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MACK PLUCKS STAR SECOND BASEMAN IN YOUNG HENRY SCHEER

Twenty-One-Year-Old Infielder, Who Played With Hartford, Is Said to Have the Stuff to Make Good in the Big Show

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

ACCORDING to the baseball men at the meeting in New York last week, Connie Mack plucked one of the best young players from the bushes at the close of last season when he signed Henry Scheer, the kid infielder on the Hartford Club. Scheer looks like a great ball player and seems to have improved during the winter season. However, all ball players have a habit of doing that. It's a cliché to be a star when you can't prove it.



HENRY SCHEER

Just the same, they say that Scheer is the goods and Cornelius stepped into a lot of good luck when he nabbed him. The skinny boss of 'A' heard about Henry last spring when he started his professional career with Heinie Zimmerman's Bronx Giants. "There's a likely looking kid playing with 'Zim's' team," Connie was told. "Better take a look at him."

Before Mack could get an awful lot out of the kid, he was in action and signed him to play with Hartford. Connie, however, remembered the name and every time he sent a scout up in New England he was asked to report on Scheer. Three direct men saw him play and their reports were so favorable that Connie went up to see for himself.

"I was impressed with Scheer because he seemed to know what he was doing and, in addition, was coaching the other infielders. He ran the ball game and acted like a veteran. He looked so good that I feared other clubs were after him and the price would be so high that I could not touch him."

"After the ball game I took a chance. When Owner Clarkin asked me how I liked the player and the price I would put on him I took a long chance. I casually answered that I would give \$5000 then and there and much to my surprise the offer was accepted. "Chet Thomas, the old Cleveland catcher, who managed the Hartford Club after the unfortunate death of Arthur Irwin, had boosted Scheer to three big-league clubs, but I apparently get there first. Scheer looks like a smaller edition of Bobby Roth. He is fast, fields well and it is said he is a better third baseman than a second sacker. I believe he will make good, but you never can tell until the training trip is over."

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AMATEURS VOTED INTO LOCAL P. G. A.

Simonpures Can Become Honorary Members Without Vote. Meeting Largely Attended

GUMBES AIDS PROCEDURE

By SANDY MENBLICK

THE activities of the newly formed Philadelphia Professional Golfers' Association, the first of its kind in the city, were held last night in a meeting at the local P. G. A. as an honor to a group of ducks with a revolver.

If the ducks represent ideas floating in the air it is really seen that the pros can only bring down one at a time.

That's what they're doing. The chess that reigns when the organization was first started is rapidly settling down into the semblance of a something.

One more enthusiastic meeting was held yesterday in the Holmae Golf Company rooms near Twelfth and Market streets, and a couple of more "ducks" were brought to earth.

One of the most important discussions was the admission of amateurs to membership in the organization. Arguments were bandied to and fro and pro and con. The final ruling adopted was that amateur members would be admitted on the basis of their ability to serve on committees except in an honorary capacity. So that's that.

Modern Clero

Frank Gumbes, an amateur of the Bala Golf Club, attended the meeting by request, and consented to make a speech on parliamentary law.

His previous work as a powerful agency in bringing the new body to earth. Each move of his eyebrows told its little story. Each time he socked both data on the table in front of him, all present jumped and blinked and another point went home.

It was a great oration, and Mr. Gumbes not only cleared the air of cloudy ideas on procedure but, with a broad sweep of his hands, literally greased the wheels of progress.

He made an honorary member forthwith, and a representative of the bar, meaning the law, J. Wood Platt had already been elected to this class, representing the amateurs, and your correspondent, representing the ranks of the public prints.

All in Fave

George Sayers, Bill Byrne and others spoke in favor of the amateurs, and the voters backed them up.

Frank Gumbes was made honorary chairman of the committee on By-Laws and Constitution, and everything promises to be ship-shape at the next meeting.

The tournament question was opened by Frank Coltart, Bill Byrne and Woody Platt. It was decided to present the projects in definite form at the next meeting.

The seating capacity at Holmae's was inadequate to house all those present. It was one of the best attended meetings in the city, and getting thoroughly enthused and set out to get over an organization which will be a real credit to Philadelphia golfdom.

DRONEY IS IN SHAPE FOR LEONARD TONIGHT

Lancaster Batter Meets Champion at the Ice Palace

Tim Dronney, the Lancaster light-weight who meets Benny Leonard, the feature eight-round bout at the Ice Palace A. C. tonight, is in good shape. He completed his work for the championship in Maryland. Fifty per cent of the profits of this show will go to the Philadelphia City branch of the American Legion and will go to the Christmas fund for the disabled soldiers.

Leonard is in more demand now than any other ring artist. Every promoter in the country is after his services and it is only through the medium of the American Legion that Philadelphia is enabled to see him perform this evening.

In the eight-round semi-final Cup Franchetti will oppose Tony Capot, of New York. Vennie Lopez, of Camp Dix, and Tommy Longman, of this city, clash in the second eight-rounder. The opening eight-rounder will be between a brace of heavyweights—Jack Clancy, of Pottsville, and Joe Allison, of Washington.

A series of 125-pound amateur contests, under A. A. U. sanction, will start at 7:30 and run until time for the professional bouts to start.

Y'S KRAX

LEW TENDLER says if Benny Leonard steps on the scales he will give himself a weigh.

If Bill Donovan gets that Detroit contract there will be written in it "Ty that binds."

Phillie says she sure enjoyed the ball game at the opera.

Answer to query—If your furnace won't behave, give it a darn good shaking.

"I may have led a last life," muttered the bike racer in the stretch, "but I'm on my last lap now."

Vardon and Ray's favorite game—putt and take.

Gift for tin wedding anniversary—flivver.

Killingler, who was a star on the grilliron, hopes to be a gem on the diamond.

Let us hope, now that Cornell has elected Kell as captain, the Ithacans will never have to eat crow.

If it were, as "Pussycat" Johnson says, that "radio will go dry, what will the Huds?"

Joe Bush has perfected his "fork" ball, which probably means that he will put it over the plate.

We have often wondered whether the Draze players are clever at dodging and dodging.

Draft has given many a fellow rheumatism and now it may make the International League limp.

Some guys think the Volstead act is a farce.

HOW TO START THE DAY WRONG



"The Hardest Ring Battle of My Career"

Mental Strain in Winning Title From Welsh Made Leonard's Most Strenuous Match

By BENNY LEONARD

NERVOUSNESS and anxiousness, both of which come under the heading of mental strain, are the biggest handicaps of a man while boxing. They threatened me throughout the most important battle of my fistie career, and as a result, although I won, I was physically exhausted.

I know that I had to knock out my foe—I was aware of that fact for weeks before the bout, and not only that, but I had several persons impressing the fact on my mind day in and day out. Then the night of the contest—it was even worse. I was so nervous in my dressing room listening to "You must knock him out—that I was almost wobbly walking to the ring."

Yes, it was on the night that Benny Leonard became the light-weight champion. It occurred May 28, 1917, the night I knocked out one of the cleverest and greatest defensive boxers that ever lived, the night Freddy Welsh was dethroned in New York, when our bout was stopped in the ninth round, the game Britisher being virtually unconscious wedged into one of the corners, unable to get himself.

The finish of that bout was the most dramatic ever known in boxing history, according to ring experts. With Welsh in some manner holding himself up with his elbows on the top rope, I was punching him as if he were a bag, when Referee McPartland very humanely touched me on my shoulder, and sent me to my corner.

Game to End

Game to the end, Welsh extricated himself from the corner, staggered toward the center of the ring with his right hand raised as if to swing it, reeled and then tottered to the ropes. He held it up, attempting to get falling limply over the second round. He was "dead" out.

I was happy—but felt sad. Benny Leonard had become the light-weight champion, but I felt sorry for one of the prittiest fellows in the realm of fistiana. He was game—was Freddy Welsh—pritty to the finish.

My mental strain was at its end, and I was glad. Between rounds, and in my corner even before the bout started, my manager, Billy Gibson, and my trainer, George Engel, kept advising: "Punch hard, and keep punching—keep punching." These words continually rang in my ears, round after round, and I heard the same advice between rounds. It was a terrible strain.

Welsh was strong. He was in wonderful shape, and was boxing as defensively as never before. I tried to get Freddy to open up, attempting to get him to box in the open. He wouldn't.

Then Gibson and Engel reminded me that I already had outpointed Welsh in two previous ten-round bouts, and if I didn't knock him out before the finish of this, our third scheduled ten-round match, I probably never would get another opportunity to win the title.

Efforts Became Frantic

I wanted that championship—yes, craved it. Every boxer is anxious to become a title holder. And Gibson and Engel's pleadings for me to score a knockout became more and more, while my frantic efforts became harder and harder.

In the eighth round Welsh was greatly fatigued. The bell found him very tired and worn. Then the ninth. After Referee McPartland had dragged us out of several clinches and I had backed Fred into corner I felt assured of the championship.

Poor Freddy! He was all in, and I was wishing for a towel to come from his corner. But the sign of defeat made no appearance, and I waited in punching my hardest with both hands. When Welsh was unable to hold up his guard the finish came. McPartland interceding and ordering me to my corner, the world's light-weight champion.

Since that bout my nerves have never failed me, and I have never suffered such a mental strain in any of my bouts.

Jeff Smith will tell of his hardest ring battle in Thursday's issue of the Evening Public Ledger.

DUNDEE IS VICTOR; HURTS RIGHT HAND

New Yorker Boxes Last Three Rounds With One Mitt Against Hanlon

By BENNY LEONARD

AFTER outboxing Jimmy Hanlon for five rounds with two hands, Johnny Dundee went along and did the same thing just as easily in the last three rounds with one mitt in the wind-up at the Olympia last night.

Dundee gave a nice exhibition of hitting without getting hit, it failed to please a number of fans left the South Broad street arena before the finish of the scheduled eight rounds.

Dundee hurt his right hand in the early part of the sixth frame, and from then until the final sound of the gong he boxed with his left, while the injured member dangled at his side most of the time. Only on one or two occasions did Dundee use his right in the last three rounds for blocking purposes, and just as often did he make a weak effort to punch with it.

In a way, Dundee gave a brilliant and clever exhibition of left-handed boxing—while on the other glove, it wasn't even necessary for the New Yorker to use two hands on the rugged Denverite. That's about how much Hanlon was outboxed by Dundee.

Ringiders began yelling that it was "one of those things" shortly after the bell changed starting the fans. Between the first and second round, during the second, between the second and third and during part of the third the "regular" in the southeast boxes near the ring chanted rhythmically with the movements of the boxers, "Waltz Me Around Again, Willie." And they seemed to enjoy it—meaning their singing—not the boxing.

"Song-birds" took it on the wing and made for the air, shortly followed by others from different parts of the audience. Even some of the fight-hungry boys up in the "peanut" department gustedly before the finish.

Hanlon weighed in at 137½ and Dundee was 15½ pounds lighter.

The return match between Georgeie Werner, of Boston, and Jimmy Gibbons, of Grays Ferry, resulted in a regular slugfest, with the former a winner, even though he was staggered by right hand punches on two different occasions. Werner was entitled to the honors by virtue of body punches which made the Gray's Ferrite hold.

Jimmy Kirk, a stablemate of Dundee, outboxed Willie Ferguson; Pedro Campo, a Filipino, showed fairly clever form in his boxing from Joey Miller, and Billy Pimpus was a victor over Ray Belmont.

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NIP AND TUCK WHEN CALIF. MEETS W. AND J.

Easterners Went Through Tough Schedule Unbeaten and Are Representative—Pacific Coasters Will Hardly Run Up Big Score Against Presidents

By GRANTLAND RICE

Famous Gifts From the land of the Follow Three—Echoland, Pretender, Far from the Masbie and Divot Blues

BY THE skillful use of net and trident, Ted Hawkins can bag first-class opponents for Benny Leonard and Johnny Wilson in the light and middle weight ranks. He can arrange all the necessary action for the light-heavy-weight situation with Tom Gibbons, Greb and Carpenter. But he has no snoring accessories at hand that will round up any dazzling opponent for Jack Dempsey, who will sit upon the top of the dais in lonely grandeur, with only the vague, massive shadow of Jess Willard now and then slanting across the scene.

W. and J. played through a first-class schedule without losing a single contest, including Pittsburgh and Detroit University, only four first downs were made against Neale's machine.

A strong line, two good ends, a first-class backfield, all well coached, make up a representative delegation for any section.

W. and J. wasn't as flashy in attack nor as consistently strong as Penn State, but it would have offered an even battle against any Eastern rival.

Considering the team's power on defense, there is hardly a chance that California will run up any score even approaching the Ohio State upset of a year ago.

Unless California is easily the strongest team in the country, the game will belong to the nip-and-tuck species, with no romp on either side.

Who Is He and Where Is He? W. and J. is the man who is ultimately to knock out Jack Dempsey?

When John Lawrence Sullivan was at the top of his game James J. Corbett was a bank clerk in California.

When Bob Fitzsimmons was rugged Corbett, Jim Jeffries was a busy unknown helper around Corbett's camp.

When Jeffries ruled the game back around 1900, Jack Johnson was a Texas roundabout.

When Johnson stopped Jeffries Willard was an overgrown combination of cowboy and farmer from Kansas.

In looking for the future conqueror of Dempsey one would hardly turn to Carpenter, Brennan or Gibbons. The odds are he will be some youngster, now unknown, but a fast worker on the upward trail after he gets his start.

The Durable King TY COBB next spring will be starting his eighteenth season under the Big Aving of the game.

Yet on the rim of this advanced state of servitude, frolicking under the golden sun of California, he still has enough to lead such competitors as Rogers Hornsby and George Sider in the post-graduate School of Swat.

If one had to name two of the hardest parties in the game to beat, Hornsby and Sider would be leading choices.

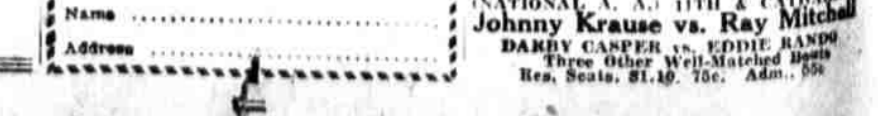
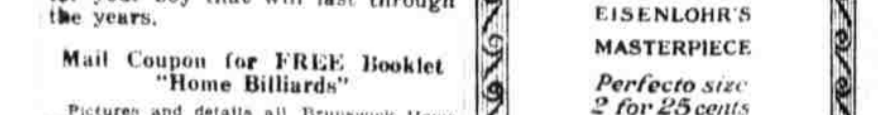
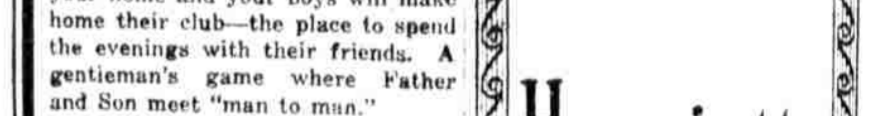
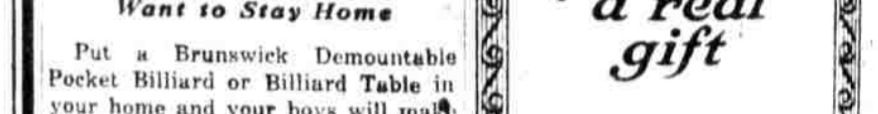
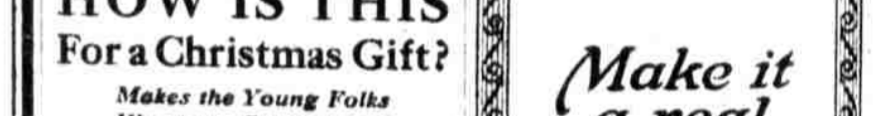
If Cobb isn't the durable king of the diamond, we once more pause for a reply.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Earl J. Thomson, a senior at Dartmouth College, who in May 1920, established a new world's record of 14.2 seconds at the 100-yard dash, a teacher at Whittier College, near here, is expected to be married at present they are spending the holidays at their homes in this state.

Earl Thomson to Wed

South of the Masbie and Divot Blues Where the scum skin is shining, For the land of the palm and the well-

The golf bug's pining; He wants to go from the rain and snow, Down where the balmy breezes blow, To take the stars in the sun and sand, With a big-spade niblick in his hand.



Murray and Indian Russell Draw New York, Dec. 20.—Frankie Murray, Philadelphia, and Indian Russell, Hartford, fought two rounds to a draw here in a battle which demonstrated in this particular instance that a couple of weeks' body in the Ell rooting section, and the ace was over, that is, to every one but Penn. The Red and Blue came back in the second period when Murray set the puck into the net, tying the score. In the following period Wannamaker scored three times and the game was over.

Columbia Swimmers Win New York, Dec. 20.—Columbia University's swimming team, including the ace on last night with a victory over McGill University, of Montreal, won the 200-yard aquatic club in the home stadium, outpointed the Cornell college, and won the 100-yard race in the program last night. Columbia's representatives won the 200-yard race, and the 100-yard race, and the 50-yard race, and the 25-yard race, and the 12.5-yard race, and the 6.25-yard race, and the 3.125-yard race, and the 1.5625-yard race, and the 0.78125-yard race, and the 0.390625-yard race, and the 0.1953125-yard race, and the 0.09765625-yard race, and the 0.048828125-yard race, and the 0.0244140625-yard race, and the 0.01220703125-yard race, and the 0.006103515625-yard race, and the 0.0030517578125-yard race, and the 0.00152587890625-yard race, and the 0.000762939453125-yard race, and the 0.0003814697265625-yard race, and the 0.00019073486328125-yard race, and the 0.000095367431640625-yard race, and the 0.0000476837158203125-yard race, and the 0.00002384185791015625-yard race, and the 0.000011920928955078125-yard race, and the 0.0000059604644775390625-yard race, and the 0.00000298023223876953125-yard race, and the 0.000001490116119384765625-yard race, and the 0.0000007450580596923828125-yard race, and the 0.00000037252902984619140625-yard race, and the 0.000000186264514923095703125-yard race, and the 0.0000000931322574615478515625-yard race, and the 0.000000046566128730773928125-yard race, and the 0.0000000232830643653869640625-yard race, and the 0.00000001164153218269348203125-yard race, and the 0.000000005820766091346741015625-yard race, and the 0.0000000029103830456733705078125-yard race, and the 0.00000000145519152283668525390625-yard race, and the 0.000000000727595761418342626953125-yard race, and the 0.0000000003637978807091713134765625-yard race, and the 0.00000000018189894035458565673828125-yard race, and the 0.000000000090949470177292828369140625-yard race, and the 0.00000000004547473508864641415478515625-yard race, and the 0.0000000000227373675443232070773928125-yard race, and the 0.00000000001136868377216160353869640625-yard race, and the 0.0000000000056843418860801769348203125-yard race, and the 0.000000000002842170943040088469673828125-yard race, and the 0.00000000000142108547152004423483691