

Off Day for Horseshoe Pitchers at St. Pete, Despite George Washington's Birthday

ONLY TWO REMAIN WITH CLEAN SLATES IN BARNYARD GOLF

C. C. Davis Picked Certain Winner Over Ralph Spencer for 1922 Horseshoe-Pitching Championship. Former Says He Will Retire From Tournaments

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WHEN George Washington stepped into the picture 180 years ago today he made it possible for a lot of celebrations on February 22. In most cities they close the banks, but here in St. Pete the day is observed with continued work by athletes of the hoof, which is the latest comical slang for horseshoe pitchers. The tournament is going strong and every one of the twenty-two original entrants is happy except...

Only two have slipped through with clean slates, and the chances are they will continue to slip until they meet each other. Then will come the struggle of the ages, or whatever they call it.

C. C. Davis and Ralph Spencer are the survivors. They have not finished on the short end of that 50-point score yet, and from the expert dope flowing around the courts they haven't a Chinaman's chance to flop. They have outlasted the field, won their matches easily and are the favorites.

Both Davis and Spencer pitched seven games yesterday, the former defeating Fred Brust, the 1910 champion, in his last match of the day. This was by far the most interesting, thrilling and exciting battle ever staged. Brust had been going good and was expected to push Davis to the limit, and he did. The final score was 50 to 37, but it was much closer than the figures indicated.

DAVIS got off to a flying start, and his lopsided shot slid around the steel peg as fast as the end of the fourth inning of the Columbus game had covered two ringers, a double and a point, for a total of thirteen. Then Brust got started and, pitching brilliantly, cut down the lead, and five innings before the end was only two points behind.

Finish Comes With Sensational Pitch. DAVIS cut loose with another double ringer and a single, and in the last frame was ahead 47 to 37. Then came the sensational finish which is the chief topic of conversation today. Davis threw a ringer, which was enough to end the game, but Brust still had a chance to pitch covered Davis' ringer and the crowd went wild with joy. Covering the shoe in that manner wipes out the score, and Brust still had another shoe with which to register.

Fred took careful aim and hurled his shoe at the steel peg, which once was the proud axle of a touring flivver. The hoof covering sailed toward the mark and it looked like another ringer—but not so anybody could notice it. Instead of wrapping itself around the peg, as all good ringers do, it struck the other shoe, knocked it away and Davis' ringer was there all alone. This gave him the points and the game. Brust defeated himself and should be accredited with an assist.

The matches yesterday were well attended and the pitchers in excellent form. Ralph Spencer won all seven games he pitched and established a Florida record for double ringers. In his match against J. S. Butler, the champion of Michigan, he registered eight doubles. Shortly after that he collided with Miller and came through with seven more.

The world's record for doubles is held by Fred Jackson, the well-known farmer of Kellerton, Ia. Fred made fifteen in the Minneapolis tournament last September, and many of the athletes were there to see it. The biggest upset of the day was furnished by Parker Moore, of Chicago. The slipper-slammer from the Windy City emerged unscathed the first day, but yesterday he lost four matches. George Snyder, of Albion, N. Y., was first to administer a defeat, winning his match 50 to 31.

R. T. Clifton, of Eufaula, also had hard luck, losing to Snyder by the score of 50 to 38. Snyder is a dangerous contender and last year was the only man to defeat Charley Bobbitt, the champion.

THE big match today will be between Brust and Spencer, and it is expected the tournament will be finished tomorrow. Davis is favorite in the betting. C. C. DAVIS is looked upon as a certain winner and already has been made the favorite over Spencer in the betting. He had only one tough match, that with Brust, and Fred is the only man to get more than 25 points against him.

"This is my first tournament, and it also is my last," said Davis. "I do not believe a 50-point game is enough to end the ability of horseshoe pitchers, and for that reason I shall stay out of further tournament competition. For years I have studied the game, hit upon a form of delivery all my own and demonstrated it is the best. I have challenged and defeated all of the champions in private matches and will claim the world's championship if I am successful here."

"Perhaps my style is not as clean-cut as the others and my shoes wobble as they sail toward the peg, but I get my share of ringers and the style suits me. I have studied that the best way is to pitch, I wish to pitch without effort, because it gives me a chance to perform all day without getting tired. I pull my arm back further than any one else and that gives me a long swing, the same as in golf. When I let go of the shoe my arm does not stop, but goes right through. That gives me the speed and direction. After finishing this tournament I shall confine myself to exhibition matches."

MANY of the athletes suffered from the intense heat yesterday. It was the hottest day of the year. Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company



RANGERS AND DISSTON TIE FOR LEAD IN SOCCER RACE

Closest Campaign on Record Being Staged in Third Division, Northeast Section. Allied League. ALL PLAY IS CLEAN. WITH the season pretty well near the finish the race for soccer honors in the third division, northeast section, of the Allied League, finds the teams in a neck-and-neck race. The Rangers and Disston are pretty well matched in one of the closest campaigns on record.

All the clubs, with the possible exception of one or two, have demonstrated their ability, and for the most part are exponents of clean soccer. A glance at the standings of the teams discloses the fact that the difference of seven points is separating the first division clubs, with Rangers and Disston tied for first place.

A trip around the circuit discloses many promising young players, and it is noted a difficult task to single out all those worthy of mention. Were one in attendance at all the weekly games it would be easy, but nevertheless there are numbers that have been seen in action and about whom a few words would not be amiss.

Y's Krax. IN THE spring a ball star's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of dough. Yes, Phyllis, a holdout is a ball player who holds out his hand for more mazzies.

Our Daily Guessing Contest—What title does Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey hold? THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CRACK PITCHER AND A CRACKED PITCHER.

Some baseball bugs refer to Cy Perkins as a Masked Marvel. In football it usually is the backs that put the team in the front.

If a player would agree to be docked for his benevolence, it is probable the manager would be pleased to pay him a bonus. Scraphs About Scraphs

Bill Wells, an English welterweight, is due to arrive in New York next week. He will be under the guidance of Mike McHugh, who is expected to meet Eddie Moran, Tommy Boyce and Al Holtzman vs. Jack Williams.

Willie Britz will be chief adviser for Mike McHugh in the welterweight division. The match is scheduled for fifteen rounds. Mickey Mooney, Trenton junior lightweight, is booked for two bouts. He meets George Morgan 25 at Newark.

Robby Burman, Southwark southpaw, has resumed training. He will be ready for bouts with the Duke and Wagner and Ed Wagner by the 1st of March. Johnny Walsh is in fine fettle for his eight-round bout Thursday night at the Ice Palace. His opponent will be White Fitzgerald.

J. E. Sean, of Shenandoah, writes that Tony Farrell, who holds down the title last week after a tough tussle with Frankie Murray, will be back in the ring next week at Hagerburg next Monday night. Tim may meet Murray in a return match at Shenandoah March 16.

Tim Dramer, of Lancaster, is to box at Houston, Tex., March 7. His opponent is to be Bobby Green of San Antonio. The matchmaker of Philadelphia is matchmaker of the Houston A. C. Kid Arpat, of Denver, 125 pounds, is in town tonight. He will meet Mike McHugh, who is handling Joe Green, 115, and Benny Freeman, 115. Joe Daly, a Brooklyn welterweight, will visit Philadelphia Friday and meet Al Vorheiser at the Columbia. The match will be a ten-round affair. Other bouts: Phil Gannon vs. Eddie Moran, Tommy Boyce vs. Al Holtzman vs. Jack Williams.

TERMINAL'S SUBS TRIM ART LOOM

Big Surprise Furnished in First Game of Playoff for Manufacturers' Title. RUSS FOSSETT IS STAR. YOU never can tell—in sports, Yonah Hall was jammed with basketball fans last night to witness Art Loom Terminal in the first of the play-off games for the championship of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' Basketball League. When the teams trotted out Terminal was minus Eddie Gallagher and "Cy" Blumindinger. Then the fans settled back in their seats to witness the slaughter.

Gallagher was among those present, but was nursing a wrenched knee, which puts him out for the season. He will be ready to get into baseball uniform, either, and Nativity loses its 1922 shortstop. Pete Daley took Gal's place at forward and Joe Green went in at guard alongside of Joe Serone.

The subs upset the dope from the get-away and what was predicted for Terminal on paper does not compare with what actually happened. The winners deserved the victory as they outplayed the losers at almost every stage of the game.

Mays and Schang Reach Camp Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 22.—Carl Mays, pitcher, and catcher Walter Schang, of the Yankees, have arrived here, the latter being expected to be ready to sign under contract for the coming campaign, but expect to sign within the next week or so.

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Washington's Arm Could Have Nailed 'Em at Plate. Washington had the whip hand back in '16, but there is nothing in history to indicate that he was a baseball player. However, had George been stationed in the outfield of any mine it is likely that he would have cut off many a run at the plate.

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CLONIE TAIT EAST FOR LEONARD GO

Canadian Champion is Lightweight Knockout—Stopped O'Leary for Title. HE IS 24 YEARS OLD.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE. WITH the advent of Clonie Tait from the West, another lightweight now is in the East with an eye on that 135-pound-at-2-o'clock crown adorning the well-combed raven locks of Benny Leonard. Tait is a Canadian—a French-Canadian—and he is the champion of the country of his birth.

A knockout victory in the tenth round against Johnny O'Leary at Medicine Hat, July 11, 1917, gave Tait the Canadian lightweight laurels. The morning after found O'Leary and his cohorts weeping and howling "lucky punch."

Tait proved himself a regular guy by agreeing to a return bout with the Irish, and eight days later they met again. This time Tait made it unanimous by knocking young Mr. O'Leary for a loop in five rounds at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Invaded United States. These two knockouts by Tait against the former champion made the French-Canadian the biggest attraction in Canada, and his services were demanded all over the country. Clonie continued clouting his opponents on the chin until he ran out of opposition. Could not get a bout on the other side of the north border and then he crossed the boundary line.

After three or four matches early in 1918, including a bout with Rocky Kanam and another with Hattie Mitchell, Tait returned to Canada, where a number of new lightweights had been unscathed, and Clonie was kept busy during the remainder of 1918 and throughout the season of 1919.

The year 1920 again found the olive-skinned battler in the States, and he made a successful year, meeting, among others, Pinky Mitchell, Otto Wallace, Al Dekaney and Bobby Ward. Lew Edwards, champion of Australia, was defeated out in two bouts by Tait at Chicago, November 12, of that year. A following season Tait did a lot of boxing engagements in Canada. These are part of this course.

Will the Giants and Yankees Repeat

Robert W. Maxwell. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger (YOU KNOW BOB) is in the heart of the training camp belt now, and will visit all the major league clubs during their spring preparation for the 1922 season. In his interesting, witty and easy style he will tell of their prospects in the

Evening Public Ledger. Irvin Wilhelm will start his first season as manager of the Phillies, and you fans will want to know what chance he has to pull Philadelphia out of last place.

Edwin J. Pollock will accompany the Phils to their training camp at Leaning, and will give first-hand dope on the condition and ability of Wilhelm's athletes.

Wins From Dronzy. Tait's introductory in Gotham was in a ten-rounder with Tim Dronzy, a rugged Louisiana. At the final going, Timothy was among those standing right, although rather mused on. The judges gave Clonie the decision and everybody says that night gave Tim compliments of being a tough guy.

A glimpse at the French-Canadian's record shows quite a number of knockouts, including a list of one-rounders. He is a hefty puncher, shooting his right straight from the shoulder, and usually when he connects it means that something falls.

Although Tait has been boxing eight years, he still is in his early twenties. He has been down at Edmonton, Alberta, October 25, 1918.

State Boxer Out for Season. State College, Pa., Feb. 22.—Water Rowland, who is thought an excellent prospect, was pursuing the Penn State boxers this year, the latest line of bad news following the Army meet when it was learned the national champion had broken a bone in his hand and would probably be out for the rest of the season.

Catcher Schmidt a Hold-Out. Manager of the Pittsburgh National League team, is still in Modesto, despite orders to return to the club. Schmidt would remain here until his contract was signed by the Pirates.

Halks Is Capable. Parren has a capable goal tender in Halks, but the backs are weak and the