Ruppert Willing to Pay Price for Both Sisler and Pratt

Huggins Disappointed Over Failure of Yankee Deals

New Manager to Make Home in New York—Still Hopeful of Signing New Players Before Opening of Training Camp at Macon

By W. J. Macbeth

Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankees, who has lived in Cincinnati every winter since he can remember, intends to shake the dust of Redland off his feet with the New Year and become a citizen of the metropolis.

"I'm going to get right on the job," said Huggins in Chicago last Friday, "and see if something cannot be saved from the wreck. I'd shoot East right now if I thought I couldn't do some good hanging round a week or two longer.

"I must confess I am sadly disappointed that New York did not get some of the stars who were juggled about at this meeting. Certainly we thought we were in line for a few that would have made the Yankees a real pennant factor. We were prepared to go as far as the next one, but that made no difference.

"I may be a bit green to the ropes of the American League. But I always considered a business man's word his bond. However, if evasion and duplicity is to be the game, well and good. But me for old New York in future. I'm going there and I'm going to get right in the saddle and ride for my life. It will be a two-handed fight, with no favors and no quarter. Some day New York may be able to turn the trick. I am keenly disappointed. But not far from despair."

Huggins left Chicago still hopeful that he would be able to have Second Baseman Del Pratt under his command when the Yankees reported for spring training at Macon, Ga. It is not beyond the pale of probability that George Sisler, the phenom first sacker of the Browns, may also be weaned away from Phil Ball. Before Lavan and Shotten were traded to Washington for Gallia and $15,000 it looked even money that a gigantic deal between New York and St. Louis would send the pick of Fielder Jones's club to this city. In getting what he was after Clark Griffith greatly complicated the case.

Ready to Go Limit

Colonel Ruppert has his neck bowed. He seems determined to get Pratt at least. He is ready to go the limit on Sisler, though he does not propose to engage in any "sucker" deal. If either or both may be had at a price anywhere within reason the Colonel will not balk at the financial outlay involved.

"If it were a personal matter," said Colonel Ruppert, "I might unbuckle and pay the most extravagant prices just to have the satisfaction of getting the players I desire. But I am representing also the business interests of Captain T. L. Huston, who is fighting for his country on the fields of France. On his departure, Captain Huston placed his baseball interests directly in my keeping. I feel this a sacred trust, and I would not willingly jeopardize one penny of such a grand and patriotic partner.

"To say that I am piqued with my league associates for what strikes me as evasion in business dealings is putting it mildly. Still, one lives to learn. And the Yankees are a long way from stopped," concluded Colonel Ruppert.

On his return from French Lick tomorrow the colonel may by able to announce a deal that has been pending several weeks and one which will take some of the sting out of the Chicago disappointments.

Firmer Grip on Star

Those on the inside declare that Phil Ball may recant on an earlier promise to dispose of Sisler for a record consideration; that the pannings handed to William F. Baker and Connie Mack by the Philadelphia press for disposing of Alexander and Killifer, and Strunk, Bush and Schang, respectively, doubtless will scare off the owner of the Browns. It was no secret, according to the word of the wiseacres that the St. Louis American League club was in need of money. The $15,000 secured from Washington, with a further possible cash donation from the New York club, should help to relieve the financial stringency. The Washington transaction gave Ball a much firmer grip on his first base star.

When Charles Lincoln Herzog, captain of the Giants, served notice on President Harry N. Hempstead that he must be traded he forestalled Manager John J. McGraw. This information comes from an apparently reliable course. McGraw, said to be susceptible to jealousy, has been "on" Herzog ever since the latter quit the club last September. McGraw had already entered into negotiations for the sale of Herzog during the recent National League meeting in this city, when the Canteloupe King got wind of it and gummed things up with his declaration.

Herzog is not in the best of grace with the Giant ownership because of a misunderstanding in connection with his taking of French leave during the tail end of the championship race. Charlie claims he notified President Hempstead he would go home to rest up just as soon as the pennant had been won. He says Mr. Hempstead gave such permission and ascribes to the machinations of McGraw the peculiar twists to the case that developed later.

Herzog says he told Mr. Hempstead he was quite ready to knock off at his own expense—at the sacrifice of salary. Later, however, he demanded the salary in question, feeling he had been injured to that extent by the aspersions cast upon his integrity. At the time of the world series this salary had not been paid.

In demanding a transfer from New York—a plea that apparently fell upon deaf ears—Herzog expressed a preference for Chicago, Cincinnati and Boston. His is a peculiar contract in that it gives him the privilege of selecting the club to which he may be transferred.

May Go to Boston

If Herzog departs this town, which seems very unlikely, he is almost sure to go back to Boston. Stallings is particularly anxious to get Buck to replace the sensational Rabbit Maranville, who is in the navy. The boss of the Braves is said to be willing to turn over a couple of his best right-handed pitchers for Herzog. Good right-handed pitching seems about the only thing that could get a rise out of McGraw at this particular time.

According to John Ganzel, manager of the Kansas City club of the American Association, the Cubs made a serious mistake in not taking Babe Adams for 1918. Adams signed with Ganzel five weeks ago.

This one-time youthful phenom of the Pirates and hero of the 1909 world series against Detroit, in a fairly fast minor league last season hung up a most remarkable record. Pitching for St. Joseph, the talend club of the Western League, Adams won twenty-six and lost only ten games. He gave only twenty-seven bases on balls and had but one wild pitch. Adams struck out 257 batsmen.

"Adams," says Ganzel, "is as good as he ever was. In fact, he is better. He has a fine curve, which he did not utilize much in his youth because of a tremendous burst of speed. A bad arm put him out of the big show. But it was his salvation in the end, for it made him develop a curve. Slim Caldwell had just such an experience many years ago. Adams will be back in the big top within a year. He is only twenty-eight years of age."

"Dots" Miller in U. S. Marine Corps

JOHN B. MILLER, of Kearny, N. J., captain of the St. Louis National League baseball team since 1914, and who, it was rumored, might be elected to manage the team in place of Miller Huggins, enlisted at Newark yesterday in the United States Marine Corps.

Miller has been a member of the Natioial League since 1909, when he joined Pittsburgh at second base. He was traded to St. Louis in 1914. Miller will leave to-morrow for a South Carolina training camp.

Harvard Squash Player Victor Over Fishel

Youthful Hyde Overcomes Big Handicap to Win First Round Match

By A. C. Cavagnaro

Fillmore Van S. Hyde, the youthful Harvard Club player, proved his steel in defeating L. H. Fishel, of the City Athletic Club, in a first round match of the National Squash Tennis Association handicap tournament at the Yale Club yesterday. The rating of the committee compelled Hyde to make two and a half times as many points as his rival to win a game, but the Crimson member won by the surprisingly easy score of 15—8, 15—10.

Fishel, who formerly held the championship of his club, played from plus five aces and half a hand, while Hyde was assigned to play from minus ten aces. Therefore it was necessary for Fishel to count only ten points in each game, while his rival had to collect twenty-five points. However, Fishel was no match for his rangy 6-foot opponent, who allowed him to make only eight points during the entire match.

The City Club representative was at a complete loss to fathom the slashing and varied attack presented by Hyde. The latter drove the ball with tremendous speed about the small court, bringing his returns to the back corners, where Fishel frantically, but in vain, tried to intercept the ball. Hyde therefore concentrated his attack on drives to both corners of the back wall and in this manner was able to gather most of his points.

Never Slackens Pace

Hyde never slackened his sizzling pace when serving to his opponent. He knew that his only hope in downing the City player was by making every swing of his racquet count during the first few hands in each game in order to retrieve his handicap. Fishel succeeded in getting his racquet to the ball in many instances, but only to deflect them out of bounds.

When "in" Hyde collected points in succession and in each set was on even terms with his rival after playing one dozen hands out. It was then a question of how long Fishel would prevent Hyde from collecting his necessary aces, but the latter, never letting up his speedy playing, ran out in quick order.

Bitterly fought three-set matches featured the play throughout the afternoon. C. T. Cooney, the former Eli athlete, who now weighs close to the 250-pound mark, had the scant advantage of one point in defeating J. A. Victor, also of the Yale Club. The latter won the first set, 15—12, and condescended to conserve his strength while Cooney proceeded to win the second set by 15—5. The third game found the men playing in top form and a neck and neck battle, with Cooney eventually winning by 18—17.

Frank S. Keeler and Robert L. Strebeigh, two of the strongest Columbia Club members entered, were also victors. The ease with which the veteran Keeler disposed of Frank Jenkins, Montclair Athletic Club, showed that the Columbia man was apparently enjoying a new lease of life. Both men played from scratch, but the winning scores of 15—7, 15—3, indicated that Keeler could have granted his opponent a several point handicap.

Defeats Club Mate

Strebeigh downed A. C. Scott, a club mate, by 15—2, 7—15 and 15—11, while the hardest and longest match of the day was the victory scored by T. R. Coward, the Yale undergraduate, over A. E. Ells, Harvard Club, by a tally of 11—15, 15—11, 15—11.

The summary follows:

National Squash Tennis Association annual scratch tournament (first round)—F. V. S. Hyde, Harvard Club (minus 10 aces), defeated L. H. Fishel, City A. C. (5 aces plus half hand), 15—8, 15—10; H. W. Warner, Columbia Club (8 aces plus half hand), defeated M. F. Weil, City A. C. (5 aces plus half hand), 5—15, 15—8, 15—4; L. Milius, City A. C. (6 aces plus half hand), defeated D. McCave, Columbia Club (5 aces plus half hand), 15—8, 15—3; F. S. Keeler, Columbia Club (6 aces), defeated Frank Jenkins, Montclair A. C. (3 aces), 15—7, 15—3; C. T. Cooney, Yale Club (5 aces plus half hand), defeated J. A. Victor, Yale Club (2 aces plus half hand), 12—15, 15—5, 18—17; A. E. Ells, Harvard Club (5 aces), defeated N. P. Terrence, Crescent A. C. (2 aces plus half hand), 15—10, 15—17, 15—12.

Second round—R. L. Strebeigh, Columbia Club (5 aces plus half hand), defeated A. C. Scott, Columbia Club (3 aces plus half hand), 15—2, 7—15, 15—11; T. R. Coward, Yale University (3 aces), defeated A. E. Ells, Harvard Club (5 aces), 11—15, 15—11, 15—11.

THE local speed skating season opened at the St. Nicholas Rink last night, with some of the most prominent of the local stars competing on the steel blades. The men pictured, Irving Reimer, on the left, and Richard Distler on the right, were two of those who toed the mark. In the absence of Donald Baker and some of the other speed sharks who have "gone for soldiers," it is believed that Reimer and Distler will figure prominently this winter on the ice. Reimer was quite successful last season on local links and Distler impsoves with every race. Both are particularly adept at negotiating the sharp curves at St. Nicholas Rink, and it is this ability to keep their feet in taking the turns that enables Reimer and Distler to win their fair share of the races in the New York skating arena. Reimer won his trial heat in the half-mile last night.

Taylor First in Ice Skating Handicap Race

The first speed skating races of the season were held last night at the St. Nicholas Rink, with good fields facing the starter in the half-mile novice and half-mile handicap events. The largest crowd that has gathered at the rink this winter was on hand to cheer on the favorites, and the time made in the final heat by W. M. Taylor, the New York Athletic Club starter, who won the handicap, was considered fast under the conditions.

There were more than a dozen starters in the handicap race, which was run in two trial heats and a final. Joe Moore, a former office boy at the rink, but now a matinee idol of the "movies," took the opening heat with plenty to spare from the forty-yard mark. Taylor, starting from scratch, was the next man across the line, and Stanley Gershal, skating unattached, was a good third. Several of the men came to grief in trying to take the sharp turns and slid across the ice, to the great amusement of the crowd.

The second heat went to Irving Reimer, of the Riverside Skating Club, aided by a twenty-yard handicap. Al. Lake, the indoor bicycle champion among the amateurs, was second, a short distance back, from the ten-yard mark, and E. H. Barker, a club mate, with a fifty-yard allotment, was third.

In the final heat Moore caught the limit man after a three-lap chase and held the lead until two laps from home, when Taylor, taking the corners beautifully, began to crawl up. Two laps from the finish he drew level with Moore, and Gershal was at his elbow. The three furnished a thrilling brush on the last lap, but Moore lost all chance of getting home first when one of the long mark men fell in front of him and Joe went crashing to the ice. He picked himself up and had enough speed left to win third place. Taylor won from Gershal by inches only, in 1:33 1-5.

Jimmy Kieran, a schoolboy, took the honors in the novice class, winning both his trial heat and the final in convincing fashion, with W. A. Hagmeyer second and Louis Morris third, in 1:47. Some of the boys in this event found it easier to make the turns by sitting down instead of trying to accomplish the feat on their skates, and the list of casualties before the winner was finally announced was very great.

The summaries follow:

Half-mile handicap (trial heats)—First heat won by Joe Moore, St. Nicholas Rink (40 yards); W. M. Taylor, New York A. C. (scratch), second; Stanley Gershal, unattached (30 yards), third. Time, 1:14 4-5. Second heat won by Irving Reimer, Riverside Skating Club (20 yards); Al Lake, New York A. C. (10 yards), second; E. H. Barker, New York A. C. (50 yards), third. Time, 1:14 4-5. Final heat won by Taylor; Gershal, second; Moore, third. Time, 1:33 1-5.

Half-mile novice (trial heats)—First heat won by James Kieran, Fordham Prep; Louis Morris, unattached, second; Elliott Sperber, unattached, third. Time, 1:47. Second heat won by W. A. Hagmeyer, Brooklyn; A. Boyd, unattached, second; Alex Mathson, Brooklyn, third. Time, 1:52. Final heat won by Kieran; Hagmeyer, second; Morris, third. Time, 1:47.

Lewis Defeats Zbyszko With "Head-Lock"

Giant Pole Beaten in Sensational Bout in Big Wrestling Tournament

To-night's Programme

20-MINUTE LIMIT

Yusiff Hussane	vs.	John Haracel
Balkan Bone Crusher		Wilmington, Del.
Ivan Linow	vs.	John Freberg
Russian Cossack		Swede
Sula Hevonpaa	vs.	Pierre Le Belge
Finn		Belgian

FINISH MATCHES

Dr. Roller	vs.	Ed "Strangler" Lewis
American		Kentucky
Wladek Zbyszko	vs.	Joe Rogers
Polish Hercules		American Apollo

By Louis Lee Arms

Weakened by Ed "Strangler" Lewis's repetitive head holds, Wladek Zbyszko, the giant Pole, was defeated after 1 hour, 24 minutes and 27 seconds of wrestling at the Lexington Theatre last night.

It was an exciting finish. Lewis had previously slipped ten of the punishing head locks on Zbyszko which the Pole had wriggled free from. It was long after midnight when Lewis leaped at Zbyszko and locked his head between his folded biceps, carrying him to the mat.

The powerful Zbyszko struggled to free himself, his legs worked like flails and he attempted to stop Lewis's breathing with his extended arms and handsfl It was to no avail. Gradually Zbyszko weakened, and at the end of five minutes he signalled Referee George Bothner that he "resigned."

Bothner was not certain of Zbyszko's intent, and Billy Sandow, manager of Lewis, rushed from the theatre wings to the mat, attempting to force Lewis to quit. Lewis clung to the Pole's head, unaware that he had won, and when the men were pried apart Zbyszko lay unconscious on the stage. He was carried into the wings, where he quickly revived, and the crowd, which had been obviously for Lewis, cheered the victor.

Sensational Mat Match

It was in many respects the most sensational wrestling match ever seen in New York. Hundreds were turned away, unable to get seats, long before the main event was called. Before 10 o'clock the darkened house, smoke-filled and lit only by the exit lights, resembled London on a foggy night.

When the men walked to the centre of the mat Zbyszko apeared the heavier. Each man is hugely muscled above the waistline, but the Pole's underpinning was the heavier.

In anticipation of Lewis's punishing headlock Zbyszko had clipped his hair tight, and the shape of his tapering head made it a matter of speculation whether Lewis could operate his head hold on the European. At the end of the first ten minutes Lewis demonstrated that his favorite hold could be executed against his opponent.

With both men standing, the "Strangler" leaped at the Pole, folded his head between his powerful arms and carried him to the mat. Zbyszko struggled free from this hold after one minute and fifteen seconds and worked into a beautiful scissors that almost pinned the Southerner to the mat.

Thereafter the match resolved itself into a matter of headlock against body scissors, and the "further half" which the Pole combines with his leg hold.

Lewis Breaks Scissors

At least twice during the first hour Zbyszko threw a scissors on Lewis, which looked conclusive, but the astonishing activity of the Southerner permitted him on each occasion to break the hold. His head locked between Zbyszko's legs Lewis bridged and twisted so viciously that the Pole could not hold him.

At the ninth head lock it was apparent that the Pole was weakening. He had broken other locks by pushing Lewis off the mat, at which it had been previously agreed that the men would meet in the centre of the mat on their feet.

After the eighth headlock Zbyszko was too weak to further carry Lewis before him while the Southerner had this punishing hold.

As he came out of the tenth headlock Zbyszko secured a toe hold on Lewis which almost won him the match. He grasped the "Strangler's" right foot in both hands and almost bent it double. Lewis was in great pain, and it seemed that the hold which the deceased Gotch had used in making so many wrestlers "resign" might beat him.

But Lewis kept working toward the edge of the mat, and with a final and desperate lunge he threw himself free on the board stage. Under the rules the men returnd to the centre of the mat and renewed hostilities on their feet.

It was two minutes after this that Lewis again took the final and winning headlock. Zbyszko wilted under it, and the match was over.

Hevonpaa Is Disqualified

Sula Hevonpaa put on his nightly show for the crowd. He was disqualified after 22 minutes and 45 seconds for fouling Charles Pospishil. Sula was trying a new-fangled strangle hold that didn't jibe with the rules, and he refused to give ear to Referee Bothner's injunction against it.

In the other finish match George Manich tossed "Soldier" Leavitt after 22 minutes and 21 seconds with a body hold and head scissors.

Yusiff Hussane and John Freberg wrestled to a draw in the 20-minute elimination matches, while Harold Christiensen, the neatest wrestler in the tournament, turned Pierre le Belge ovr in 13 minutes and 48 seconds with a halfnelson and crotch hold.

Erwig Chosen New Captain of Fordham Team

William E. Erwig, of New York City, was yesterday elected captain of the Fordham University eleven for next season. The new leader, who is a second year student in the Fordham law school, has played halfback for two seasons on the Maroon team. He is a graduate of Morris High School and was on the New York University eleven a year before entering Fordham.

Erwig received eight out of the fourteen votes cast, the other six being allotted to Joe Dumoe, the star end. Erwig has been one of the real bright stars of the Fordham team in the last two seasons. This year he made the longest individual runs in the Rutgers and Cornell games. He was especially adept at making off-tackle plays, although he could be relied on to plough the line or circle an end. His brilliance was dimmed by the lack of interference in several games.

Announcement was made yesterday that two and possibly three more players would receive their "F"s" in consideration of their efforts in the season just closed.

The SPORT-LIGHT by Grantland Rice

An All-Time All-Star Team

No. 4—Second Base

There was no great argument about second base.

The vote here was almost unanimous.

From the days of Ross Barnes, a great hitter and a good second baseman, on through 1917, the game has known many stars. But for all-around ability the game has known but one Eddie Collins.

The Old Guard

Back in the early stages there were such men as Ross Barnes, Fred Dunlap, Pfeffer and others who ranked high.

Then came Bobby Lowe, Claude Richey—and then Napoleon Lajoie, one of the greatest of them all.

After Lajoie came Johnny Evers, the remarkable Trojan—and then came Collins.

In the last fifteen years the three great second basemen have been Lajoie, Evers and Collins.

Of these Lajoie was the greater hitter and the most graceful workman.

Of these Evers was the greater fighter and the more eternally mentally alert.

But for batting and base running, fielding skill, speed and the entire combination, Collins was voted on top.

Collins wasn't the slashing hitter that Lajoie was, although Eddie's average is high—far above .300 for an extended span. But Collins was faster on his feet than Lajoie; was, therefore, able to cover more ground. He was also a much better base runner.

Evers gave Collins a great battle as a ground coverer, in any fielding way, but Johnny was too far behind his rival at bat.

Collins, through ten years, has averaged .340. Evers, through fourteen years, has averaged .270.

Collins, as a hit maker, base stealer and run getter, has a big bulge over Evers, who has achieved most of his fame as a smart, alert athlete, always in the thick of the firing with his head up.

From the Past

The batting record of Ross Barnes ranges above Collins. But oldtimers admit that Collins was his superior in every other way.

Other oldtimers will tell you that Pfeffer could field with Collins. But as a batsman he was far below the Philadelphia and Chicago star.

Collins's value lies in his all-around worth—his fine batting, his great base running, his brilliant fielding and his quick thinking. His great resource was shown in the last world series, when he fielded in faultless style, and then proceeded to bat around .450, against a group of star left-handers. This makes three world series engagements where Collins has batted well above .400.

Few Late Stars

In late years, outside of Collins, Lajoie and Evers, there have been few star second basemen. The average has been well below that of shortstop strength.

But there is a long list of fine second basemen between 1880 and 1900, who are still remembered by the old guard. But even the old guard is willing to admit Collins's superiority to the field.

(To-morrow—Shortstop)

Harvard's "Nine" Joins Uncle Sam

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—All of the regular players on the Harvard varsity baseball nine of 1916 now are in the service of their country. Several of the substitute players also are enrolled. The men are scattered in various branches of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Leonard Makes Short Work of "Chic" Brown

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 17.—Catching Chic Brown on the jaw with a right swing in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-round bout in the New Haven arena to-night lightweight champion Benny Leonard floored the Connecticut title holder heavily.

Brown came up after Referee Davey Fitzgerald had tolled off a count of eight, but was immediately sent again to the boards, where he lay till counted out.

Although punished by the fierce bombardment he underwent in the last two rounds, he arose within a minute, but his hazy condition assured the crowd that he could not have continued the mill.

Leonard give Brown the first round, allowing the New Havener to rush him and outbox him by pushing repeated right jabs into the world champion's body. Brown's tattoo did no damage. Brown started the second round with the same tactics, but was stalled in the middle of the round, when Leonard began feeling him out with a rain of alternate lefts and rights which peppered the Connecticut champion's face.

In the third Leonard compelled the Nutmeg fighter to consume fierce punishment. Brown was game and came back with a rally, with swings that Leonard's glove deftly stopped. A clipping upper cut to Brown's solar plexus as this round closed made Leonard's victory certain.

Leonard had Brown at his mercy in the fourth, Brown clinging wearily for support in the clinches. Leonard finished his outclassed rival after a minute's boxing in the fifth.

Boxers Perform for Fort Slocum Soldiers

Several hundred soldiers were the guests of the New York Athletic Club at a boxing entertainment held at its Travers Island clubhouse last night. The enlisted boys are enjoying the hospitality of the Winged Foot club, as quarters have not been found for them at Fort Slocum. In return for the hospitality, the soldiers presented a large silk American flag to the club, which was accepted by Matthew P. Halpin.

Five bouts were staged, and among the competitors were New York State and Metropolitan Association champions. Two impromptu bouts were held between soldier boys, and these furnished no end of excitement for their admirers.

The summary follows:

125-pound class—A. Mosberg, unattached, awarded judges' decision over A. Reise, Union Settlement, after four rounds.

125-pound class—A. Walker, Irish-American A. C., awarded judges' decision over A. Hirschberger, Union Settlement, after three rounds.

135-pound class—A. Mosberg, unattached, and A. Stotlack, East Side House, boxed a two-round draw.

135-pound class (soldiers)—Tom Witty, Staten Island, vs. J. Harris, Syracuse, four rounds; no decision.

140-pound class (soldiers)—H. Linser, New York City, vs. G. Clark, Syracuse, three rounds; no decision.

One More From Red Sox

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Harold Janvrin, the utility infielder of the Boston American League baseball team, became a member of the 310th Signal Corps at Camp Devens to-day. His enlistment leaves Larry Gardner and Everett Scott the only infielders on the team.

Allied Bowlers to Meet

A meeting of the Allied Bowling Associations of Greater New York will be held at Thum's Academy this evening to complete plans for the conducting of a $1,000,000 fund for bowlers injured in the war. The recommendations of the ways and means committee will be heard and resolutions will be adopted.

Amherst Basketball Dates

AMHERST, Mass., Dec. 17.—Amherst College basketball schedule, announced to-day, is as follows:

January 11, New York University, at New York City; January 12, C. C. N. Y., at New York City; January 19, Wesleyan, at Middletown; January 26, Union, at Amherst; February 9, Springfield College, at Amherst; February 16, Williams, at Williamstown; February 23, Wesleyan, at Amherst; March 6, Williams, at Amherst; March 8, Union, at Schenectady; March 9, University of Rochester, at Rochester.

Swimmers to Clash For Manhattan Title

The Public School Athletic League swimming championship will be decided for Manhattan Borough to-day, when Clinton meets Stuyvesant in the College of the City of New York tank. Clinton, having defeated the Stuyvesant water squad earlier in the season, has practically clinched the title for itself.

The winner is to meet Erasmus in Brooklyn for the championship of New York City.

The match to-day will be a battle between young Ruddy Saacke, the Clinton phenom, and Charlie Schenck, of Stuyvesant. Stuyvesant has the edge in the 800-foot relay, while the 220 should belong to Clinton. Dan Loewy, of Clinton, is likely to show up as well as his teammate Saacke.

Enter Three Boxers

The Presentation Club, of Brooklyn, will enter three boys to compete in the New York State championship boxing tournament to be held at Manhattan Casino, December 26 and 27. The three are Eddie Noto, a 108-pounder; Jerry Cunningham, 135 pounds, and Jimmie Donahue, 175 pounds.

New Orleans Results

First race (maiden two-year-olds; purse, $400; five and a half furlongs)—Tanlac, 116 (Keogh), 9 to 2, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5, won; Partizan, 116 (F. Robinson), 11 to 5, 4 to 5 and 3 to 5, second; Rosemont, 113 (Walls), 4 to 1, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:14 4-5. Ed Capitanis, Boreas, Sayeth, Lady Small, Hasty Mabel and Alma Laube also ran.

Second race (all ages; purse, $400; claiming; six furlongs)—The Duke, 109 (Willis), 3 to 5, 1 to 4 and out, won; Senator James, 114 (Pool), 4 to 1, 5 to 2 and even, second; Blue Bannock, 111 (F. Robinson), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, third. Time, 1:20. Old Max Fox, Talisman, Star Wort, Busy Joe and Annie Curl also ran.

Third race (two-year-olds; purse, $500; six furlongs)—Cranor, 106 (Johnson), 16 to 5, 3 to 5 and out, won; Paul Connolly, 109 (L. Garner), 3 to 1, 6 to 5 and out, second; Edith L., 100 (F. Robinson), 3 to 5, 1 to 8 and out, third. Time, 1:20 1-5. Humma also ran.

Fourth race (the Colonial; three-year-olds; purse, $600; one mile)—Warsam, 110 (F. Robinson), 3 to 5, 1 to 5 and out, won; Langton, 107 (Lyke), 4 to 1, even and out, second; Brown Sweep, 110 (L. Garner), 10 to 1, 3 to 1 and 1 to 4, third. Time, 1:44 2-5. Penrod and Jock Scot also ran.

Fifth race (three-year-olds and up; claiming; purse, $500; one mile and a sixteenth)—Hayden, 114 (M. Garner), 7 to 5, 2 to 5 and out, won; Pas de Chance, 111 (O. Willis), 4 to 1, 7 to 5 and 3 to 5, second; Shumbery, 114 (Johnson), 8 to 1, 2 to 5 and even, third. Time, 1:52. Fairbrook, Finch, Lron, Hatsea and Mary Warren also ran.

Sixth race (three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse, $500; one mile and seventy yards)—Choice, 106 (Walls), 4 to 1, 7 to 5 and 2 to 5, won; Jack Reeves, 102 (Overal), 9 to 5, 3 to 5 and 1 to 6, second; Prince Herods, 110 (J. Collins), 5 to 2, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:52 2-5. Kleburne, Marie Corbill, Eddie T. and Lucile P. also ran.

Boxing News and Notes

By FRED HAWTHORNE

One more nail was driven into the boxing game's coffin and riveted on the inside yesterday, and the casket is only waiting for the neckerbus to drive up to the back door and cart the remains away. The last weepy rites will then be said over the grave by the sobbing fight-fans of this more or less fair city, and we can thereafter exercise our love of the abysmal brute stuff in fierce competition over the chess board and on the badminton court. Some of the more bloodthirsty among us may even be driven to lawn bowls and archery.

Magistrate Groehl, sitting in the Washington Heights court yesterday, issued fourteen summonses against officials of the Grupp's Gymnasium and Athletic Club, Incorporated, at 252 West 16th Street, for alleged violations of the law in holding boxing bouts last Friday night. The summonses are returnable to-morrow.

Billy Grupp's club was as legitimate as a boxing club could be, under the existing laws, and apparently fell clearly within the scope of what Governor Whitman recently defined, in a public address, as his conception of a place where boxing could be lawfully held. If Grupp falls afoul of the law, therefore, it is difficult to understand how any of the other clubs will survive the present situation.

But habit is the hardest thing to kill, next to a cat or a pacifist, that we ever heard tell of, hence we were not unduly astonished, after having written the above obituary and sealed it without saline tears, to have "Young" Kurtz, the world's most pugnacious office boy, lay a letter from the Pioneer Sporting Club on our desk, with two tickets for the Members' Entertainment to-night.

"Gimme one o' them Annie Oakleys an' I'll do the bouts for you; that Guy an' Mickey Dunn ought to put it over on Jimmy Pappas, but the Greek geezer is one hard bird," said the "Young" one.

Such simple and implicit faith in the ability of Charley Doessereck to pull off the bouts at his Forty-fourth Street club this evening impressed us and gave us cheer, and we shall be on hand to-night, when Dunn and Pappas square off, to see what we shall see, and "Young" Kurtz shall abide by our right side. We always like to have company in our most dangerous exploits. Just to prove that we are not afraid to print the whole programme scheduled for the Pioneer, we will say that Young Red McDonald and K. O. Circus will meet in the semi-final and that there will be several "good preliminaries."

Why attempt to paint the lily? Is your soul attuned to the beauties of "Omar Khayyam," Thomas Grey, Ella Wheeler Wilcox or Euphemia Hemans? Then listen:

"Sporting Editor.

"Dear Sir: Our lightweight champion, Benjamin Leonard, has tried to camouflage a rap at Irish Patsy Cline with a string of complimentary adjectives. Benny is such a nice little chap personally that I hate to say anything unkind about him. But I gotta do it. And it's this: The sooner he stops playing the cry baby in the ring, that much sooner will he measure up to the standard of all the great ring title holders. Nearly every battle he has, where the going is a bit rough, he spends half his time appealing to the referee. Almost every time I looked at him the other night in Philadelphia it seemed to me that he was making a 'yelp.' THAT is not done in the BEST championship society. The complaint he has just sent to the press about Cline butting him is very much out of line for a game fighter.

"Benny Leonard is a grown man and an experienced fighter. Patsy Cline is only a child, nineteen years old a few months ago. Can you imagine any of Leonard's predecessors, Gans, Nelson, Wolgast or Welsh, crying about a little kid being at: There is $10,000 down in Benny didn't relish getting his 'hair mussed.'

"After getting the above out of my system, here is what I am driving at: there is $10,000 down in Broad Street in the hands of a curb broker, that either Patsy Cline or Freddie Welsh can beat Leonard. Very truly. HARRYPOLLOK."

Ah, for a gift like that!

Eighteen Games for Columbia Grammar Five

Lawrence Cohen, manager of the Columbia Grammar School basketball team, has arranged a strenuous campaign for his boys. The schedule calls for eighteen games, and four of these have already been turned into Columbia victories. The strength of the team is manifested through recent victories over Townsend Harris Hall and Hamilton Institute.

The schedule follows:

December 19, Barnard School.

January 9, C. C. N. Y. Freshmen; 14, Adelphi Academy; 16, Mount Pleasant Academy; 19, Ethical Culture; 23, Faculty; 28, Grantwood High School.

February 4, Massee School; 5, All Hallows' Institute; 11, Adelphi Academy; 16, Mount Pleasant Academy.

March 1, Grantwood High School; 4, Massee School.

'Cross-Country Runner Joins Aviation Camp

Another athlete rallied to the Stars and Stripes yesterday when Joe Sherman, the 'cross country runner of the Morningside Athletic Club enlisted in the aviation corps.

The 19-year-old boy has been assigned to "ground" work at an aviation training camp in Texas. Sherman is the forty-fourth Morningside boy that is serving Uncle Sam. Before joining the Morningside clan Sherman competed prominently in road races for the Brooklyn A. A. He is the third of a family of four brothers to join the colors.

Busy Week-End for City College Teams

The C. C. N. Y. teams in basketball and swimming will be busy the end of the week. The quintet is anticipating a lively match with Union Saturday. Coach Joe Deering, of City College, regards the Schenectady team highly, as he figures that the war has altered the team only slightly. The local Lavender men say they will try to shake off the jinx of losing by a lone goal.

The amphibians of the college will visit New Brunswick Friday night to swim Rutgers in the annual meet.

New Orleans Entries

First race (claiming; for two-year-olds; purse, $400; five and a half furlongs)—Lone Star, 105; Blue Water, 108; *Oriental, 107; *Clarissa G. R., 101; *Miss Pilley, 101; Miss Peep, 106; Gilligan, 104; *Nokoki, 101; *Miss Agnes, 101.

Second race (claiming; for two-year-olds; purse, $400; five and a half furlongs)—Planeta, 106; King of the Wind, 109; *Breezy, 101; Wave Rio, 109; Mary's Beau, 109; Wow, 106; Courier, 106; *Lady Gayest, 106; *Iris T., 101; *Ivannas, 101.

Third race (claiming; for three-year-olds; purse, $400; six furlongs)—Opelia W., 113; Pinto, 109; Blue Bannock, 106; *F. C. Cole, 104; *Amber, 100; Sir Oliver, 111; Night Cap, 108; *Pilot, 121; *Scarpia II, 101.

Fourth race (claiming; for three-year-olds and upward; purse, $500; one mile and seventy yards)—Blue Thistle, 113; Rifle Shooter, 108; Enterpe, 105; Margaret N., 110; Paw, 108; Reno, 105.

Fifth race (claiming; for three-year-olds and upward; purse, $500; one mile and a sixteenth)—*Mr. Mack, 112; King Hamburg, 110; Elaton, 107; *Irregular, 107; *Leah Cochran, 99; *Pin Money, 109; Stout Heart, 117; Erin, 107; *Impugnata, 102; *Mary Kotsis, 106; *Handful, 112; *Semper Stalwart, 108.

Sixth race (claiming; for three-year-olds and upward; purse, $500; one mile and a sixteenth)—Ben Hampson, 97; Requiram, 107; Nanule McGee, 104; *Senator James, 109; *Coppertown, 105; *Executor, 107; Huda's Brother, 102; Amulet, 102; Billie Baker, 107; Little Cottage, 105; Repression, 102; *Duke of Shelby, 105; Sleldiff, 105; *Lady Worthington, 102; *Fred Johnson, 102.

Cricket Players Aid Sufferers at Halifax

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The Halifax Cup, donated in 1873 for competition and which has since become the chief trophy in the cricketing world, is mainly responsible for a fund of $4,500 raised among the cricketers of Philadelphia for the relief of sufferers by the Halifax disaster.

The money was to-day telegraphed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with the explanation that it came from players who had contested in Halifax Cup matches.

Williams-Ertle Draw

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The Williams-Ertle fight resulted in a draw here to-night after twelve rounds.

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