

# Alexander the Great Pitches First Game of Season and Is Defeated by Reds

## Toledo Now Boxing Centre Of the U. S. A.

### Mobilization at Ohio City Begins Monday; Rickard and Staff Going There

By W. O. McGeehan  
Mobilization for the \$127,500 Willard-Dempsey contest will begin at Toledo, Monday. Jess Willard is to leave Los Angeles Sunday, headed for Toledo. Tex Rickard and his staff will move on the chosen city Monday. Jack Dempsey already is on his way to the scene of the gathering, travelling by automobile from Excelsior Springs.

The matter of a referee for the bout may not be decided until two weeks before the fight. Tex Rickard said yesterday that there was no particular hurry about picking the third man. It was up to the fighters, and any arbiter whom they might agree would suit him. But if the haggling over the third man should last too long Rickard will pick him.

When Rickard leaves Sunday night he will take with him the plans for the arena. According to the promoter it will seat in the neighborhood of 20,000, about the capacity of the Yale Bowl. It will be constructed for this fight only. According to the promoter, the most distant seat will be 260 feet away from the ring. The seats will be raised gradually from the ring, each tier having a rise of four inches.

Rickard was somewhat worried and annoyed yesterday when he learned that Jack Dempsey had chosen the automobile as his means of transportation to Toledo. He would prefer something safer and more in view of the fact that an automobile accident to Dempsey at this stage of the game would cost him something like a possible quarter of a million or so—a nice little bit even after the income tax is painlessly extracted from it.

All through the night Rickard had visions of Jack Dempsey being piloted along the highway with his manager, Jack Kearns, as a chauffeur. Kearns is a speed bug and considers that about half an inch is far enough to miss a telegraph pole and passing vehicles.

Training for the big bout may be hampered because of the lack of heavyweights for experimental purposes. Jack Kearns, the manager of Dempsey, has sent out a Macedonian cry for human guinea pigs to Ike Dorgan, New York's tired business man. Ike cannot do anything much for him.

It seems that Dempsey hired John Lester Johnson to box with him. John Lester is the Harlem Senegambian who gave Dempsey something of a pasting while he was an ambitious novice in the employ of John the Barber. In fact John Lester patted Dempsey so earnestly that he fractured the ribs of Jack's ribs on that fateful evening.

Jack, however, bore no malice for the fractured slats. On the contrary, he figured that an earnest Senegambian who had punched enough to do that much damage to him would make an excellent sparring partner. Consequently, he signed John Lester to accompany him over the burley-cue circuit.

John Lester wants to quit now. He gets more money. His point of view seems sound at that. He says Dempsey is getting rougher and rougher every day. He is getting tired while he will be getting down to real work, and every time he sees me he says he will think that it is Mr. Willard. Maybe he does wear the big gloves, but I can feel him now. I suddenly will be able to feel him when he gets down to his real work. He wants to have more money or I'm through, that's what he wants. One of them insurance policies I stay on the job. I got a family in it and they got to be provided for.

## Captain Taft and the Columbia Crew on the Hudson



### De Oro Explains Why He Protests Rival's Victory

Alfredo De Oro, who lost his title of three-cushion billiard champion of the world to Robert Cannefax in a match played at the Friars' Club last week, issued a statement last night in which he set forth his side of the controversy that arose on the second night of play, when Cannefax committed a foul.

### Columbia and Brown Clash in Dual Meet

Brown and Columbia appear to be well matched for their dual meet on South Field this afternoon. As has been the case with the Blue and White team for the last few years, it will be strong in the track events and weak in the field. The track meet will be only one of the many attractions which will feature a "Columbia Day" celebration.

### College Baseball

Table with columns for National League, American League, and Standings of Major League Clubs. Includes team names and game results.

### Boom in Rowing Seems Assured By 1919 Regatta

Rowing, after a lapse of four years, seems destined to regain and possibly surpass in recognition the level it formerly held in aquatic sports. At least this is the opinion expressed by leading crew authorities and men prominently identified for years with the sport. One reason for optimism regarding the sport is that rowing in the near future is likely to attract attention from an international aspect as well as from the intercollegiate or local viewpoint.

Looking over the coming regattas, there is the intercollegiate event at Philadelphia over the waters of the Schuylkill on May 31, the day following the Harlem regatta. This is known as the championship event over the Henley course of a mile and five sixteenths, and there is never a year that at least two of the leading colleges are not represented.

Information is afloat that several of the Allied nations, who have taken to rowing since the signing of the armistice, have agreed to enter the Worcester regatta. They include Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Canada and probably Japan. Besides Columbia, there will be representatives from the New York A. C., Atlantic Club, Metropolitan, Union Club, Potomac Club of Washington and two clubs or more from Philadelphia.

It was learned also on official authority that Kelley, of the Vesper Club, Philadelphia, and W. Smith, of the Juniors, will engage in the senior singles of one mile. Besides the Ravenswood Boat Club, Flushing, L. I., who was expected to compete in the event, has gone abroad and will not be an entry.

### Boxing Committee Will Have to Decide Tie

The boxing committee of the local association will have to give a decision as to who is the winner of the team score in the recent New York State boxing championships with the New West Side Athletic Club and Union Settlement with 10 points each.

### Southern Association

Nashville-Memphis, rain. New Orleans, 6; Atlanta, 2 (first game). New Orleans, 1; Atlanta, 6 (second game). Seven innings. Chattanooga, 6; Little Rock, 4. Baseball To-day, P. M. N. Y. Americans vs. Washington. Polo Grounds, Adm. 30c.

## The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

Some Ancient Advice  
If you'd like to soak a pippin with a fine display of force, Keep your orb upon the pill;  
If you'd like to have both distance and direction down the course, Keep your orb upon the pill;  
If you'd like to see a mashie or a brassie shot career— If you'd like to thump a boloolo to the middle of the green— If you'd ever care to qualify among the First Sixteen— Clamp your lamp upon the pill.

The Championship Route  
What is the average championship route among the heavyweight? From the Sullivan-Corbett affair through the Willard-Johnson melee there have been nine championships of note—nine that were held to be test arrangements.

The 12-Round Distance  
In the meanwhile a vast number of words will be employed to show whether the 12-round distance will favor Willard or Dempsey. It has been argued that Willard is a slow starter, and that Dempsey may pile up a big lead over the shorter route before the champion gets going.

The Difference  
When clerks, within some store or bank, May make an error, more than rank, The boss, perhaps, may call them down— With burning words or scowl or frown— But howling mobs, don't rise and shout "Come on and take this bonehead out!"

The Sorrow Maker  
The putt that stops two inches shy Leaves tears within the roughest eye. F. K. H.

Golf Lesson  
To wipe away each growing ill Within this game of golf, Just keep your eye upon the pill And knock the cover off.

Willie Ritchie would rather be golf champion than lightweight champion. Still, Willie, the loser's end in golf is rarely \$11,000. Practically not at all, you might say.

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### Fisher Pitches Reds to Shut-Out Win Over Cubs

CHICAGO, May 9.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, in his first game since returning from France, was defeated today by the Cincinnati Reds, 1 to 0, in a pitchers' battle with Ray Fisher. Fisher held the Cubs to four hits and was given splendid support. In the eighth, a base on balls to Groh, Rehg's sacrifice and Magee's double produced the one run.

### Two Colonels and Squire Cursing Mr. Weather Man

Colonels Jacob Ruppert, T. L. Huston and C. H. Ebbets are likely to get sunburn on the roofs of their mouths if the weather is fair to-day, from gaping into the skies for signs of rain. Rain, which is prognosticated locally for this afternoon, would be next to a calamity. It would hit all three local clubs right in the solar plexus, not to mention the woe waves creeping further into the soul of Clark Griffith.

### Gloom Settles Over Coogan's Bluff and Flatbush as Rain Drowns Baseball

Yesterdays rain, which prevented Washington and New York Americans mingling at the Polo Grounds and cheated the rabid Flatbush following from tossing a few epithets at the Giants in their first appearance of the year at Ebbets Field, cut some ice, but can by no stretch of imagination be figured as ruinous if the skies clear in time for action this afternoon.

### Hawthorne's Tennis Notes

Robert Lindley Murray, the national champion, and William T. Tilden, 2d, runner-up for that title, may fight it out again in the final round of the national lawn tennis championship singles at Forest Hills, Long Island, next August. As matters stand to-day, Murray and Tilden look like the two best players now in this country, and in view of the fact that Captain Richard Norris Williams, 2d, champion of 1914 and 1915, may not return from France in time to compete for the national honors, their chances of fighting it out for the premier title of the American courts are considered just that much brighter.

### Plestina Victor in Mat Bout At the Garden

Marin Plestina defeated Jack Taylor in their wrestling match at Madison Square Garden last night. The Jugoslav scored his first fall in 1 hour, 22 minutes and 33 seconds with a double wrist lock and body roll. The second and deciding fall came at one minute and 48 seconds of work, as the result of a head bar lock and arm scissors.

### Amherst Plays To-day

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### Busy Day To-day For N. Y. U. Athletes

New York University's baseball team will meet the nine from Wesleyan University this afternoon on Ohio Field at 3:30 o'clock. While the baseball team is entertaining the Connecticut nine the New York varsity track squad will travel to New Brunswick for a dual meet with Rutgers. The freshman track team goes to New Haven for a meet with the crack first year squad at Yale University.

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