

TECH READY FOR HARD GAME---MANAGER GORDON FORD REPLIES TO HASSETT COACH

CAN CHAMPION GET INTO SHAPE

Reports Say Willard Is Camouflaging on Being Out of Condition

Can Willard of To-day Fight Like Jess of 1915

Can Jess Willard fight a battle of championship caliber against a dangerous opponent? Could the youthful, aggressive Jack Dempsey or the huge Fulton make Willard open up and fight as he fought at Havana when he won his title from Jack Johnson? Before trying to decide the question, just remember that Willard has never been really forced to extend himself to the limits of his great strength.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Is Jess Willard seriously preparing for a long title fight this summer?

This is not a joke. It may sound like one, when Willard's activities for the last year or more are considered.

BUT: Jess Willard right now doesn't weigh over 200 pounds, within ten pounds of his best fighting weight. He has no punch. He is in prime condition.

There have been dispatches from here and there to the effect that Willard weighs about 300 pounds, that it would take him six months to get in shape to stay twenty rounds in the ring.

This may be camouflage on Willard's part, while he is playing hide and seek with promoters angling for the best possible offer. Whether it is or not is not essential.

The fact remains that Willard does not weigh 300 pounds. It would not take him six months to get in shape. With light training from now on Willard would be "in the ring" within thirty days of fairly strenuous work.

That being the case it is fair to assume that Willard is seriously considering a match with some title contender.

Fred Fulton and Jack Dempsey are the chief aspirants. Jess probably feels that he has not much to fear from either of them. Dempsey, he knows, lacks experience. Fulton lacks a great many things. Jess has not lost his fondness for the coin of the realm and the colossal purse that will be offered for a title bout is bound to be tempting to him.

Willard was fat a year ago. He's in shape now.

What's the answer?

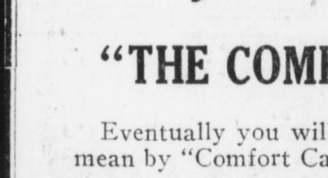
FULTON WELL PAID

Fred Fulton received \$4,900, or a little better than \$544 a minute, for knocking out Frank Moran at New Orleans Monday night. Moran drew \$4,200 as his end. The gross receipts were \$14,000.

Fulton fought for thirty-five per cent. of H. while Moran had an agreement with the club officials to get thirty per cent. of the money taken in.

LAKE GOES TO CHICAGO

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 28.—The National Commission has handed down a ruling awarding Player Harry Lake to the Chicago American League club. Lake was a member of the Newport News club of the Virginia League, which disbanded during 1917 on account of war conditions.



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STEELTON STOPS YORK TOSSERS

Captain Coleman and Team-mates Outclass Codorus Cage Stars

Steelton High tossers last night put a crimp in York's chances for winning the Central Pennsylvania Scholastic championship honors. The Steelton lads won by a score of 37 to 20. It was all Steelton from the start. The game was played in the gymnasium and attracted a large crowd.

Both teams played a hard game, but Steelton was doing something that counted every minute of play. Coleman, the popular captain, set the pace and was in evidence all the time. The scoring during the first half was rather close and when time was declared at the halfway mark the score stood 16 to 11, with the Steels on top.

During the second half the lads from Little Bethlehem began to increase their lead and steadily continued until the game was declared. When the final records were tallied the score stood 37 to 20, with the Yorkies on the short end.

McLaughlin, the York pivot man, played the best game for the visitors, gaining the jump on Morrett on many occasions, as well as caging two goals from difficult angles of the floor. Cohen also played a fast game. The score: Steelton, 37; York, 20.

Substitutions—Young for Brossman, May for Schrom.

Referee—White.

Free Training For Cincinnati Nationals

New York, Feb. 28.—Christy Mathewson was always considered the major leaguer when he pitched for the Giants, and that he still retains this popularity is shown by the fact that the Board of Trade and City will have a whole training trip this spring free of cost. They will be the guests of the Y. M. C. A. and the Board of Trade at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala.

During the winter Matty was at Camp Sheridan on a visit, and while there he played checkers with the soldiers at the Y. M. C. A. hut. Thousands of youths at this camp revered Christy Mathewson as the idol of their boyhood days. He was a hero during his visit, and he was such a great attraction for the soldiers that the Y. M. C. A. persuaded Matty to return to the camp for their spring training. The Y. M. C. A. will bear half the expense of the training season, while the Montgomery Board of Trade will share the other half of the costs. Because of the great personal favor with which Matty is regarded, his return to the city is regarded as the ideal of their boyhood days. He was a hero during his visit, and he was such a great attraction for the soldiers that the Y. M. C. A. persuaded Matty to return to the camp for their spring training. The Y. M. C. A. will bear half the expense of the training season, while the Montgomery Board of Trade will share the other half of the costs.

STEELTON SCRUBS DEFEAT HERSHEY TEAM

On the Hershey Y. M. C. A. floor last evening, the Steelton Scrubs defeated the Hershey High school team by the score of 32 to 12. The game was fast throughout, however, the Steelton tossers had the better of the going from the start. Snell starred for the Steels, tallying four goals from the field as well as seven to fifteen.

CHAMPION SKATER IS OUR

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 28.—Morris Wood, of Long Branch, N. J., indoor ice skating champion of the world, was injured last night shortly before the starting of his race with Bobbie McLean, of Chicago, when he fell at the Winter Garden.

CORNELL DEFEATS COLUMBIA

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Cornell defeated Columbia here last night in an intercollegiate League basketball game by a score of 29 to 26.

TRAINING SAMMEES TO FIGHT WITH NATURE'S WEAPONS



FIGHTING WITH NATURE'S WEAPONS. COURTESY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, SUPPLIED BY U.S. ARMY.

Willie Ritchie, idol of the fight fans the world over, is one of the many boxers who have donned the khaki to teach our boys the art of handling their fists. Ritchie is shown here at Camp Lewis teaching a big rookie how to "put one over." (Readers of this newspaper who wish a photographic copy of this picture may obtain it by sending ten cents to the Division of Pictures, Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C. Enclose this clipping or mention photograph No. 2739 and name of paper on which it appears.)

Colored Athlete to Enter Penn Carnival; Is Pentathlon Star

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—Rutgers College will have a contender in the intercollegiate pentathlon championship contest at the University of Pennsylvania relay games here in April. Robeson, the giant Negro, who played end on Foster Sanford's eleven, which cleaned up Cupid Black's Newport Naval Reserves last fall, and who was a popular selection for the same position on All-America eleven, is out to win the all-around prize that has fallen to the prowess of Howard Berry three years running.

Has Never Failed

If Robeson does not make good in the pentathlon event, it will be his first failure in the athletic line. Just now the sensational Negro is cutting wonderful capers on the basketball court for the Garnet. Robeson played on the Rutgers five against the University of Pennsylvania team in Philadelphia recently, and the basketball sharps there declared him to be one of the fastest forwards in the intercollegiate ranks today. Added to his great height and speed, Robeson has an arm reach—the same one that enabled him to make seemingly impossible "gets" of forward passes on the gridiron last fall—that still further increases his effectiveness on the basketball court.

There seems to be little doubt that Robeson can make a fine showing in the pentathlon event. It all rests on his ability to run through 1,500 meters in fairly good style. The other four events of the quintet should be easy accomplishments for him. There is no question about Robeson's ability in the 200 meters run or the broad jump. This leaves only the discus and the javelin throw. Those long arms of Robeson's are the answers to the question.

Howard Berry Is Out

The pentathlon championship holds renewed interest for the athletic sharps this year, because of the fact that Howard Berry, who has enjoyed a monopoly on the contest since its inception, three years ago, is out of college. Acting Manager George Orton expects not less than 20 students in this year's contest, and possibly 25. From a dozen college centers come reports that one or more aspirants are in training for the honor of succeeding the great and only Berry. The colleges adjacent to Philadelphia will probably furnish a dozen starters. Rutgers will have Wittpen, as well as Robeson. Illinois has two candidates and there are several more in the Middle West.

TRI-STATE STARS NOW IN SERVICE

Harrisburg Has Two on the Honor Roll; Others on List

That the defunct Tri-State league, in which Harrisburg was represented until its blowup, has given its share of players in the present war is evident by the number already in military service. A roll of honor has been prepared by a Philadelphia sports writer, which shows that 275 professional players are now on the payroll of Uncle Sam. Of this number 112 are major leaguers.

The list includes a number of players whose faces are known to local fans. They appeared on the local Tri-State field during their career in the circuit. Their names and clubs with which they formerly played follow:

All Known Here "Johnny" Bassler, Los Angeles, with York, in Tri-State.

Harry Damrau, Montreal and Athletics, with York, in Tri-State.

John Dell, with Reading, in Tri-State.

"Joe" Gleason, Shreveport, with York, Harrisburg and Williamsport, in Tri-State.

H. H. Grubb, Waco, with Altoona, in Tri-State.

W. Harkins, Waco, with Trenton, in Tri-State.

Harry Krause, Oakland, with Harrisburg, in Tri-State.

"Rube" J. C. Oldham, Detroit, in Tri-State.

"Toney" A. Marhefka, with Williamsport and Trenton, in Tri-State.

"Charley" Street, Washington, with Williamsport, in Tri-State.

John Zinn, Waco, with Altoona, in Tri-State.

Hans Lobert Starts Work With Soldiers

West Point, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Hans Lobert, erstwhile big leaguer and new coach of the Army baseball team, arrived here yesterday from Cuba to begin the season's work. Elmer Oliphant, captain of the Army nine, immediately issued a call for candidates and more than two hundred men of the largest squad ever turned out for baseball at West Point, responded. Indoor cage work has started. The first ten days will be given over to talks by Lobert explaining the system and what is expected from each man. The squad will get its first cut within a few days.

Lobert takes up a task which looks anything but encouraging. Two graduations last year made a big hole in the Army's diamond forces, both in the active personnel and the reserves. Oliphant, Murrill, Foster, Chadwick, Murray, Vidal and Shrader, of last year's squad, remain, but the Army's inner and outer garden, as well as the pitchers' box, will be problems for the soldiers' new coach to solve. The plebe class may be found in the big plebe class which came here last June.

"POP" FOGARTY PLAYS SATURDAY

Will Be With Greystock Team in Game Against Independents; Locals Busy Tonight

"Pop" Fogarty is coming back. He will start another farewell tour after his many adventures all over the state, want him in the game. This Lebanon player will be with the Greystock team Saturday night when the Quakers meet the Harrisburg Independents. Previous to his last appearance here "Pop" announced he was through with the cage game. This is the deciding game of a three-game series with the world champions. Greystock will present their regular lineup. The Independents will hold a practice this evening to prepare for the coming game. Dancing will follow the game. INDEPENDENTS GREYSTOCK N. Ford, f. Zahn, f. Walloway, f. Fogarty, f. McCord, c. Lawrence, c. G. Ford, g. Bilson, g. McConnell, g. Campbell, g. Referee, White.

Facts About Shooters All Over United States

By PETER P. CARNEY Editor National Sports Syndicate

Bob Emslie, the veteran National Baseball League umpire, is the president of the St. Thomas, Ont., Gun Club, and recently promoted to international trapshooting tournament there.

The shotgun has supplanted the rifle in modern banking institutions. There was a time when a banking establishment wasn't fully equipped unless there were rifles in convenient places; but since one of the largest trust companies in Chicago, Ill., substituted scatter-guns for rifles many others have done like-wise. A school was opened to instruct the employees in the handling of guns, and 30 of the pupils have become regulars on the Lincoln Park traps.

The nineteenth shoot of the Indians will be held at Cedar Point, O., in June. This will be the eighth visit to Cedar Point.

Some time ago the Signal Corps Division of the U. S. A. installed traps at the aviation schools, and requested the ammunition companies to supply the names of possible instructors. After the traps were put in place, enough enthusiastic trapshooters who had enrolled in the air division volunteered to give instruction to others, so that it has not been necessary for the Government to engage outside instructors.

While the war has proved a detriment to many sports, it has greatly aided trapshooting and helped place it in the front ranks as a sport.

The Lake Placid (N. Y.) Golf and Country Club will install traps and go into trapshooting on an extensive scale this season. More than 200 golf and country clubs have taken up trapshooting as a sport the past two years. It gives the members a wholesome exercise when it is impossible to find any other recreation out of doors. It also keeps up the interest in the club. If the experts who lay out the golf links would make provision for traps when laying out a course, the clubs would save considerable expense later on.

Lloyd Lewis, one of the best-known professional trapshooters of the East, also keeps up the interest in the sport. He is the burgess of Atglen, Pa.

Philadelphia has a municipal trapshooting team composed of some of the leading city officials, and it would like to meet a similar team from some other city in either a match shoot or a telegraph or telephone shoot. Among the officials who would compete would be: James Robinson, superintendent of police; Divers, chief of fire; Wilson, Walter Gilbert, chief clerk to the Department of Public Safety, and William B. Severn. These are all shots of many years' experience.

Wilmington (Del.) will stage a big handicap this spring, as will the Portland (Ore.) Gun Club. These clubs hope to inaugurate the shooters who would under ordinary circumstances attend the Eastern and Pacific coast handicaps.

Eastern Leaguers Will Bid For Providence

New York, Feb. 28.—If the International League is unable to take the field during the coming season neither its territory nor players will be protected by organized baseball. At the league meeting here the week before last both the National Commission and the National Association decided the international permission to wait until April 1 to put contracts in the hands of its players. This meant that if International League contracts were not put out by March 1, the lawyers of the big Class AA minor league would be free agents.

Further indication of how the wind is blowing was furnished last Friday at the meeting of the Eastern League, held in Springfield, Mass., which decided to postpone any definite plans for the coming season until such time as the International League decides definitely to attempt a new race in 1918 or surrender to fate. In the event that the International League does not operate, the Eastern Leaguers intend to pounce on Providence.

If Providence is taken in, the Eastern League magnates will shift the Portland club to Waterbury, Conn., which has been without a league team for several years. The addition of Providence and Waterbury, Eastern Leaguers say, would give their league a strong compact circuit and would make certain its operation in 1918.

BILLY MISKE WINNER

Superior, Wis., Feb. 28.—Billy Miske, of St. Paul, heavyweight, easily outpointed Gus Christie, of Milwaukee, in their ten-round bout here last night, but failed to land a knockout.

MOTOR GOVERNORS TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the board of governors of the Motor Club of Harrisburg will be held at the club headquarters, 109 South Second street, on Friday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock.

WELLY'S CORNER

New Jersey Senate yesterday passed a boxing bill permitting eight rounds, providing for a boxing commission, and prohibiting shows where liquor is sold. Indications are that the bill will become a law.

One strong argument in favor of a boxing bill which is being used in New Jersey and New York legislatures, is that the United States government is conducting a series of boxing shows, and there has been no trouble with a good commission and proper restrictions boxing may be made a popular sport.

Steelton High last night boosted the chances for the local teams to win the lead by defeating York. Steelton excelled in all branches, being exceptionally strong on field shooting. Tomorrow night Steelton plays here and Tech will have to set a fast pace to win out.

Jack Dempsey will post a forfeit for a battle with Fred Fulton. This ought to be good news for Jess Willard. He will get a further rest while waiting for the Fulton-Dempsey battle.

Jack Dempsey Is Ready to Fight Fred Fulton

Milwaukee, Feb. 28.—Immediately after Jack Dempsey stopped "Knockout" Bill Brennan in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-round bout here last night, a local promoter telegraphed an offer to Fred Fulton at New Orleans to meet Dempsey here on May 1 in a ten-round bout to decide which of these two leading contenders for the heavyweight championship should have the privilege of boxing Willard at Fort Sheridan, Ill., late in July or early in August.

Dempsey showed a great deal more class in stopping Brennan than many had been prone to give him credit for. Brennan is a hard puncher and he is not a bad boxer, as heavyweight boxers are measured in these days. Therefore, the victory of Dempsey is worthy of that much more notice.

After the bout Dempsey declared that he thought he could defeat Fulton and earn the right to a bout with Willard. He showed himself to be a good two-handed fighter—a man who can hit hard with either his left or his right, and who has a ring science. He can box and he can hit a short, snappy punch that carries a deal of weight with it.

Brennan was game enough and tried to stand up under the battering Dempsey gave him, but he was outclassed. He was floored four times in the second round and was saved from an impending knockout by the bell. He managed to weather the storm of rights and lefts Demp-

Griffith Wanted Love Affection His Reward

A three-cornered dispute involving Washington, the New York Yankees, and Los Angeles, with Pitcher Love as the pawn, has been going on for nearly three years and, it is said, might never have been started, but for a comedy wire sent to Clark Griffith by a Los Angeles official. Both Washington and New York demanded the player from Los Angeles, and New York got him first.

The day Love started for New York, Los Angeles received a wire from Griffith, saying, "We want Love." and the Los Angeles man replied: "Respect and affection will be all we can give you."

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GEORGE STOVALL

George Stovall, formerly manager of the Cleveland American League team, is doing his bit for Uncle Sam. He is swinging a sledgehammer in a shipyard at a Pacific port and believes the work will reduce his weight and improve his batting eye for the coming season. Stovall managed the Vernon club, of the Pacific Coast League, last season.