

In All Fairness

By W. O. M'GEEHAN

IT BEGINS to look as though boxing would be restored to the State of Illinois, with a boxing commission and allied nuisances patterned after those of New York State.

I am not in a position to say just how many prizefighters were enlisted for the border in New York State during the late unpleasantness, but I recall only one, Kid McCoy.

Chairman Wenck of the local Boxing Commission probably has a complete roster of the prizefighters hereabouts.

There were field and track men in the regiments which left New York State, there were plenty of golfers, there were hundreds of possible baseball nines in the brigade, but just one lone prizefighter.

Pugilistic Shares in Market

LES DARCY, the Australian champion, will arrive in New York within a few weeks. Georges Carpentier, the French champion, may arrive a little later.

If I do not miss my guess, Carpentier Common and Darcy Preferred will be quoted on Wall Street at prohibitive prices within a few days after the gladiators arrive.

This plan seems to have a feasible look. The rumors of peace negotiations rather seem to help it. The moment peace is declared a lot of pugilists, who have been rather coy while there was any fighting to do, will come out of their holes.

Then there is James Jitney Johnston, known as the Boy Bandit, who has more than once caused a flurry in the pugilistic market.

Also, when one is giving the financial pages the once over, one should not forget Tex Rickard, the plunging financier from the West.

And Gosh, How They Dread It!

THE tired business men who control the National League have been and gone, more tired than ever. Their meeting at the Waldorf promised some excitement, but the promise was just a National League promise.

Organized Baseball is plunged into another fit of despondency over the prospect of being tried as a trust in violation of the Sherman act.

Now comes the Baltimore suit, and Organized Baseball once more sees the danger of being yanked into the dock.

Another chance of adding a little zest and excitement to the meeting was missed when the National League decided that it would be best to let any charges against John Joseph McGraw manager of the Giants, drop with the least possible noise.

It may be said for John Joseph that he was on hand and ready for whatever might ensue.

Somehow, every time that a National League magnate looked at John Joseph he seemed to say to himself: "John Joseph, this will hurt you more than it will hurt you."

The National League observed the tired business man's policy, "Let bad enough alone."

The 'Cross-Country Runners

THE 'cross-country runner in these parts is not concerned with the national fatbiness. Sixty-four youngsters were entered in a modified marathon which was to have been run at Yonkers on Saturday.

Ask one of our professional boxers, Frank Moran excepted, to take a six-mile run through the snow.

Tennis on Skates

Tennis on the ice—the newest of sports—will be informally introduced when the first practice is held at the 181st Street Ice Skating Palace to-morrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

Dillon Ready for Miske

Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, is trained to the minute for his bout with Billy Miske, of St. Paul, at the Broadway Sporting Club to-morrow night.

Ackerman Wins at Traps

Ten gunners reported at the firing line of the Belle Harbor Yacht Club yesterday. Although the wind swept across Jamaica Bay and greatly bothered the nimrods, the scores were fairly satisfactory.

Cutler to Referee Match

Albert G. Cutler has been selected as referee for the three cushion championship contest which begins to-morrow night at Doyle's between George Moore and Alfredo de Oro.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



Eight Thousand Cheer as Six-Day Bicycle Race Starts at the Garden

E. E. McCall Fires Shot That Opens Sportdom's Annual Bedlam

By FRED HAWTHORNE

To the accompaniment of cheers from some 8,000 men and women, the twenty-fourth annual six-day bicycle race began at one minute after midnight this morning, in Madison Square Garden.

Fourteen riders sat motionless on their wheels at the starting line, bent far forward over the handle bars, every muscle tense, as they awaited the sound of the pistol shot that was to mark the beginning of the race.

There followed the patter of feet on the board track as the trainers ran alongside the riders and gave them the last shove that sent them on their way.

The crowd broke forth into wild cheering again as the riders, taking turns at setting the pace, whirled along at a twenty-five-mile-an-hour clip.

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The oldtimers felt right at home as soon as they saw Pete Prunty, the peerless announcer, with the giant voice, step to the side of the track and make the preliminary announcements.

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Teams in the Six-Day Race at the Garden

- Goulet and Grenda—Kangaroo team. Spears and McNamara—Australian team. Egg and Duouy—Hard Boiled team. Hill and Drobach—New England team. Root and Madden—New York team. Carman and Wiley—Long Island team. Kaiser and Cameron—Bronx team. De Beats and Walthour—Belgian-Dixie team. Smith and Kopsky—Newark team. Lawson and Mitten—Rocky Mountain team. Eaton and Ryan—Jersey team. E. Ohrt and Bello—Belgian-Italian team. Thomas and H. Ohrt—San Francisco team. Spencer and Carroll—Canadian team.

been the case, under the new rules, which call for fifty miles of sprinting every night for points and special prizes.

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Goulet, Grenda, Walthour, Egg and McNamara Favorites of Crowd

who have been victims of the six-day germ since its infancy.

Candy Man on Hand The man who weaves fantastic figures out of the chewing candy was there, too, in the centre of the arena, pulling the confection this way and that, whirling the sweets about his head, "looping the loop," performing all his inimitable tricks.

Consider the lady ushers. The management must have combed the market in its search for pulchritude, for the young women are models of comeliness, combined with silent efficiency, and they handled the big crowd with the minimum of confusion and the maximum of expedition.

Shortly before the race started the riders paraded, pair by pair, as they will race throughout the week, barring accidents. They circled the track slowly, arms about shoulders, and in several cases carrying huge floral horse-shoes presented by admirers.

Goulet is making his reappearance in the grind, and showed by his work in the sprint races on Saturday night that he is trained down to his best form.

Walthour Still a Favorite Spears and McNamara, also from the Antipodes, received a great welcome as they paraded before the crowd, as did Wiley and Carman and Bobby Walthour and Victor Linart.

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HARMONY NOW REIGNS IN SOCCER WORLD

Three chairmen were required to carry through the business of the United States Football Association at the all-day meeting of the council held at the Hotel Continental, in Newark, yesterday.

The reports of the credentials and finance committees took up most of the early session until 1:30 p. m. Much time, too, was consumed in seating W. W. Davidson as delegate of the North Texas Football League, newly admitted into the association.

College Chess Men Lose The three matches of the championship tournament of the Metropolitan Chess League were concluded early yesterday morning.

LEVENTHAL SETS FAST PACE OVER SNOW AND ICE

Brooklyn A. A. Athlete Defeats Big Field in Long Island Run

By A. C. CAVAGNARO

The snow-covered roads of Ridgewood, Brooklyn, were defied yesterday when the record field of thirty-two members competed in the weekly prize handicap run of the Long Island Athletic League, held over the four-mile trail of the Seattle Athletic Club.

Charles Leventhal, of the Brooklyn Athletic Association, led the way home, and in doing so ran one of the best races shown by a league member this season.

Eddie Donohoe, of the Presentation Club, and Ben Benson, of the Stockholm Athletic Club, were still in front of him, but before another half mile had been covered Leventhal was in the van.

The summaries follow: P. Name and club. Time. 1-C. Leventhal, Brooklyn A. A. 5:30 24.18 2-E. Donohoe, Presentation Club 5:35 24.35 3-B. Benson, Stockholm Athletic Club 5:40 24.52

TEAM COMPETITION. 1-Brooklyn A. A. 6 8 9 12-34 2-Swedish-American A. C. 11 14 15 18-43 3-Kings County A. A. 13 17 18 21-49

VINCENT HAND LEADS HARLEM RUNNERS HOME

The usually large field of runners was lacking in the weekly handicap run of the Harlem Athletic League, held over the course of the Macomb Hand, a former Knights of St. Antony runner, but now aligned with St. Joseph's Young Men's Association, proved the winner.

The summaries follow: P. Name and club. Time. 1-Vincent, St. Joseph's Y. M. A. 4:50 25.09 2-F. Wilson, Macomb's A. C. 5:00 25.27 3-F. Dancy, Macomb's A. C. 5:05 25.44

JERSEY HARRIER WINS RACE AT BAYONNE

Many runners of the metropolitan district refused to battle their way through the unbroken snow trails of Bayonne yesterday in the scheduled five-mile scratch open run held by the Jersey Harriers.

The summaries follow: P. Name and club. Time. 1-James McCurtis, Jersey Harriers 27:11 2-George Burtner, Jersey Harriers 27:15 3-Edgar Burtner, Jersey Harriers 27:20

Paulist Runner in Front

A liberal start enabled Al J. Hulshack of the Paulist Athletic Club, to win the weekly race of the Young Men's Diocesan Union yesterday.

The summaries follow: P. Name and club. Time. 1-A. J. Hulshack, Paulist A. C. 2:09 29.94 2-J. C. Haber, St. Ann's A. C. 2:10 30.11 3-L. C. Haber, St. Ann's A. C. 2:10 30.11

Hudson Guild Run

Morris Seinfeld, of the Seward Athletic Association, was first home in the ten-mile scratch run held by the Hudson Guild yesterday.

The summaries follow: P. Name and club. Time. 1-M. Seinfeld, Seward A. A. 1:50 35.50 2-O. S. Woods, unattached 1:50 35.50 3-J. E. Friedman, Seward A. A. 1:50 35.50

DARTMOUTH TO PLAY PENN STATE NOV. 3

State College, Penn., Dec. 17.—Penn State's football date with Dartmouth, originally booked for October 20, has been moved back to November 3.

Fight Log

TO-NIGHT Olympic A. C.—Frankie Burns and Frankie Nelson. Clermont S. C.—Frank Moran and Gunboat Smith.

Big Leagues May Cut Playing Season Short

Club Owners Look on Johnson Plan Favorably

By W. J. MACBETH

No official announcement was made at either major league meeting last week as to schedule plans for 1917. The joint schedule committee is soon to meet to draft dates for the coming season.

For several years Ban Johnson has advocated a schedule of 140 instead of 154 games. He was prevented from putting his theory to the test because of the unanimous opposition by National League club owners.

Opinion, however, seems to have changed in the National League. More than one club president of the Tenor circuit last week expressed the opinion that it might prove beneficial to lop off a couple of weeks, especially as in the new form of contract and in keeping with the expressed policies of economy it would be possible to tighten salaries accordingly.

"The scheme may not be attempted this year," said a National League advocate of Johnson's idea, "but it is bound to come by 1918, unless early spring weather conditions improve."

"For the last five years early season business has been very poor. Only the weather has been to blame, as under normal conditions public interest in every city should be at high pitch for the first six weeks of the season."

Even if the 154-game schedule is to remain an institution, I believe it would be a wise move to open ten days or two weeks later and close later.

There is another possible factor that might help greatly toward a contraction of the schedule. The campaign of the Brooklyn fans for Sunday baseball will be presented to the New York State Legislature.

The opportunity to play every Sunday in Madison Square Garden would of itself cut nearly two weeks of the National and American schedules.

A season of 154 games crowded into two weeks less time than it has been customary to take would, of course, appeal the more strongly in that it would still present the opportunity of saving the fortnight salaries.

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N. Y. A. C. SHOOT SQUAD OF SEASON

W. B. Ogden and D. S. McMahon Tie for the High Scratch Prize

Only nine gunners reported for the weekly shoot of the New York Athletic Club yesterday. It was the smallest squad that has been on the firing line this season.

W. B. Ogden and D. S. McMahon tied for the high scratch prize. Each had a 91 out of a possible 100 targets.

The scores follow: P. Name. Score. W. B. Ogden 91 D. S. McMahon 91 J. P. Donovan 85 F. M. Wilson 85

the Class AA petition for the removal of the draft and the proposed new board to try cases involving minor and major league interests.

It would seem, then, that for the first time the way is open to the creation of Ban Johnson. Neither major league has pledged itself to any definite schedule term, so nearly as can be learned.

The future of the annual world's championship series remains quite as hazy as before the two major league meetings.

The American League has gone on record for the lowering of world's series prices to restrict the cost of all seats, save those of the boxes, to double the price that prevails throughout the regular season.

The plan of distributing some share of the players' pool to clubs other than the contestants was not discussed by the American League.

Without both Messrs. Tener and Johnson have been loaded with suggestions for the remedy of existing evils.

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CORNELL ELEVEN WILL PLAY NINE GAMES NEXT YEAR

Colgate Takes Place of Harvard—Fordham Appears on Schedule

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The addition of Colgate and the absence of Harvard are the outstanding features of the Cornell University football schedule for the season of 1917, announced today.

The game with Colgate will be the first between the two universities since 1913, and it promises to become one of the biggest football battles of the season in up-state New York.

Rochester is added to the schedule after a long absence, and Fordham gets the game between the Michigan and Pennsylvania contests that last fall was filled by the Massachusetts Aggies.

The schedule follows: September 29, Rochester at Ithaca; October 6, Ithaca at Ithaca; October 13, Colgate at Ithaca; October 20, Ithaca at Ithaca; October 27, Ithaca at Ithaca; November 3, Ithaca at Ithaca; November 10, Ithaca at Ithaca; November 17, Ithaca at Ithaca.

DONOVAN PROVES BEST WITH GUN AT NEW ROCHELLE

Ideal Weather Conditions Make for Full Scores—Wilson Captures Prize

High scoring marked the weekly shoot of the New Rochelle Yacht Club at its traps on Harrison Island yesterday.

The scores follow: P. Name. Score. J. P. Donovan 100 A. L. Burns 95 F. M. Wilson 95

AMUSEMENTS WILL BE FOUND TO-DAY

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