing to engage the new king. Frank Corry will be in there disputing After Knockout every yard of the distance with Law

rence and Wiley. Jimmy Hunter, Norman Anderson, Johnny Schlei, Eddie Root and Speedy Vanderberry will do the pacing.

fearful that he would not win by fair

means at the Aqueduct track yesterday.

or so the stewards ruled, and as a result

he must look on for two days or go

Loftus had the mount on Ting-a-

Ling in the first race and was so set

on winning that he allowed his mount

to carry Housemaid almost to the out-

side rail in a long head-and-head duel

FISHER PICKS ASSISTANTS

Trumbull and Coolidge to Help Coach

Harvard Football Squad

Cambridge, Mass., July S .- Head Coach Robert Fisher, of the Harvard

and acted as captain against Yale in

Another for Bacharach

Auto Champion Fined

Newark, N. J., July S. --Gaston Chevrolet, who smaabed the 100-mile auto racing rec-ord July 4. was arraigned in the State Motor Vehicle Court yesterday, charged with driving an auto with glaring head lights. He was fined \$6 by Commissioner Dill.

Amateur Baseball Notes

St. Leo's K. of C. Clob, a first-class trav-eling team, is open for twilight and Sunday games with such teams as Harrowszie. Qua-ker Cliy Rubber and Barrett. J. F. Sher-wood. 3317 Unruh street.

Auburn A, C., a first-class traveling nine has open dates in July and August. A. Lan-dis. 1037. West Arlaona avenue.

Revberough B. C., a twelve-fourieen year old tuam, has open dates. John Frederick, 4225 Boone street.

Juniata will play Kensington A. A. in twilight mame on Thursday night at Fron and Berks streets. Campbell and Longmon will be the battery for Juniata.

Talpehocken Reds, one of Philadelphia's foremost traveling teams, has July 12, 19 and 26 and midweek games open for teams paying a guapantee. William Kalbacher, 414 Cleveland avenue.

Rockwood Profs. have July 12 and 19

for good semipro home teams paying a guar antee. James W. McBride, 8046 North Thir ty-second street.

-----Hely Savieur C. C., of Norristown, a first-class semipro team, would like to book Sun-day games with home teams paying a guar-antse. Paul Catanese, Tremont avenus and Basin street, Manayunk.

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1914. Coolidge was left end on the and lefts with telling effect.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 8-The Bach-rach Ghants blanked the Paternon Giante re yesterday score 8 to 6. The eleven cal hits counted for fourteen bases. The Inte teams play here today.

fishing.

through the stretch.

1918 team.

SUSPEND JOHNNY LOFTUS

Four Times by Left Hooks. **Ropes Save Jess**

Toledo, O., July 8 .- All doubt conround knockout over Joe Borrell at will whirl and swirl fifty miles over the daugerous track at the Point Breeze knights of this perilous game of chase will take part in this long grind. Percy Lawrence, winner of the 6212 a starter. The present American cham-then has won four merce has the the bulks in less than seven the seven

canvas seven times. There were no knockdowns in the rethree for Willard. Now that a regulation heavyweight is in charge, the remainder of the field Ted (Kid) Lewis vs Steve Latso and ropes of the ring had not supported

Dempsey, the pictures revealed, floored Willard with left hooks to the

After Knockout Harry Greb, the Pittsburgh mauler, is the latest. Greb's recent conquests have been at the expense of Mike Gib-the with a witcory over Mike Gibbons of the at Kansas City on July 4, will be one the Atlantic Williard with left nooks to the chin for the first four knockdowns. He upset the defeated champion for the other three knockdowns with right and left swings. The first blow that upset bons. Billy Miske, Bill Brennan and Willie Meehan. He has been an un-City Sporting Club tomorrow night. Willind was a short right swing to the Went, followed by a left hook to the heart, followed by a left hook to the believe this isn't the middle of May. uestioned winner over these four. This is Elks: week at the shore and chin.

VALUE OF PITCHING **PROVED IN RECENT** SPURT BY DETROIT

Heavy Stickwork by Cobb, Veach and Heilman Failed to Elevate Tigers, but Improved Twirling Put Heart and Soul Into the Club

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To a Cauliflower Ear Drab token of a rocky byway, Where rival fists have kept the tab; A signpost out the boxing highway, The full box score of hook and jab.

Once you were pink and white and tender Once you were shell-like in your mold; And once you were the pearly fender. To baby hair of brown or gold.

One day a mother whispered to you Dream stories on a summer night. Nor thought one day vast crowds would view you Aquiver for the coming fight.

Once you were washed until you glistened. From soap and water, cleanly dried; And there were days, too, when you listened To lulladies at eventide.

But now, a target through the ages, Your life in as an open book, Where you have starred on sporting pages, An easy mark for jab and hook.

One day a doting mother kissed you. But now I wonder if the facts Show those who encountered ever missed you, Or, if they used a battle-ast

For now, a hunk of meat all threaded With seams and scars where strangers point. You look like some veal cutlet, breaded, A bum might buy in some cheap joint.

The Tiger Upheaval

THOSE who have overlooked the full value of pitching might observe the case of Mr. Jennings's Detroit Tigers.

For a number of years this club has collected more precious tallies than any vival. But the collection went to seed through minor-league pitching.

This season the club looked worse than ever. It foundered away to a bad start and continued skidding for quite a spell, despite the offensive prevalence of Cobb, Veach, Heilman and others able to wallop the whey out of the ball.

And then something happened. About three weeks ago a miraculous change ame over the pitching staff. Even with Cobb's big bat outside the fold the lub began to win.

Within three weeks the Tigers came from tail-end contenders to a place LOSE back in the sun. And the people who hauled them out and put them there, in the main, used their right and left arms for this purpose. Good pitching put heart and soul back in the club where none had existed.

T^{HE} clammy athlete poised in the rifle pit is the best morale maker or breaker on the team. Now and always.

A NOTHER fine morale maker is the ability to hole a number of ten-foot putts. The same is also a fine morale breaker for the other party.

A Chance for Fame

"I'm the man that broke the bank at Monte Carlo" Is the title of a song that jumped the rut; But an even greater king is the fellow who could sing

"I'm the man that taught Chick Evans how to putt."

A PUNCH in either mitt is a valuable asset, but 100 yards in ten seconds is not to be despised.

. . THERE are still a number of old-fashioned Cincinnati rooters who, after 1 looking at the standing of the clubs and the percentages thereof, refuse to

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

T ISN'T so hard to keep your eye on the ball when you have a pretty safe

hunch that it is going straight down the middle.

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Some men

don't like any

"Turkish"

st all.

How much "

Movies Show Willard Dropped

TOLEDO is all worked up over the fighting game and an effort will be made to stage another championship affair on Labor Day. The arena probably will not be torn down until after the bout.

"Spikes" Willard Obit, Then Nelson "Spikes" Lemonade WHILE on the train Sunday night and yesterday we were aroused several times by brakemen, conductors, traveling men and other sincere persons,

who insisted on mournfully stating that Jess Willard had died from the terrible beating he had received from Dempsey. It was purely a railroad tip and started in the telegraph tower at Plymouth, Ind.

No one could verify the ranor and it was not until the morning papers were distributed that the tale was spiked. However, the tip was played strong throughout the West and some publications came out with Willard's obituary.

That is only one sidelight of the big fight. Another, which directly concorns Battling Nelson, has been sprung and perhaps it is true. Anyway, it is worth repeating.

Bat pitched a tent in front of the arena and lived there instead of paying 315 a day at some hotel. He had a swell place near the bay, and every night refore retiring and every morning upon arising he would rush to Maumee bay and take a cool plunge.

On the morning of the fight he started for his usual dip and halted when he saw a huge hogshead filled with what he supposed to be water standing near his tent.

"Why should I walk to the bay when a bathtub is so close?" Nelson asked himself. "Me for a bath right here."

So the battler wallowed around in the cool water, and when he emerged to take a sun bath several husky workmen appeared with a truck. They loaded the barrel on the vehicle, and as they started to drive away Nelson shouted :

"Hey! What's the idea? Where are you taking my bathtub?" "This ain't no bathtub," scornfully replied the driver. "This is ice-cold emonade.

. . . LEMONADE sold for twenty-five cents a glass at the arena on July 4. It was served a la Nelson. No deaths have been reported.

Those "Sightseeing" Fight Fans

MUCH has been written about the crowd, but little has been said of the fight fan who attends all big matches, not to see the bout, but to be seen the bout. These persons were numerous and one sat, or rather stood, behind . He greeted all comers.

"Hey, Frank !" he would shout. "How's the folks? Hope to see you

Then when another person passed he yelled : "Hey, Pete ! Pretty hot here, b? But not so hot as at Havana, old boy. I'll say so.'

After that the gent was asked to sit down.

But there's something funny about a fight crowd. Last Friday, when cey had Willard staggering around the ring and looking for a chance to the final wallop on his chin, every one stood up and there was some d cheering.

But what did the crowd say? Did it shriek to Dempsey to hit him again, was it excited because another champion was about to be crowned? Wes ey's name on their lips.

Not on your life. The 50,000 frantic fans shouted the old warcry, heard may fight club in the world, from the old Broadway to the National Sport-Club in London

'Sit down you big stiff. SIT DOWN !"

we limp to press Charles Rigler, the noble umpire of the National hands out the following regarding the big fight :

CONTRACTOR OF STREET

T'S all right for Willard to quit, but when he topsed in the towel in't he sport enough to throw in a clean

Miske twice fought Dempsey, stay the Elk officials requested Promoter ing the limit in a ten-round session in Herman Taylor to hold his weekly show

Greb After Levinsky

Used Foul Means in First Race at St. Paul and in a six-round fray at on Wednesday night this week. Pauthe Olympia. Brennan gave Dempsey ama Joe Gans takes on Smith. Aqueduct Track the hardest fight he ever had for six New York, July 8 .- Johnny Loftus

LYNCH STOPS JOSEPHS

Twelfth Round at Boston

The twelfth round had scarcely start

ropolitan District Title

the Nassau amateur, at 10:10, while five minutes before that Hoffner and Mike Brady, of Oakley, will wrive off.

vised Jersey laws again permitted

boxing in this state and when the powder boom brought a lot of sport-ing blood here. A. L. Gillison, proprietor of a local lumber mill, has bought the blg inclosed arena

for \$5500, a bargain price, and will convert it into a box and basket factory and saw mill.

Boxing Arena Now

tan Golf Association.

Boston, July 8 .-- Joe Lynch, the New

rounds a year ago. He injured his weight of Panama. He has waded resorted to foul means when he was leg and had to quit. Dempsey's two greatest feats previous to beating Willard were in stopis ready for all the leaders. ping Fred Fulton and Battling Levinsky

Checking Up Receipts Clerks are finishing the task of check-

ing up the gate receipts and attendance of the match, and Rickard hopes to be Gans is the champion light heavyable to issue an official statement today. It developed today that concession through the 'talent on the Isthmus aires, who expected to reap a rich har-Smith has been going great of late and vest from the crowd at the Fourth of capable of giving him all the fight he

> to collect \$5 from each sleeper. Nuts and Ade

New Yorker Scores Knockout in United States Association Issues In-One concessionaire who invested \$900 structions for Novice in peanuts sold \$70 worth. The lemon-The manual prepared for the Naade concessionaire lost heavily because York bantamweight, disposed of Bobby tional Tennis Umpires' Association is the soldier ushers would not permit Josephs, of this city, last night, when being sent to all its members and to football team, has announced that Wallie Trumbull and Charlie Coolidge Fenway A, C.

a barge and two tugboats for \$490 to carry persons from downtown crowds to the arena succeeded in getting forty-

'The main object of the National

accomplished only by widespread knowl-edge and application of the rules. "Players, young and old, must know the rules in order to observe them in letter and spirit. This knowledge is particularly essential when so many beginners are taking up tennis, for its future welfare demands that they learn the game right. Older players realize the need for observance of the rules if they are to win the tennis honors for which they strive, and so should be en-

they are to win the tennis honors for which they strive, and so should be en-couraged to study the laws of the game. Jack Hagen, who captured the national open championship a few weeks ago, will defend his title. He is scheduled to play with Gardiner W. White,

TIPLITZ IN DRAW

"Packey" Hommey Holds Joe Even in Bout at Trenton

Trenton, N. J., July 8.—"Packey" Hommey, of Brooklyn, was entitled to a draw in his fight with Joe Tiplitz, of Philadelphia, in the windup at the Trenton Athletic Club here last

The New Yorker did all the forcing, his boring-in style proving a source of worriment to the Quaker lad, who except for a couple of occasions re-fused to mix it with the lad from Gotham.

Springfield, Mass., July 8.-The Boston Nationals won 4 to 8 from the Springfield Eastern League team here yesterday after-noon in an exhibition before a large crowd.

Titular Swimming Dates

New York, July 8.- The 580-yard wom netropolitan seimming champions in with rid at Lake Homsteens on July 15. Vents to the derided are une mile m

Gans is Gans is a July contest, lost heavily. A. D. Q. Thatcher, matchmaker of the Toledo Boxing Commission, who converted an building into a The lightweights were in the lead. Benn Leonard. Freddy Weish, Battling Nelson an Jack McAuliffe were "snapped" by a tour ist. The other short bouts follow : Willie abandoned five-story building into a Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Coulon and Ted (Kid) Lewis also broke into the spotlight, Jim Corbett and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien were among the conspicuous ones who were headliners in their day. Harry Greb mets Battling Le- Coulon vs. Victor Ritchie, Wally Hinkle sleeping dormitory dropped \$4100 vinsky in one of the all-star bouts at vs. Tommy Warren and Teddy Leonard Shiba Park next Monday night. If vs. Johnny Ray. the venture. The night of July 3 there were only nineteen persons registered. Twelve of this number succeeded in avoiding the clerks, who were supposed TENNIS MADE EASY

Most of the Quakers have returned. Leon Rains, Charles Heeb, Frank Poth, Dr. G. W. Wittmaier, Johnny Eckhart, Jack Hanion, Judge Harry Imber and Matt Dougherty, on of the Leiperville baron, were the latest arrivals. With the big boat now history, the fans will furn their attention to the outdoor car-nivals booked for the ball parks. Two aiready are scheduled for this month. Phil Glassman will present his star card next Monday night, featuring Joe Welling and Lew-Tendier. Johnny Kilbane and Joey Fax are almost certain to clash before the end of the month.

Closkey vs. Artie Mace. Young Merino vs. Willie Davis, Young Kilpatrick vs. Young Gomes and Young Griffo vs. Billy Williams. There were all kinds of champions and cohampions in Toledo last week.

> Johnny Hagen continues to unearth new alent. Just as soon as one of his hopes alls down he resurrects another. His latest s Youns Gomes, a Spanish product. Gomes will receive a trial at the Cambria Open-air Club.

There will be bexing at the National Thurs-day night. Promoter. Matchmaker. An-nouncer and Chief Timer Joe Griffo will pre-sent Eddie Wagond and Wally Harper in the main session. Four other good bouts are listed.

Query-Did Joe Tiplitz and George Chaney

ever meet? No. Their first meeting will be at Sheb Park next Monday night in one of the star ____

Johnny Dundee announced in Toledo that he was ready to meet Lew Tendler. "None of them are barred." said the great little Italian boy. "If they give me my price, any promoter and any opponent can count on

end of the month. Eddle Mullin, of Port Richmond, will be a wind-up boy at the Cambria on Friday N. J. The other bouts follow: Willie Mc. Billy Purcell is preparing a letter to send to Tex Rickard. Billy is one of the major league timekeopers and was much aroused when he read of the bush league work of the other bouts follow: Willie Mc.

See Thursday's Papers

-NOT AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR ANY PARTICULAR CIGARETTE -It may even make you like your present cigarette better

Mill for Boxes Pennsgrove, N. J., July 8.—Boxes instead of boxing will hereafter be the principal product of the big arena of the Pennsgrove Athletic Association, owned by J. K. Duffy. night.

The arena has never been a success, although the boxing matches attracted large crowds there when re-

Braves Defeat Springfield

Vallie Trumbull and Charlie Coolidge rould assist him with the eleven. Trum-It was nip and tuck up to the ninth bull was a tackle on the Crimson team round, with both battlers using rights cials which will do much to make effect tive the association's slogan, "Know the rules." Edward C. Conlin, as chairman, had nine persons to make the trip at \$1 ed when the referee stopped the bout and charge of its publication. The asso-each.

gave the decision to Lynch. The fight lows: Tennis Umpires' Association is to se-cure better conditions for tournament play throughout the United States-Many Golf Experts to Play for Met-

New York, July 8 .- One of the big-

gest entry lists ever received for the metropolitan open championship tournament was given out last night by A H. Pogson, secretary of the Metropoli-