If Nothing Else, Tardy Philly Veterans Believe in Proving That They Have Well-Known Pep

EXPERTS DIFFER ON GREATEST WRESTLER

But Chain of Evidence Shows Frank Gotch Was Better Than Modern "Beef Trust"-Never Thrown

as Champion

By GRANTLAND RICE

TF IT wasn't for a difference of opin- | have tossed the Gotch of ten or fifteen left in the universe-and think then The Tangle

possible to imagine any one throwing Gotch. And after he had won the championship he was never thrown.

goal in a great match.

Bothner certainly ought to know. He had seen them all, and there is no keener student of the ancient game.

Fivals.

He was never thrown after he had reached the top, and he was taking them all in turn.

Roller Picks Lewis

A T THIS point, or shortly thereafter, dent of eminent renown, steps forward and picks "Strangler" Lewis as the king.

All in turn.

With this dope passing in review, we remain puzzled as to the expert and honest belief of so many mat students of renown that Lewis and Stetcher had it on the wonderful lowan. It was difficult to get any close line on the situation until the Pole returned to

Roller had been with Gotch for many years. He had swapped grips with them all. He is extremely intelligent and unbiased. He ought to know. It was his opinion that Lewis today could SEVEN VETS OUT

In the wouldn't be an argument left in the universe—and think then what a drab existence it would be!

We say this, despite the fact that out of our last 4357 arguments we have lost 4356 and tied one.

Most of the 4356 defeats were due to a seeming inability to keep a shrill voice pitched to a high and continuous key, which is how most arguments are won.

The argument or difference of opinion we now refer to concerns Frank Gotch, Ed Lewis and Joe Stecher.

Wherefores and Such

CONFESSING to no widespread expertments upon the subject, it had always been our opinion that Frank Gotch was the greatest wrestler that Gotch was the greatest wrestler that Gotch was the greatest wrestler that Gotch were outclassed.

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IN THE meanwhile, aloug comes Stantisland grows and after more than two forty-four, and after more than two hours of excessive labor, throws Joe Stecher.

This feat certainly lifted the baldheaded Pole upon a parity with Lewis, when Zbyszko was many years younger and at the height of his fame, he once met Gotch.

We haven't the schedule at hand which tells the exact date, but it was more than ten years ago.

In this match Gotch, by a turn of sharp practice, threw the big Pole in the sharp practice, threw the big Pole in the sharp practice. The second fall required only a short period. In this meeting Zbyszko seemed to be outclassed, was all other opponents of Gotch were outclassed.

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Yet here in another decade the elder of the care than two hours of excessive labor, throws Joe Stecher.

To BE THE PROMOTERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

For several days it has been rumored that New York has been erased as the probable battleground for the tentative Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier heavyweight world's championship tilt supposed to be held in July. Yesterday a report was issued in New York has been erased as the probable battleground for the tentative Jack Dempsey-Geo

gotch was the greatest wrestler that ever lived. He not only outclassed his field beyond all others, but with his great strength, his dizzy speed, his quick working brain and his all-around ability he had about everything that a great wrestler could use.

At his height, it was almost impossible to imagine any one throwing Gotch. And after he had won the consultance of the could have come to the local transfer of the could have come to the left of the could have come to the left of the could have come to the could have come to velous improvement could have come upon Zbyszko after his thirtieth year? It is all over our befuddled dome. sey's manager refuses to commit him-

COME time ago we set inquiries in Definition for the purpose of tagging the greatest wrestler of them all.

George Bothner, world's lightweight champion for many years and one of the greatest referees of the game, was first interviewed.

The Exchange

Lewis throws Stecher. Stecher in turn throws Lewis once or twice.

Lewis then counters and tosses Stecher. There is very little to choose between this pair with the principal of the game. There is very little to choose between this pair with the principal of the game.



Scraps About Scrappers Johnny Burns is forgetting about the box-ing game for a while. He is vacationing at the shore. There will be no show at the Cambria tomorrow night. FOR ST. JOE NINE Jack Hagan has clinched a bout between Mike Howell and Tommy Jamison for the Tuxedo Club March 30. Promoter Hagan has conceived the idea of staging five four-round bouts and two sixes, because he thinks such matches are mere interesting between youngsters who have shown a tendency to go tired in longer bouts.

Joe Daley, welterweight wrestling cham-

Johnny Barker Again Is Coaching Prep Baseballers; Has Big Squad

OSBORNE SHINES IN BOX

St. Joseph's Prep baseball candidates have been working for more than a week. Next week practice games will be played to make St. Joe fit to fight for the Catholic League crown. The squad at present numbers fifty, but the squad will be cut considerably this

been retained as coach of the nine. It will be remembered that Barker worked wonders with last season's team. Out of a number of mediocre players he developed a team that was beaten for the Catholic crown only in the last game of of a number of mediocre players he de-veloped a team that was beaten for the Catholic crown only in the last game of the season. Villanova Prep won the title last year and St. Joe finished sec-ond.

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Barker will have seven letter men to deal with this season, and, as some of the newcomers have shown well in the preliminary practices, hopes for a successful season. the newcomers have shown well in the preliminary practices, hopes for a successful season are exceptionally bright.

Veterans are Marty Kane, catcher; Frank Dineen, pitcher; Gannon, first base; Mullon, outfield; Martin, third base; Murphy, shortstop, and Breslin, outfield.

Bally de Foe and his manager, John O'Brien, are at Bushkill Pa, where the former is recovering from a broken hand.

Fets Tyrell, Tommy Loughrey and Joe Kennedy are preparing for the open-air season. They will resume staging fifteen-round bouts at West Manayunk this summer.

Still in Cage

Murphy, Breslin, Kane and Martin are still engaged in basketball activities at the Penn tournament. They have been granted a leave of absence from the diamond until the court activities are at an end. By defeating P. I. D. and Villanova Prep, the Stiles Streeters have qualified for the third round of the series.

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The work on the diamond so far has been nothing but that of muscle building. The playing surface of the diamond was quite soggy last week and the workouts consisted purely of cantering about, catching and chasing fly balls. The pitchers are kept busy. At present there are four who are showing promise, namely, Dincen, a veteran; Osborne, Durkin and Sol Butler. Of the newcomers Osborne has shown to the best advantage. He has curves, speed and a good head.

Boyle, a catcher, also is showing well, and Kane will have to be at his best all season if he wants to bet he regular catcher.

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"Hick" Mallon, who last season played in the outfield, has all the carmarks of a great first baseman. Joe Gannon was the regular first baseman iset season. He is still at school, and if Mallon makes good at first, Joe will be given a chance in the outfield.

Of the second-base aspirants Collins and Kehoe have the call. Kehoe is rather slow, but he has a good head and can scoop them up with finished skill.

Drislane, Coyle and McPoyle, newcomers, are candidates for the outfield. Drislane is a fast fielder and a fair batter.

Opposes Hockey Reopening

Baston, March 24.—The Boston Athlett Association today announced that it would be a party to a reopening of play the state of the transfer association of the United State Amateur Hockey League. It had been as nounced that President Haddock, of the State of the Stat

Low Scores in A. B. C. Tourney, Buffale, March 24.—Howling in the American howling congress tournament yester-lay was devoid of any hish scores, despite the fait that more than 150 individual competitors rolled in the doubles and singles of factoring. P. Jatrickias and E. Burke, of factoring, showed the hest performance of the day in the two-man event, scoring a total of 1211 phrs.

champion for many years and one of the gratest referees of the game, was first interviewed.

After a careful consideration of the subject, Bothner finally decided that in his opinion Steeher was the monarch of the mat. This, of course, was before Lewis beat Steeher and just after Steeher had tossed Lewis for a field goal in a great match.

Stecher again.

There is very little to choose between this pair with the complete menu under consideration.

The immense Pole then steps in and throws Steeher, over ten years after Gotch has beaten him with ease.

Gotch, through his long reign, was sort to Kearns as a place for the match several weeks ago," said the well-rivals.

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The conversal of the connection of the twelve challenging naviors. The champion has bould do it within a decrease of the base of the well-decreased when his term decreased when he have been prevented to be sufficient to decide the wi course," he said, "I would approve such a contest and issue a license for if. There have been several reports that an effort would be made to hold the championship contest at the shore, and at the present time I do not see any reason why I would be against it. "Yes," answered Commissioner Smith, "I do think twelve rounds would be sufficient to decide the winner. If

DAVIS CUP TRIALS

MUST END AUG. 20

Challenging Team Will Have
Twelve Days to Prepare for
Match With Americans

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days in which to prepare. The championship matches will begin at Forest Hills, New York, on September 2.

Notice of the dates by which all preliminary matches must be completed already has been given to the tennis associations of the twelve challenging nations. Under the rules of the Davis Cup competition the champion nation is obliged to give the competitors an intimation of the dates by which the various rounds can be completed. The committee has announced the following dates for completion of the preliminary rounds:

First round matches, if played in the



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