

REAL MAY PROMISES BRISTLE TIMES FOR BASEBALL TEAMS--SHOOTERS' PROGRAM

HARRY POLLOCK IS HARD LOSER Refuses to Admit That Welsh Must Turn Title Over to Leonard

New York, May 30.—Harry Pollock, manager of Freddie Welsh, issued a statement last night in which he claimed that Welsh is still the lightweight champion, basing his assertion on Rule 2 of the Marquis of Queensbury rules, which reads: "A man hanging on the ropes in a helpless state with his toes off the ground shall be considered down."

"Benny Leonard and his manager, Billie Gibson, are, I am sure, too thorough sportsmen to even consider claiming a championship based upon such an erroneous interpretation of the rules under which the battle was waged," says Pollock. "No man can dare say what would have been the ultimate outcome of the contest had McPartland lived up to the rule and given Welsh his due in a nine seconds count before calling him 'out.' Fighters have time and again been 'out,' dead to the world, saved by the bell on the ninth count and come on in the succeeding round to be determined winners."

Rule 12 of the Queensbury rules says:

"The contest in all other respects to be governed by the revised rules of the London prize ring."

Section 8 of the London code of the London rules reads:

"The referee shall have power to stop the contest if in his opinion a man is unfit to continue."

Rules Observed

Followers of boxing agreed that this rule fully governed the bout between Leonard and Welsh and that the referee, "Kid" McPartland, was fully justified in stopping the bout because Welsh was "unfit to continue" and giving the victory to Leonard.

Benny Leonard did not celebrate his victory over Freddie Welsh in the general way that such events are signaled. There was no "setting them up" for all the boys by the new champion.

There was a celebration—a family affair only—and right in Benny's own home. Within half an hour after he had come into the light to claim his title, a party of the world he was in the arms of his mother, caressing her and heaping kisses on her cheeks. That home-coming was what made Benny glad that the winning of the championship was worth while.

Thanks His Mother

"Mother, I want to thank for my success," was the new champion's first words to his mother when he recovered himself. "Without you I could never have attained the goal that I did. It was my ambition to become the champion fighter of the world. I'm that now, and the care and attention you gave me had as much, if not more, to do in the attainment of my victories than anything else in the world."

"Now that I'm the champion," said Benny to his friends, "I'm going to be a fighting champion. Anybody who thinks I should fight with the best and just as often as I'm called upon. But I must fight for my country, and, true to my word, I'm going to fight down some day this week and offer my services to Uncle Sam. I've realized my ambition and I'm ready to take my title right into the trenches whenever called upon. I want to show a few doubters that a champion fighter is not a slacker. I'm not going to be drafted. I'm going right into the line."

The total box office receipts of the contest were \$12,149. Deducting the state tax of 7 1/2 per cent, the net profit amounted to \$12,162, of which Welsh received 40 per cent and Leonard 35 per cent. On that basis Welsh took nearly \$5,000 and Leonard \$4,000.

DON WERTZ TO TWIRL

Marysville, Pa., May 30.—Don Wertz, who twirled the Marysville Dauphin-Perry League champs last season, was scheduled to twirl this afternoon's game for the locals against the fast-moving Newport team. King Lear was on the mound for Newport.

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CANADIANS PLAY BASEBALL CONTEST ON BATTLE FRONT

British Front in France, May 30.—With German shells dropping half a mile away, Canadian soldiers on Tuesday, played baseball on a diamond which had been laid out on what was a few weeks ago a furrowed battlefield. The game was played, in fact, in the very shadow of Vimy Ridge. Gaping shell holes had been filled in, the ground smoothed and a rough grand stand erected from which "fans" in khaki cheered on the contestants. Says a cable to the Public Ledger, Philadelphia:

The game launched the baseball season on the Western Front in full swing. From now on these matches will be staged twice a week in this strangest of all theatres, almost within range of the German guns.

For the old adage, "All work and no play" has its application in war as well as in peace. In the grand stand yesterday were officers and other spectators, including General Horne, commanding the First British Army, who has become an enthusiastic fan.

Two Canadian Teams

The contest between two teams representing two Canadian brigades. As a matter of fact, all the teams in what might be called the World War League are now composed of representatives of the numerous Canadian brigades, and all the players are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the American forces to arrange for an interleague series.

A Second brigade beat the third by the score of 7 to 1. The Second brigade had a great left-handed pitcher whose delivery the Third brigade team could not handle. The Third brigade team also had a good boxman, who formerly played with Ottawa in the Canadian league. The catcher was unable to hold his delivery well and this fault accounted for many of the runs scored by the winning side.

Two Pen Errors

The game was remarkable free from errors, considering the battlefield diamond on which it was played. All the equipment had been brought from America, including the base bags.

As a side show it was possible for the grand stand to see an occasional German shell dropping over the field. The hum of aeroplanes were humming overhead, but assuming them to be friendly, no one took any notice except when a fly ball happened to be hit.

There was typical rooting by the Canadians and Americans among the khaki-clad spectators, and much wading on the game. One subaltern but not enough, he said, to pay his expenses on a three weeks' leave in Paris but he chose the wrong side and his leave was indefinitely postponed.

PENBROOK STAR GOES TO FRONT George Wolf Enrolls in Engineer Corps at Philadelphia; Known Here

George Wolf, son of W. H. Wolf, proprietor of the Wolf Bakery in Penbrook and former president of the engineers corps with a Philadelphia division.

Wolf was well known in the sporting world in Harrisburg and vicinity, having played on the Penbrook football team two years ago when the team was one of the strongest in the county.

Sensational Player

When at the Cumberland Valley State Normal school in Shippensburg, Wolf played a sensational game at basketball. He was star forward on the Normal second team and in many games played with the varsity five.

Wolf just returned from Eddytown where he was employed in an ammunition plant. He was there during the explosion sometime ago in which many were killed and injured, and assisted in the rescue work.



GEORGE WOLF

WATCH COLLEGE PHENOM

Kansas City, May 30.—Baseball scouts are watching the work of C. C. McKinney pitcher for William Jewell College, who thus far this season has pitched thirty-three innings and has fanned seventy-three batters, an average of almost two and a third strikeouts an inning. Besides, he has allowed only five hits. Two one-hit games and one no-hit contest are to his credit.

When not in the pitcher's box McKinney plays the outfield, and he is regarded as one of the best gardeners in the state.

"CY" HAS LICORICE BALL

Cleveland, May 30.—Cy Falkenberg's "licorice ball" has been replaced by the "licorice ball" also of C. P. Invention, according to Leo Fohl, manager of the Indians. Fohl says he is enabled to deliver a "foater" or "sailer" by moistening the ball with a bit of licorice, which dries into a sticky mass on the ball.

Emmy Kautsky has reported the new invention to Ban Johnson at the request of Big Chief Fahl. The report was accompanied by two of the balls.

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THE DOUBLE HEADER

Cortlight, 1917, The Tribune Association (New York Tribune).

"Of all sweet words (either whispered or bawled) . . . The sweetest are, 'Darkness! The game is called!'"

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Was a time when club owners found it easy to let the sun shine in their hearts while the game was being played—without, that was before bad weather was the rule, not the exception.

The weather topic is resurrected here only because of the bearing the present may have on the future chances of greater New York's major league representatives. For summer must come sooner or later, and with it a whole flock of double-headers. Against the harvest of bargain days the greatest attribute to success will be wealth, both in quality and quantity, of pitching numbers.

The failure of his veteran pitchers cost McGraw a pennant in 1916. He has a twenty per cent, better club now than he had a year ago. The pitching staff should be far more reliable with the addition of Slim Sallee and the establishment of Schupp to his proper sphere. Anderson, too, having recovered his health, is becoming one of McGraw's most reliable performers.

The most critical stage of the race for the Giants will be experienced through the first long stretch of hot weather. According to how such a change affects his veteran pitchers will be the succeeding fight for the Giants become a simple or a complex affair. McGraw has enough promising young material to assure pennant pitching regardless of the behavior of any one of his pitching veterans, but he is one manager who has yet for the first time to stake the issue on inexperienced men.

DOGERS AND YANKEES

Steady pitching won for Brooklyn in 1916. On Uncle Robbie's staff were three veteran pitchers who will be the succeeding fight for the Giants to be as good as they were last season to put the champions up in the fight, for Robbie has picked up only one additional pitching prospect, Leon Cheney, Combs and Marquard may all respond with fine weather. Given pitching as good as in 1916, Brooklyn must carry respect.

The one major league manager who above all others can relax the season of double-headers is Bill Donovan. The Yankees could double every day from May 30 to the end of the season, and still have more than less than ten pitchers, each capable of going the route. So far they have been in each other's way. None of them has had enough work. The unhealed Shocker was two weeks between winning games, simply because his fellow pitcher, never used a spitter. It was the emery ball, instead, which at will he could break in either direction.

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RATTLING THE SKELETON

Cy Falkenberg, the veteran pitcher who jumped Cleveland in his halcyon days to cast in his lot with the Federal League, is attempting a comeback with Philadelphia. Falkenberg has just about reached the last sentence in his life of business.

Every time he pitches the life of Falkenberg is made miserable by batters demanding that the umpires examine the ball frequently. For the tip precedents do Ray Keating's, who had effected his comeback with the American Association by making use of the illegal "emery" ball. The return of Falkenberg seems to have stirred up all manner of suspicions against a number of the leading masters of the emery ball.

RUSSELL FORD, INVENTOR

Russell Ford originated the emery ball, which has since been legislated from the game. The delivery was so called because emery paper was used to roughen part of the surface. The rough part, of course, heightened the effect of air friction so that with practice a clever pitcher could make the ball break in all sorts of freakish ways. Ford, for instance, supposedly had a spitball pitcher, never used a spitter. It was the emery ball, instead, which at will he could break in either direction.

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FANS SURE OF MANAGER STEES

Marysville Team Is Without Good Sport on Local Fields

BASEBALL TODAY QUILTS HIS JOB

LEONARD TO MEET KILBANE, Battle May Go to West

WARNER BANK FAILURE

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 30.—The Pittsburgh club has released infielder Hoke Warner to the Wilkes-Barre club of the New York State League. Warner was a rank failure as a batsman and fielder. His case recalls an interesting story connected with the Phillies, Cincinnati and New York teams, and Harry McCormick, who also served with the Phillies and Giants.

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PLAYERS NOW AT FRONT

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EMPIRE ARTZ ON JOB

Reading, May 30.—William James Artz, the New York State League umpire took ill at the opening of the season, reported here yesterday that he will be back in to-day's game. Artz comes to Farrell's circuit with recommendations from both major league umpires. His home is in Pittsburgh. A great career is predicted for Artz.

BARBONS LAND WEISER

Shamokin, Pa., May 30.—"Bud" Weiser, formerly with the Philadelphia National League club, and the last month with the Little Rock, Ark. team, arrived here yesterday en route to Wilkes-Barre, this state, where he will play in the field for that team in the New York State League.

PIRATES BUY BONDS

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 30.—Each of the twenty-two members of the Pittsburgh National League baseball club yesterday purchased Liberty Loan bonds. Seventeen members of the club were present at the sale, which was held at the Club House. The bonds were purchased from the Liberty Loan Commission.

BRAVES SIGN JACKLITSCH

New York, May 30.—"Frog" Jacklitsch, former catcher of the Phillies, Brooklyn Nationals and Baltimore Orioles, was signed by the Braves today.

LOUISVILLE MEMBERS ENROLL

Louisville, Ky., May 30.—Twelve members of the Louisville American Association Baseball Club, including Emilio Faber and Adolfo Letour, natives of Cuba, to-day registered at the office of the city controller under the terms of the selective conscription act under law No. 508. Letour issued to-day to the Cubans were sent to registration precincts in Harrisburg, where they reside. The only members of the team exempt from registration are Manager William Clymer, Captain Roxy Roach and players Bert Daniels, Fred Beebe and Stroud.

MOTOR CLUB MEETING

The board of governors of the Motor Club of Harrisburg will meet on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at 109 South Second street.

NEW REPUBLIC EDITOR TO BECOME AID TO SEC. BAKER

Washington, May 30.—Walter Lippman, of New York, editor of the New Republic, has been offered a place in the War Department as an aid of Secretary Baker.

Dr. F. P. Keppel, dean of Columbia University, already is serving there at a nominal salary and many other men are interested in the post, and it was understood today his offer would be accepted, and that he would be offered a place as Secretary Baker's confidential assistants.

WELLY'S CORNER

With good weather to-day, baseball managers ought to pick up some of their losses. Most towns observed a holiday and the morning games promise to be as well attended as the afternoon contests.

Prominent shooters from all over the State were in attendance to-day at the West Fairview Sportsman's Association shoot. It was the first of a series of registered shoots to be held under the auspices of the association at West Fairview and as the members are always prominent at other big events, Harrisburg shots and others gave the boys on the West Shore a liberal patronage.

Manager Bill Donovan says at present he has too many good pitchers. Later on he will find there is just enough to take care of the big string of double-headers.

Manager Connie Mack must get out and buy pitchers. That is just what he is going to do. There are no college stars for the Athletics leader this year, and he must find them on town lots and with minor leagues.

With Don Wertz pitching wildly but tightening up in pitches, Scranton yesterday won from Wilkes-Barre, score 8 to 3. The former Newport boy received good support. He had an attack of stage fright but was held up by his team-mates.

Cleveland played and won its first extra-inning game of the season yesterday, defeating Detroit, 1 to 0, in the tenth inning. With one out in the final round, Speaker singled, taking second on Wambagans' out. Guss to walked. Speaker scoring when Harris doubled to right. Harris started his first big league game, being impressed into the service because of the suspension of Roth, the regular right fielder. It was Coveleskie's fifth straight victory and his fourth shut-out of the year. By winning, Cleveland went into third place.

Two Reformed Classis in Session in Easton

Easton, Pa., May 30.—Both the East Pennsylvania classis and the Thoboken classis of the Reformed Church are holding their annual meeting here, the former meeting in ninety-eighth street, the latter in the First Church, and the latter holding its forty-fourth annual session in St. Peter's Church. Thoboken classis is composed of churches in Northampton county south of the Lehigh, all in Bucks county and a number in Montgomery county.

East Pennsylvania classis has elected these new officers:

President, Edward A. Dentz, Bangor; vice-president, Elder George A. Leubach, Easton; stated clerk, the Rev. A. P. Frantz, Catawampus; reading clerk, the Rev. J. M. Shellenberger, Tannersville; corresponding secretary, the Rev. E. W. Kriebel, Stroudsburg.

The report of the treasurer, the Rev. Robert F. Reed, Freemansburg, shows that \$30,225.52 was expended for church benevolence during the year, or \$250 in excess of the year before.

Elected classis new officers are:

President, the Rev. E. C. Luckenbill, Souderton; vice-president, Elder J. Alexander Lum, Easton; stated clerk, the Rev. T. C. Brown, South Bethlehem; corresponding secretary and reading clerk, the Rev. George A. Miller, Durham.

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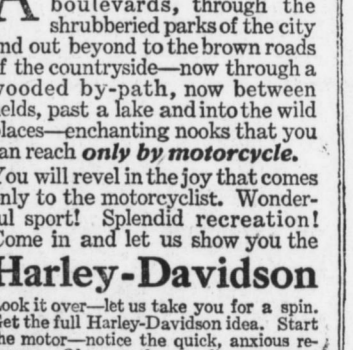
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T. HARRY STEES

Marysville, May 30.—T. Harry Stees, who managed the Marysville Dauphin-Perry League team last season, and who has been in charge of its affairs this season, tendered his resignation at a special meeting of the Marysville Athletic Association on Monday evening. He is in charge of the games being played with Newport to-day.

Gave No Reasons

Manager Stees gave no reasons for his action. No person has yet been elected to succeed Stees. Several persons are under consideration, and the executive committee of the association will hold a meeting in a few days to appoint a new manager.

Steas is a former Penn State athlete. While a student at the State College institution, he starred on both the football and baseball teams at that institution. Since leaving college, he coached the athletic teams at Lebanon Valley College, Annville.

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