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Is There a Wrestling Trust?
Curley Says No and Macfadden
Yes. Offering \$25,000 to
Prove His Contention.

Is there a wrestling trust? Is it possible for a man like Jack Curley to control the stars of the mat game and make them do his bidding? Can he put the Zbyszkos, Storchers, Lewises, and the rest of them on in matches throughout the country and say to them, you win to-night, and he wins next week, or you go two hours to a draw and in the return match you get the decision?

Curley emphatically says NO, and what's more, insists it can't be done. He offers the same arguments to prove things to the contrary, and in five minutes can convince you that what he says is true. Still, there is another man in New York almost as convincing in his contentions, who in a few minutes' conversation makes you believe almost the opposite to what Curley says.

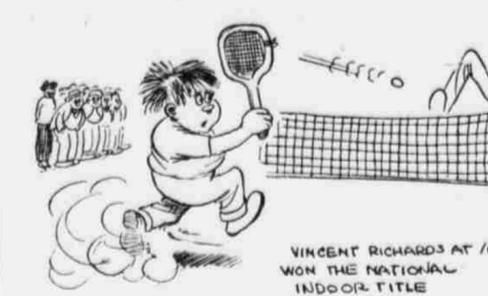
His latter person is Bernarr Macfadden, the physical culture expert. He and Dr. Rolfer, himself a wrestler of ability, say that Curley and one or two others absolutely control the wrestling situation to such an extent that a good man can't "break into" the game. Macfadden states in a fair contest unless he agrees in advance to perform according to their directions. Either that, or he is lost to the sport and deprived of an opportunity to make any money. On the face of it, the proposition looks ridiculous, doesn't it, until you are reminded of the fact that Mr. Macfadden wants to prove his assertions with an offer to bet \$25,000—yes, \$25,000, if necessary—on a wrestler named Piestina in a match with either Strangler Lewis or Zbyszko.

With the idea in mind that Curley would be interested in picking up such small change as \$25,000, we talked to Curley on the subject. "Nothing doing, even for \$100,000," he said. "I wouldn't go into the same building with Piestina or his manager, Marsh, in the market. This man Marsh is a trimmer. He isn't on the level. He is a member of the big berry gang, which went through the country taking people and their records which prove it. Piestina may be a decent fellow, but he is not an interesting wrestler. He has been beaten often and when he loses he has a habit of making confessions, telling how he had to flop for financial reasons."

"Why not accept the offer, win \$25,000 and have Zbyszko or Lewis throw Piestina early and often, so that he will be eliminated forevermore?" we asked Mr. Curley. "For the simple reason," he answered, "that he would say when he lost that the match wasn't on the level. That kind of stuff wouldn't do anything good. If Piestina wants to wrestle," went on Curley, "nobody is stopping him. Let him or his manager or anybody else, promote their own matches. I haven't any corner on the promotion business, but I can't see where I should give them the benefit of whatever I may know when I'm not in sympathy with what they represent."

MR. MACFADDEN, contrary to all Mr. Curley's assertions, says the wrestling sport as it is at present conducted is not on the level. He has taken it on himself to put it on its proper plane, to make it an honest, competitive proposition, and announces that he is ready to spend his own money to do so. He wants our help, he says.

We are willing to help in such a matter but at the same time we must be fair to everybody concerned. The Evening World always tries to do that. We can't accuse Curley of tilting the public without some facts on which to base the accusations. We can't take Dr. Rolfer's word for it either, because the doctor has wrestled under what he calls "trust" conditions and got away with it. No matter what he has written in condemnation of these conditions, he has since gone so far as to compliment Curley, alleged head of the trust, on the conduct of the recent Zbyszko-Lewis match at Madison Square Garden. Whether he meant the word conduct as he used it in his letter to



VINCENT RICHARDS AT 16
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INDOOR TITLE



ON THE OTHER HAND JACK
BRITTON REGAINED THE WELTER-WEIGHT
TITLE AT 34

Jockey Loftus to Obtain
License to Ride Before
Race Meeting at Pimlico

His Services Badly Needed, as
Death of Robinson Left Big
Gap in Ranks of First Class
Jockeys.

(Special to The Evening World)
BALTIMORE, Md., April 6.
JOHNNY LOFTUS will obtain his license to ride before the Pimlico meeting. This news comes from a trustworthy source, Lyke, who had his application for a jockey's license "laid on the table" at the time when the Loftus application met

Curley as sarcasm we don't know. Neither are we absolutely sure about the honesty or dishonesty of the man who is a fine spectacle, and pleased the big crowd, Lewis was thrown, when he looked all over the winner! If he deliberately flopped, as they say in wrestling circles, he took it as a most inopportune time to do so. And if the fall wasn't honestly scored then both "Zby" and Lewis are losing time. They might make a lot more money as actors.

Anyhow, we would like to see this Piestina in action. We heard very little about him until a year or so ago. It's hard to keep a good man down, so Mr. Macfadden, it behooves you to show this demon wrestler to New York and let the public decide. If he has the goods no so-called trust can stand in his way.

It is a sad duty to comment on the death of Frankie Robinson, the jockey, in a spill at the Bowie race track last week. The racing world lost one of the best riders it ever had, a little gentleman, mid-mannered and with no suggestion of anything like the glamour and excitement constance, as Tod Sloan. He was just a jockey, who attended to his jockey business, and went into private life with each day's work over. There was no night life for him, no carousing, nothing but what would be associated with the average good-living young man. He made money, too, probably was the highest priced contract jockey in the business, in the employ of Harry Payne Whitney, as Albert Simons, the Whitney trainer, once told us. "Frankie was a boy you could bring any place. He wasn't spoiled by success, and he knew how to behave." He will be buried to-day, but his name will be kindly remembered in racing circles for years.

Advertisement for Falk's Serene Mixture, featuring a product box and the text "The Great Pipe Smoke" and "15¢".



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WONDER, BEGAN AT 14 TO
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IN GOLF

Fullerton's
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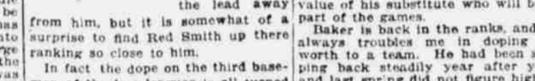
Zimmerman's Slump Gives Giants Only Fourth Position in Rating of Third Basemen This Season, While Baker Puts His Team Close to Chicago in the American League.

By Hugh S. Fullerton.
THE THIRD BASEMEN.

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing players like Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Detroit, Washington, Cincinnati, Boston, Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Brooklyn.

LOOK where the Great Zim has slipped!

The fellow who for years led the dope and who was the leading third baseman of the National has a dropped to a poor fourth and the dope of the league is turned around.



Groh of course is the leader of the third basemen and no torturing of figures can take the lead away from him, but it is somewhat of a surprise to find Red Smith up there ranking so close to him. In fact the dope on the third basemen of the two leagues is all turned around this year, with individuals slumping and with the trades of the winter affecting this position more than it did any of the others.

The chief interest is in the grabbing of Vitt by the Red Sox, a wise move, which rounds out an infield which makes the team harder than ever to beat, and the going of Gardner to Cleveland, but aside from these trades which affect pennant contenders the changes in the individual figures of players are remarkable.

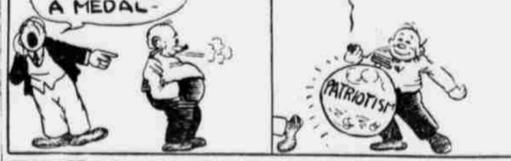
LEONARD AND RITCHIE TO MEET IN NEWARK APRIL 28.
Willie Ritchie and Benny Leonard have been matched to meet in an eight-round bout before the Newark Sportmen's Club in the First Regiment Armory in Newark, on Monday, April 28. Just three weeks from today, Dave McKay closed with both men and has guaranteed a purse of \$25,000 between them. The boxers have agreed on 145 pounds ring-side the weight. Each has posted to McKay a forfeit of \$1,000 to bind them in the matter of poundage and appearance. This pair recently fought four rounds in San Francisco, Ritchie having been given credit of winning.



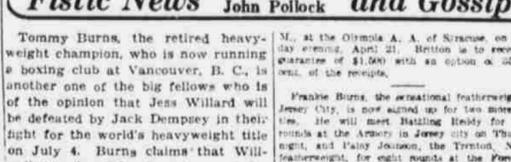
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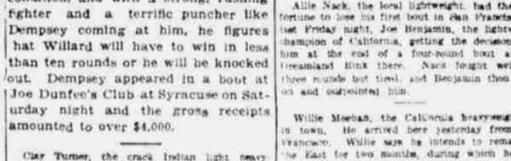
I DON'T WANT NO GLORY BOSS
ALL I WANT IS A JOB



HEY SMITH, GIVE THIS
LAD THE FINEST JOB YOUVE
GOT.



QUICK, MIKE,
A MEDAL!



FISTIC NEWS John Pollock and Gossip

Tommy Burns, the retired heavy-weight champion, who is now running a boxing club at Vancouver, B. C., is another one of the big fellows who is of the opinion that Jess Willard will be defeated by Jack Dempsey in their fight for the world's heavyweight title on July 4. Burns claims that Willard's long layoff has been too much for him to round up into proper fighting condition, and with a strong, rushing fighter and a terrific puncher like Dempsey coming at him, he figures that Willard will have to win in less than ten rounds or he will be knocked out. Dempsey appeared in a bout at Joe Dunfee's Club at Syracuse on Saturday night and the gross receipts amounted to over \$4,000.

Clay Turner, the crack Indian light heavy weight, who has been laid up for several weeks with two fractured ribs which he received in a bout with Kid Norfolk, the colored heavyweight, at Buffalo, N. Y., is well enough again to start training and he has been working out at Camp Olympia in Harlem to-day for bouts. Turner will be next week fighting, as many clubs are after his services for bouts.

All details for the bout between Jack Britton and Joe Hume, the light promoter of Syracuse, N. Y., the men will come together in full weight on April 14. Britton is a ten-rounder at 142 pounds weight in at 3 P. M.

Cleveland in the right mood, he is due for a return of his old-time Boston form of the days when he was the ranking third baseman of the country. I figured that he would be overjoyed to get back with old friends, Speaker and Wood and the rest of the old Red Sox now with Cleveland, but he dejected and worried Foh. What the trouble is I am unable to determine. Vitt gives the Red Sox a finished infield. Third base was a terribly weak spot with the champions all last season and never once was satisfactorily filled. Now that the problem is solved those Red Sox have more real class than they ever showed last season.

In Boston during the winter there were several loud screams over trades and there were complaints that players were being sold for cash. The more deeply one examines the trades, however, the wiser Barrow seems to have been. He had a great quantity of excess talent and he disposed of it to get just what he wanted. Jennings evidently is pinning his faith on Bob Jones, making good the great promise he has given and, of course, no one can give any new fellow, no matter how promising, full credit for what he has done in slow-company. The Browns hold up within good reach of the stronger clubs so far as third base goes and are far better fixed for substitutes than many.

In the next article we will take up

Advertisement for Arnheim, featuring a dove and the text "While the Dove of Peace is fluttering over the Peace Parley let us personally parley on the principal points of men's dress."

Everything Practically Set for
Brooklyn's Opening Game
With Braves.

(Special to The Evening World)
JACKSONVILLE, April 7.
O'Mara, Ed. J. Olson, ss.; Myers, cf.; Wheat, lf.; Schmandt, 1st b.; Griffith, cf.; Malone or Brazil, 2b.; Miller or Krueger, c.; Gilman, Pfeffer, Margared, Munnas, Cadore, Cheney or Smith, p.
That's the line-up Uncle Wilbert Robinson this morning intimated he would throw out against the Braves when the two teams pry off the National League lid on April 19.

"I'd like another week to look 'em over before passing judgment," declared Uncle Robbie on the trotting in from Barr Field after the Dodgers had started the third and final week of their training camp with a great display of "pep" and dash. "But I've about made up my mind on a lot of things. What do you think of this line-up for the blow-off?"

Robbie then rattled off his batting order as listed above and continued: "No club in either league has four right-handers the equal of Pfeffer, Gilman, Cadore and Munnas. Cheney's spittin' ball is going to prove mighty effective this season also. Just now I've only got one southpaw, Margared, but when Smith returns from France, what a pair of left-handers I'll have in Rubie and Sherry!"

"O'Mara looks just as good now as he did in 1916 and he and Krueger certainly can take care of the back-stoppers. My outfield, Wheat, Myers and Griffith as regulars, with Johnston and Hickman as reserves, is a daisy. I can use a switch outfield against left and right hand pitching if I want to."

"Now it looks as if my big problem, the first base situation, is starting to clear up. If Malone continues to travel at the clip he has shown against the Yankees my machine is made, for I can keep Lew on second and move Ray Schmandt, as soon as his injury permits, over to first. In Brazil I have another good second base possibility."

"If Malone or Brazil deliver the goods at second I can put a team into the field that will make at least five other National League clubs take our dust this season and one that has an excellent chance of capturing the pennant. If Malone or Brazil proves a star at second there will be nothing in the league that will stop us, take it from Uncle Robbie!"

Advertisement for Bowling and Billiards, featuring the text "THUM BOWLING AND BILLIARDS" and "Stein's".

Advertisement for Owl Cigarettes, featuring an owl illustration and the text "Brisk Illinois gives a pointer to Friend Washington" and "OWL 7¢ white OWL 8¢".