Baseball Trade That Sends Roth to Athletics Robs Huggins of Chance to Strengthen Yankee Outfield

RIVAL MANAGERS PRAISE YANKEES

Barrow and Gleason Say Huggins's Team Will Be Strong Factor in 1919.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

The deal closed last Saturday between the Cleveland club and the Athletics by which the Indians obtained third baseman Larry Gardner, pitcher Elmer Myers and outfielder Jamieson in exchange for outfielder Bobby Roth puts an end to the plans Miller Huggins of the Yankees had in mind to strengthen the Yankee outfield by the acquisition of the former Clevelander.

As late as last week Huggins submitted an offer to Cleveland for Roth, but evidently he did not match the Philadelphia bid.

Several times during the winter Huggins sounded the White Sox on what they would take for Jackson or Felsch. He also sent out feelers to Detroit for one of the star Tiger outfielders, but his efforts were in vain.

It may be interesting for local fans to hear that Managers Ed Barrow and Kid Gleason of the Red and White Sox respectively consider the Yankees one of the strongest teams in the league and their leading source of worry for the coming season. As the White Sox won the world's championship in 1917 and the Red Sox turned the trick in 1918, the compliment has some weight.

"The Yankees were the hardest club for us to beat last season," said Ed Barrow, discussing the Yankees last week. "For a while last season it was one of the hardest hitting clubs ever put together.

Made Profitable Deals.

"Huggins has made some profitable deals this winter. The one he made with us was a splendid trade for both clubs. Both were strengthened in positions where they were weak. For the first time in years the Yankees will have a real good pitching staff and one composed of men who will be able to stand up for the season. Miller made a smart move in getting Pete Schneider from Cincinnati and Shore and Leonard, the men he obtained from the Red Sox, are splendid pitchers.

Kid Gleason, who was here last week trying to get a pitcher from either the Yankees or the Boston club, also thinks well of the Yankees. "It is a hitting club, and Huggins has been very successful in strengthening his pitching staff," said the Kid. "He will have one of the best staffs in the game. His team is slow, but it will have a powerful attack and should score a lot of runs."

These new predictions about the Yankees were with the assumption that Baker and Pratt will be with the team next year. The Yankee offence has been built around Baker ever since he came to New York, and his retirement would take the leading gun out of Huggins's wrecking crew.

Too Late to Change Schedule.

Though it is too late now to change the 140 game schedules, most of the club owners are of the opinion that they "booted one" when they voted for the shortest big league schedule since 1904.

The mild winter and the prospect of an early spring is giving the club owners visions of sunny April days, with the temperature around 75 degrees, and a padlock on the ball parks. Nothing is so distressful to the average club owner as a vision of a beautiful spring day and a closed grand stand.

Most club owners also say they have observed an unusual amount of baseball interest. Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburg while in town last week said he noticed more interest in baseball around Pittsburg last month than has existed in the last five winters.

John Heydler, president of the National League, also says he has marvelled over the interest that has been manifested this spring. "People I never talk baseball with want to fan and talk about the game when I meet them," Heydler said last Saturday.

National League club owners also have reported that their box reservations for the coming season are greater than they have been in years, which generally is taken as an indication of how the wind blows.

Robert Gillespie, who played third base for the Federal Shipyard's nine at Kearny, N. J., last season, was signed by Manager McGraw of the Giants and will leave with the team when it starts for the South. Gillespie is a New York boy and formerly played with the Highbridge Athletics.

RICE CLUB WINS AT CHESS.

Beats Staten Island Team in League Match, 6 to 2.

Playing its first match of the season in the annual intercluh competition of the Metropolitan Chess League, the I. L. Rice Progressive Chess Club, winner of the championship last year, defeated the Staten Island Chess Club by 6—2 at the rooms of the latter in Stapleton yesterday. Dr. H. E. Leede, Columbia star, won at the top board for Staten Island, defeating E. Tenenwurzel. H. Nieleen won at board 6.

The successful members of the champion team were A. Marucheck, R. Smirka, H. Liebenstein, E. Grunbach, S. Mishook and S. Bikales. The two college teams, Columbia and City College, were both defeated by 4½ to 3½. Columbia after losing to Pennsylvania by 5—3 in Philadelphia, defeated Marshall's Chess Club at Earl Hall 3½ to 2½ at the first five boards, but lost lower down, when the Blue and White were shorthanded.

Ocean Hill obtained the verdict over City College by 4½ to 3½ at the Brooklyn Chess Club.

VERNON PLAYER FOR YANKS.

Meusel, Outfielder and First Baseman, Purchased.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—The New York American League Baseball Club today bought from the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast League, according to announcement by Manager William Essick of Vernon, an option on Bobby Meusel, first baseman and outfielder.

The New York club will pay for the option by sending to Vernon one player before the Pacific Coast League session opens and "several other good men" when the option is exercised, Essick said.

HALPIN WINS TEN MILE RUN.

Leads Harriers Over the Glencoe A. C. Course.

The Glencoe A. C. staged a ten mile scratch race yesterday instead of its weekly five mile handicap. Nine runners competed and all finished. The winner was Terry Halpin, an unattached runner. Halpin won by 12 seconds over J. Costello of the Paulist A. C. Harry Spies finished third. Halpin was clocked in 57 minutes 16 seconds. The order of finish:

1—T. Halpin, unattached 57:46
2—J. Costello, Paulist A. C. 57:48
3—H. Spies, unattached 59:16
4—S. French, 23d St. Y. M. H. A. 61:27
5—G. Kirkwood, Paulist A. C. 62:32
6—W. Schippel, Paulist A. C. 63:27
7—M. Tea, Glencoe A. C. 63:31

LOOMIS DECLARED 'PRO' BY THE A. A. U.

Famous Athlete Suspended for Writing for Newspapers.

CHICAGO, March 2.—Joe Loomis, holder of nine world's running and hurdling records, to-night was suspended by the Central A. A. U. on charges of professionalism because he received money for writing a series of articles for a newspaper on athletics. He will appeal to the National A. A. U. championship committee for a final ruling.

Loomis has competed throughout the country under the colors of the Chicago Athletic Association.

HIGH SCORES MADE AT N. Y. A. C. TRAPS

Four Gunners Tie for Honors With 96 "Kills" Out of Possible 100.

Perfect shooting conditions were responsible for exceptionally high scores being made in the week end shoot of the New York Athletic Club at Travers Island yesterday. No less than four of the thirty-one gunners who took part in the shoot tied for the high scratch prize with 96 out of a possible 100 targets. It was the largest number that has ever tied with so large a score for the prize.

The gunners who made the excellent hits were Dr. W. B. Short, who has just returned from the army; A. L. Burns, W. G. Allen and J. O'Neil. The winners shot off for the prize and Dr. Short was returned the winner. J. C. Taylor also did some good shooting yesterday, winning both the high handicap and the special handicap prizes.

The special scratch prize was taken by R. L. Spotts, the former national champion. In the shoot at the "ghost" targets the tiny white "birds" were broken by B. E. Eldred, W. B. Ogden and F. W. Peters.

Legs on the accumulation and the tournament cups were scored by all gunners with 25 targets. The gunners with 50 targets were credited with legs on the Byronel cup. The scores:

	Agcum. Cup.	Tour. Cup.	Byro-nel. Cup.	Scratch & Hdcp. Cups.
A. W. Walter	5 22	5 23	10 47	71—20— 91
J. C. Taylor	6 26	6 24	12 50	88—24—100
R. B. Cole	2 21	2 24	6 60	83—15— 98
C. L. Ring	6 22	6 22	12 50	77—23—100
B. E. Eldred	2 21	2 23	4 43	84—12— 96
C. W. Berner	3 18	3 20	6 47	71—15— 86
J. H. Vanderveer	2 24	2 25	4 44	86—12— 98
W. B. Short, D.D.	1 25	1 25	2 49	86—8—100
F. A. Siebert	3 25	3 25	6 50	85—14—100
W. B. Ogden	1 23	1 24	2 46	91— 8— 99
F. J. Ham	3 24	3 25	6 42	83—16—100
C. A. Brown	5 25	5 25	10 48	77—20—100
G. J. Corbett	1 24	1 25	2 49	86— 8—100
Dr. Thielman	0 18	0 22	0 32	72— 0— 72
A. L. Burns	1 25	0 22	2 50	96— 8—100
W. G. Allen	3 25	3 25	6 50	86—14—100
H. P. Martin	1 25	1 24	2 50	92— 8—100
G. W. Derrick	4 24	4 25	8 48	80—18— 98
F. E. Williamson	7 25	7 24	14 50	78—20—100
R. L. Spotts	1 25	1 24	2 49	91— 8— 99
A. P. Bennett	2 24	2 23	4 47	85—12— 97
J. I. D. Bristol	5 25	5 25	10 50	81—20—100
F. W. Peters	4 24	4 22	8 49	76—16— 91
W. H. Buchanan	8 25	8 21	16 50	65—35—100
J. Story	0 18	0 17	0 71	66— 0— 66
J. Nida	5 21	5 25	10 50	83—20—100
R. S. Smith	5 24	0 21	10 50	84—23—100
J. O'Neil	2 25	2 25	4 50	96—13—100
D. L. Bradley	1 21	1 24	2 50	91— 8— 99
G. W. Lembeck	3 25	3 25	6 50	95—15—100
A. B. Hubbell	4 23	4 22	8 49	85—16— 96

TWO PRIZES FOR HERZIG.

Finishes First and Makes Best Time in Road Race.

Samuel Herzig of the Brooklyn A. A. won the weekly 4½ mile handicap road run of the Long Island Athletic League over the Brooklyn A. A.'s course in Highland Park yesterday afternoon. Herzig started from the 1:45 mark and finished in the fine time of 25 minutes 38 seconds. This gave him the fast time prize.

Herzig took the lead at the four mile post and led L. Milofsky of the Kings County A. A. to the tape by fifty yards. C. Benson of the Swedish American A. C. finished third. The order of finish:

Pos.	Name and club.	Hdcp.	Actual time.
1—	Sam Herzig, Brooklyn A. A.	1:45	25:38
2—	L. Milofsky, Kings Co. A. A.	2:15	26:36
3—	C. Benson, Swedish-Am. A. C.	2:45	27:10
4—	J. Sherman, Kings Co. A. A.	3:50	28:23
5—	E. Mueller, Brooklyn A. A.	2:00	28:40

CERINO DOUBLE VICTOR.

Wins Race and Fast Time Prize in Paulist A. C. Road Run.

J. Cerino of the Paulist A. C. yesterday won both fast time prize and first prize in the weekly handicap road run of the Lower Manhattan Athletic League over the Paulist A. C.'s four and a half mile course. Cerino started from the 15 seconds mark and finished 100 yards in front of R. Lewis of the Clark House A. A. in the fine time of 22 minutes 33 seconds. The order of finish:

Pos.	Name and Club.	Hdcp.	Time.
1—	J. Cerino, Paulist A. C.	0:15	22:33
2—	R. Lewis, Clark House A. A.	0:45	22:57
3—	C. Jordon, Paulist A. C.	1:00	22:50
4—	I. Fassler, Clark House A. A.	0:45	23:00
5—	P. McManus, Paulist A. C.	1:00	24:12

HAVANA RESULTS.

First Race—Three-year-olds; claiming; purse $600; six furlongs. Avion, 108 (Wingfield), 3 to 1, even and 1 to 2, first; Kimpalong, 108 (Troise), 7 to 1, 2 to 2 and 1 to 5, second; Snow Queen, 101 (Kopplemann), 3 to 1, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:13 2-5. Weymouth Girl, Anlace, Fairy Tale, Trickster II, and Croix d'Or also ran. Scratched, Lamentation.

Second Race—Three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $500; five and a half furlongs. Jolam, 105 (Thurber), 7 to 10, 1 to 2 and 6 to 5, first; Closer, 105 (Pickens), 6 to 2, even and 1 to 2, second; Shasta, 106 (Pitz), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, third. Time, 1:07 1-5. Callao, Pauline (Crowley), Neither, Choctaw, Calaway, Sordella, Visible, Timkins and Weinland also ran.

Third Race—Three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $500; five and a half furlongs. Sweet Alert (Doyle), 5 to 2, even and 1 to 2, first; Encore, 105 (Thurber), 3 to 1, 4 to 5 and 2 to 5, second; Miss Murray, 103 (Troise), 5 to 2, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:08 1-5. Violet, J. B. Harrell, Miss Jazbo, Fonctionnaire, Zim, Algardi and Jack Snipe also ran. Scratched, Scylla and Rhadames.

Fourth Race—The Mardi Gras Handicap; three-year-olds and upward; $700 added; five and a half furlongs. Sirocco, 112 (Pitz), 2 to 1, 4 to 5 and 2 to 5, first; durplice, 95 (Kopplemann), 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, second; Hamilton A., 113 (Kelsay), 7 to 2, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:05 1-5. Lackawanna, Philippic, Barney Shannon, Rafferty, Hodge and Skiles Knob also ran.

Fifth Race—The Carnival Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; $1,200 added; one mile. Smart Money, 113 (Pitz), 7 to 5, 1 to 2 and out, first; Hocus, 107 (Lunsford), 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, second; Tetley, 104 (Bullman), 7 to 5, 1 to 2 and out, third. Time, 1:38 2-5. Corson, Flittergold, Belle Roberts, Etruscan and Wiseman also ran. Scratched, Milkman and Sasia. Hoenir and Corson coupled. Tetley and Belle Roberts coupled.

Sixth Race—Four-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $500; one mile and fifty yards. Mud Sill, 110 (Thurber), 8 to 5, 7 to 10 and 1 to 2, first; Scorpil, 110 (Troise), 7 to 2, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5, second; Delancey, 114 (Pickens), 2 to 1, 4 to 5 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:44. View, Veldt, Stout Heart and Jake Schas also ran. Scratched, Lady James.

Seventh Race—Four-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $500; one mile and sixty yards—Segment, 100 (Murray), even, 2 to 5 and out, first; Nephthys, 103 (Dawson), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Peep Again, 103 (Kopplemann), 8 to 2, even and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:44 2-5. Cliff Haven, White Crown, Will Soon, Cork and Almine also ran.

First race on Monday, March 3, and Tuesday, March 4, will be at 2 o'clock, Havana time (3:17 New York time).

RICKARD DEMANDS LEGAL SECURITY

Will Take No Chance on Interference in Willard-Dempsey Bout.

Tex Rickard, who is looking for a place in which to stage a $127,500 championship boxing match and who has been in the Lone Star State for a few weeks examining samples of crude oil, will arrive in New York this afternoon and resume the consideration of a suitable spot in which to pitch a ring. It is hinted that the promoter already has made up his mind as to the location and that he will divulge it on his arrival. In view of the veto of the Nevada bill and the uncertainty at other points in the West, not to speak of the long distances of that section, it is believed that Rickard has abandoned all idea of staging the bout far from the Atlantic seaboard.

Rickard was quoted while in Texas as declaring that the fight would be seen in the East, and this, taken in connection with his assertion that the number of rounds might be few, strengthens the belief that he will put the bout in the only Eastern State where the contest would be under the protection of a State law. New Jersey is the spot, and while Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Connecticut permit bouts of twelve to twenty rounds under police supervision there is no assurance that the outcry against a heavyweight championship contest would not draw a veto from the authorities.

When Rickard signed articles with Dempsey the promoter said he would not select any place for the fight where there was danger of interference, and if, as asserted, he has gained the consent of the boxing commission of New Jersey, there is good reason to believe that Jersey will entertain the gladiators on July 4. That, however, will not satisfy the boxing public, as eight rounds would be too short a distance for a heavyweight championship bout.

Jim Coffey, the Roscommon Giant, who still insists he is the only simon pure champion of Ireland, will to-night at the Armory A. A., Jersey City, endeavor to convince a Swedish youth named Larry Williams that he is barking up the wrong boxwood tree.

Willie Burns, a Jersey City street car conductor, will to-morrow night at the Spring A. C., West Hoboken, attempt to make Johnny Buff, a sailor man, "step lively." Burns says he will give the tar a transfer to the hasbeen line.

Although Joey Fox is not the featherweight champion of England, he has much success in having the title attached to his name.

BIG SCHEDULE FOR PENN.

Comprises Most Attractive Games in Years.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2.—The University of Pennsylvania baseball schedule for 1919, as given out to-night by Manager Harrell, comprises the most attractive list of games the Quaker institution has had in a number of years. The complete schedule follows:

April 16, Swarthmore at Franklin Field; 11, Athletics at Shibe Park; 12, Athletics at Shibe Park; 14, Athletics at Shibe Park; 19, Holy Cross at Worcester, Mass.; 26, Yale at New Haven.

May 3, Harvard at Franklin Field; 7, Villa Nova at Franklin Field; 10, Princeton at Franklin Field; 14, Haverford at Franklin Field; 17, Yale at Franklin Field; 31, Columbia at Franklin Field; 24, Dartmouth at Hanover; 31, Lehigh at South Bethlehem; 31, Cornell at Ithaca.

June 4, Columbia at New York; 7, Princeton at Princeton; 14, Cornell at Franklin Field; 20, Lafayette at Easton; 21, Cornell at Ithaca.

FOXHUNTERS EASY VICTORS.

Beat Squadron A at Indoor Polo by 13 to 6.

The Foxhunters and Meadowlarks polo teams were victorious in the indoor polo league in Durland's Riding Academy yesterday. The Foxhunters defeated the Squadron A trio, 13 to 6, while the Meadowlarks triumphed over the White Owls, 10 to 7.

Levinsky accounted for the Foxhunters' victory, while Hopping was largely responsible for the Meadowlarks' success.

TITTERTON LEADS HARRIERS.

Wins Morningside A. C. Road Run by a City Block.

Frank Titterton, the novice cross-country champion of the Pastime A. C., yesterday romped home an easy winner in the weekly four and half mile road race of the Morningside Athletic Club. Titterton won the event by a city block in 26 minutes. W. Burke of the Paulist A. C. was second and the veteran, O. S. Weeks, of the Hollywood Inn Club was third. The order of finish:

Pos.	Name and club.	Time.
1—	F. Titterton, Pastime A. C.	26:00
2—	W. Burke, Paulist A. C.	29:30
3—	O. S. Weeks, Hollywood Inn Club	30:30
4—	N. Ralph, Morningside A. C.	31:00
5—	B. Goldberg, Morningside A. C.	31:19
6—	Sergt. J. Stanilus, 22d Infantry	31:24
7—	P. Weitzel, 22d Infantry	31:27
8—	C. Slattery, 22d Infantry	31:32
9—	B. Hanson, unattached	31:45
10—	S. Musser, Belleville A. C.	31:49
11—	H. Borner, 102 Engineers	32:28

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

First Race—Maidens; two-year-olds; claiming; purse $500; four furlongs. Plumbrook, 113, Rosemary Fleet, 109, Rockinghorse, 116, Hello Pardner, 116, Boonsville, 116, Gleaster, 113, Smile, 113, Goldie Rose, 113, Sister Helene, 113, Blue Jean, 113, Rib, 113. Also eligible: Lady Pataud, 113, Annette Teller, 113.

Second Race—Three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $400; five and a half furlongs. Thumbell, 112, Broncho Billy, 115, Hasty Riches, 113, Caamero, 113, Ambuscade, 113, Approval, 113, Bon Otis, 110, Ina Kay, 110, Ophelia W., 110, Margery, 110, Lazarat, 99, Pinafola, 99. Also eligible: Pauverin, 98, Estimable, 110, Lobella, 110, Tom Caro, 112, Merry Lass, 105, Elizabeth Marie, 99.

Third Race—Three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $600; five and a half furlongs. War Idol, 121, Sylvano, 115, Court Gallant, 113, Ringleader, 112, Toad Stool, 111, I Win, 111, Yvette, 108, Legatal, 108, Minawand, 108, Monarch, 104, Little Maudie, 105.

Fourth Race—Four-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $600; one mile. Rudford, 116, Freshie, 116, Great Reno, 116, Assume, 108, Bolster, 107, Reveller, 98, Marie Miller, 98.

Fifth Race—Three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $600; one mile and seventy yards. Hank O'Day, 111, Parr, 108, Aldebaran, 108, Berlin, 108, Harry Breivogel, 107, Quito, 106, Rey El Pleasanton, 106, Alma B., 98, Aerial Reno, 98, *Athena, 96, *Arthur Middleton, 99, *Dundreary, 99, *Bell Boy, 99, *Thinker, 99.

Sixth Race—Three-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $600; one mile and twenty yards. Alma Louise, 109, Sophia Gatewood, 109, Virginia W., 109, Mary Belle, 109, Sybil, 109, Leta, 107, Sunflash, 104, *Frances Starr, 97, *Brett Blou, 104, *Edith Baumann, 104, *Dolina, 104, *Medusa, 102, *Hasty Mabel, 97, *Plurennia, 99. Also eligible: Handsel Rose, 99, Miss Kruter, 99, *Espano, 99, *Mary H., 109, *Sitting in Time, 97, Astraea, 102.

Seventh Race—Four-year-olds and upward; claiming; purse $600; one mile and a sixteenth. Rhyner, 112, Slumberer, 112, Philippic, 112, Fosterer, 112, Mitchell, 109, John Hurle, 109, Bonart, 109, Honolulu Boy, 109, Yermak, 109, Tiger Red, 105, *Aztec, 105, *Saints Bridge, 105, *H. H. Anderson, 104, *Bubbling Louder, 102. Also eligible: Dahabiat 2d, 109, *Baby Cal, 107, Blue Rock, 112, Bar of Phoenix, 109, *Progressive, 107, Luther, 112.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

By DANIEL.

SENATOR GIBBS sends us an invitation to attend a hearing on his boxing bill before the Judiciary Committee at Albany on March 11 and says that within a few days he will submit his measure in its amended form. This does not mean that the Senator will insist that the bill remain as it stands. The hearing is to be held for a double purpose, first to give the opponents of boxing, as well as its sponsors, a chance to air their views, and secondly to give friends of boxing an opportunity to point out possible errors in the Gibbs bill and likely improvements. The Senator wants it known that he is open to reason and that his only motive is the legalization of a great sport and its elevation beyond the plane under which it was carried on under the Frawley law. We understand that the Senator seeks a law that will discourage the reentry into the sport of those who were responsible for the sad state into which boxing fell under the old law. He wants a law labelled "Poison for Crooks," and when it is passed he wants the Governor to appoint some man who will see that sugar is not substituted for the poison.

Senator Gibbs as well as others have asked us to suggest conditions under which we would counsel the revival of legalized boxing here. To our way of thinking the new law should be as simple as possible in its wording and should consist of as few clauses as possible. If we have an honest and capable commissioner he will need only a few clauses under which to administer the sport. If we have a dishonest and incapable commissioner not all the clauses in the archives at Albany will keep boxing straight. The law is only a minor consideration. The man at the top can make a joke of the greatest law conceived, so it will be strictly up to Gov. Smith to see that the right kind of a commissioner is appointed. We want a man who could command $10,000 a year in any industrial undertaking and it would be wise for Senator Gibbs to change his bill to provide for that salary.

How We Would Frame a Boxing Law.

Briefly stated we would frame a boxing law along these lines:

1. Twelve round bouts to a decision; decision to be given by referee and two judges.

2. Boxing clubs shall be conducted only in buildings and outdoor arenas given over entirely to boxing and other athletic purposes; no wooden buildings or stands to be permitted.

3. Commission to consist of only one man; he is to name five resident deputies in various sections of the State, all to be salaried.

4. Clubs in first class cities to furnish a bond for $20,000 and in other cities for $10,000.

5. Referee and judges shall have the power to withhold payment to boxers pending trial before the commissioner; the commissioner shall have power to fine and suspend boxers and clubs, or to forfeit purses and turn them into the State treasury or into the Red Cross or a like fund.

6. State tax to be 10 per cent.; taxes on one show must be paid in full before another is held by any club.

7. Promoters coming into the State to hold just one or two big bouts to be kept from operating.

It will devolve on the commission to pass its own rules regarding the strict licensing of referees, judges, inspectors and examining physicians, the question of the composition of boxing programmes and other matters coming under the heading of technical rather than legal. We would place no limit on the prices to be charged. It has been suggested to revive boxing under a local option law, similar to that which promises to be passed for Sunday baseball. We do not believe that necessary, as no club will live where the patronage does not exist—and patronage means the exercise of local option.

Cleveland Makes a Good Trade With the Athletics.

Cleveland's trade with the Athletics whereby it got Larry Gardner, third baseman; Meyers, pitcher, and Jamieson, outfielder, for Bob Roth, the outfielder, should prove decidedly advantageous for Cleveland. At the same time it makes the Athletics look just a bit stronger and takes from Connie Mack nobody except Meyers, who might have been a big help next season. Mack will get Bates out of the army in time to play third base for him, and Bates looked decidedly good in 1917. His outfield will consist of Roth, Walker and Witt—a fine combination. Meyers looked like one of the finds of the year in 1917, but he slumped last year. He may find himself and under the able coaching of Lee Fohl develop into one of the stars of the league. He has the stuff. Mack gradually is rebuilding his club, and if his young pitchers come through to help Scott Perry the Athletics may surprise a great many fans in 1919.

Why Billy Myer Was Discharged by the Saratoga Association.

Billy Myer, the superintendent of the track at Saratoga, has been discharged. Myer last summer made the track at the Spa the fastest in the country—the fastest in the world, they tell us, and the fastest yet raced over anywhere. Yet Myer finds himself on the outside looking in. After the heaps of praise showered on Myer last August we were rather surprised to learn that he had been discharged, and we investigated. We were told: "Myer is a great track builder, but when the Saratoga Association got all the bills it was found that his work on the track had cost something like $71,000. The association wants a fast track and the best racing conditions possible, but it is not rich enough to spend anything like that on a track. So Myer has been discharged. Every cent was honestly spent and I am sorry for Billy, but he was too extravagant," said our informant. Myer should have no trouble connecting elsewhere. It may be of interest to know that Billy at one time was Jack McAuliffe's most formidable rival for the lightweight championship. In those days he was known as the "Streator Cyclone."

Wise to Wait for Davis Cup Tennis Until 1920.

Now that England has challenged Australasia for the Davis cup a great many tennis followers in this country are under the impression that the United States National Lawn Tennis Association officials feel sorry that they did not challenge too. They believe that the American body leaned backward and underestimated the British ability to jump right back into the international sport maelstrom. However, we do not think that there are any official regrets here. To tell the truth we are in no condition for Davis cup tennis. Our stars still are in the service. The national association does not even know where some of them are. It will take at least one national championship tournament in this country to give us a chance to take stock and regain our bearings. It was eminently wise for the U. S. N. L. T. A. to postpone Davis cup action until 1920.

In connection with the booming of tennis in this country we hear that there is a movement on foot to bring Mlle. Lenglen, the young French player, here this summer. Peck Griffin writes from France that Mlle. Lenglen could give Miss Bjurstedt half fifteen and beat her. Dick Williams writes that the French girl could allow Miss Bjurstedt a full fifteen and win from the Norse woman. Since both Griffin and Williams know Miss Bjurstedt's style and ability to a nicety it is safe to say that Mlle. Lenglen is truly a remarkable player and would prove a sensation here. If she comes it will have to be through the generosity of followers of the game, for she has not the means, and the national association will not establish a precedent and offer her expenses. She is reported to be willing to make the trip.

PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH OF MELLODY

After Beating Walcott He Claimed Welterweight Title.

BOSTON, March 2.—William J. Mellody, known in the ring as "Honey" Mellody, former welterweight boxer, died at his home in the Charlestown district yesterday from pneumonia.

Mellody was born in Charlestown on January 15, 1884, and began his professional career in 1901. Mellody started out at a whirlwind clip, his opponents in 1901, seven in number, each suffering a knockout at the hands of the Bay Stater. The first to suffer was Jack Kearns, who was put to sleep in the second round. From that bout until the time Mellody retired in 1912 he met the best men in his class.

In 1906 Mellody won from Joe Walcott a fifteen round bout at Chelsea, Mass., and claimed the welterweight championship. Five weeks later he again met Walcott at Chelsea and won in twelve rounds. Although at the time Mellody beat Walcott experts were divided as to whether Dixie Kid or Walcott was the recognized champion, Mellody claimed the title on the ground that Walcott was champion.

SMITHS BEATEN AT BELLEAIR.

Lose to Barnes and Brady by 3 Up and 2 to Play.

BELLEAIR HEIGHTS, Fla., March 2.—James Barnes of Sunset Hill paired with Mike Brady of Oakley Hill, Boston, defeated Alex and George Smith of Wykagyl on the links here to-day by 3 up and 2 to play. The match was a fine one to watch up to the sixteenth hole.

The visitors were one down at the eleventh, but four long holes to a row put them three to the good and the match was over.

Brady won a special prize for the low score. He won this with a 74.

The feature of the day was the long driving of Barnes.

AUGUST BELMONT SELLS YEARLINGS

Ten Highly Bred Youngsters Go to Arthur Hancock.

Lexington, Ky., March 2.—The biggest deal of the autumn and winter in thoroughbred horse flesh was announced to-night when it became known that Major August Belmont of New York had sold from his nursery stock farm here ten yearlings, royally bred to Arthur Hancock of Kentucky and Virginia. In addition it was announced that Major Belmont had given a ten days option on fifteen others to Edward F. Simms of Kentucky, New York and Texas, one of the syndicate which to-day exercised its options closing the purchase of the four Kentucky race tracks.

Some of the yearlings sold to Hancock are a bay colt by Trap Rock—Russell; bay colt by Fair Play—Pelleity, by Rock Sand; bay colt by Fair Play—Mahubah, by Rock Sand; bay colt by Fair Play—Mission, by Rock Sand; chestnut filly, by Fair Play—Chit Chat, by Rock Sand; bay or brown filly by Fair Play—Violet Ray, by Rock Sand; bay filly by Fair Play—Tuscany, by Rock Sand, and bay filly by Fair Play—Job Lot, by Ogden.

NAVY'S TRACK SCHEDULE.

Four Dual Meets to Be Contested by Middies.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 2.—Four dual field and track meets have been arranged for the Naval Academy team, to take place at Annapolis during the coming season. The Midshipmen also will send a team to the University of Pennsylvania relay games at Philadelphia on May 23.

The meets are: April 19, Johns Hopkins; May 3, University of Pennsylvania; May 10, University of Pittsburg; May 17, Cornell.

There is plenty of good material at the Academy and Joseph Mulligan, Georgetown, will coach it for another season.

RENTAL OF LINKS RISKY PROPOSITION

Clubs That Own Properties All Getting Good Returns on Investment.

By JOHN G. ANDERSON.

The rapid development of golf courses and the eternal quest for new property whereon to construct a club house and eighteen holes has sent to the real country, say a couple of hours' ride, many of the groups of men and women who have consolidated into a club. There are comparatively few areas of a hundred and twenty-five acres, of land suitable for a links left within easy riding or motoring distance of Forty-second street and Broadway. With each succeeding season the numbers become fewer, while the devotees of the sport increase in never ending lines.

The question becomes pertinent, therefore, in light of recent developments at several clubs as to what is the best method of forming a club. It is a query which has been given us to answer a number of times lately.

The best way happens to be the safest and easiest way and in the end by far the cheapest. It is for a group of men to put in a thousand dollars or fifteen hundred dollars each and buy outright the property which affords the space for the links. A group of persons in search of such land might find it twice as cheap in price two hours from metropolitan centres, but worth the difference in many ways if within fifty or sixty minutes ride.

A club which has a membership of more than 350 runs the chance of being overcrowded, and the more under that number the better if the members happen to be extra keen golfers.

To run a first class club successfully takes about $50,000 a year in round numbers. Say that a club takes in $4,000 for green fees. That leaves $46,000 to be raised from the 350 members, a sum total of yearly dues of $130. This $46,000 allows for a loss in running the catering end of the house of several thousand dollars and the breaking even in other departments.

There are dues of $5 or $10 a year, preferably the former, for lockers, which gives a surplus of a couple thousand. The initial cost of the land and club house should not be over $300,000, and any repairs and additions should cost little for a few years, when the money taken from lockers and other profits which accumulate will be found useful.

The dues as mentioned are not at all excessive in light of present day prices at the various standard eighteen hole courses. If the little niceties of the social end of club life are not specially desired then there would be a chance to have the club run on several thousand less than $50,000 mentioned.

Why Dues Are High.

The reason that the dues at many clubs are $50 or more in excess of what many of the members think is just is due to the excessive rents, extravagant management or other waste. Let me give a few instances of the latter.

A club in a middle Western State voted $30,000 for improvements, three new holes to be built on the course and seven remodelled. The members wanted to compete with their neighbors in asking for and receiving championships from the State and Western Association committees. On the club committee were men who knew little about course architecture, but who thought they knew much.

The members agreed to an assessment of $50 and took bonds for another $50 and raised the money. The services of local surrounding amateur architects were taken, and the result is that the whole thing has to be done over and there is discord aplenty in that club, for it means another assessment, totally unnecessary.

This, as we have pointed out before, is the fault of the usual committee system at clubs, which system, however, is not weak at clubs which have community ownership. That is where the property is owned in common by 300 or 350 golfers. Then each one is as much interested as the others and care is taken by every man to see that economy of the right kind—which often means paying well for first class advice—is practised.

There was one club in a section not many miles from Baltimore where the members, numbering 150, had secured rental privileges of a very fine piece of property at a rent of $10,000 a year. They ran the club very economically, but the assessments mounted each year. Efforts to secure a more reasonable rental failed, and it seemed the wise move to go further out into the country, which was the thing least desired.

One evening at a club meeting it was pointed out very forcibly by a convincing speaker that the men in charge, while no more to blame than any of the other business men associated in the club, never had tried to discover whether or not the land could be purchased, and that the mere fact that each man paid out of his yearly dues the sum of $66 toward the rent alone made that question a vital one.

"Why should we men, who have made a success at our business," he said, "forget the business end of this sport so far as it concerns our future?"

A Profitable Investment.

Negotiations were made through a third party and the property was purchased, and to-day is owned in common by the members, who have had little to pay yearly in advance of their forefathers. The land there has increased mightily and the certificates are worth double their original cost, with prospects in a few years of the dues being radically cut.

Community ownership to-day is the vital factor in club success and the only safe proposition. Real estate in certain localities may not be at a premium, but ten years from to-day the golf club which is serenely drifting along with a ten year lease may find itself swallowed up and house lots marked for sale painted on signs bordering the highway. Then, indeed, the club must move, and move far out.

The game of golf is going to be an ever increasing pleasure to a greater number of men. Those who will prepare for their sons and daughters will earn and mayhap enjoy the felicitations and thanks of those who have a good course, capacious and well planned club house, rich soil and land which is owned absolutely and in common by the members themselves.

RECORD ENTRY AT PINEHURST.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 2.—A record field will tee off in the qualifying round of the annual spring golf tournament here to-morrow. More than 200 players had entered up to an early hour this evening. The first eighteen holes of the thirty-six hole qualifying round will be played on courses two and three.

N. Y. OARSMEN TO MEET.

The annual meeting of the New York Rowing Association will be held at the New York Athletic Club to-morrow night. Officers and governors will be elected and plans arranged for its annual regatta.

YACHTS TO SERVE AS WAR MEMORIALS

Royal Canadian Club Buying P Class Craft.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

Boston, March 2.—The class P racing yacht Nutmeg III., winner of the Lipton Cup in 1914, 1915 and 1916, has been sold by A. C. Jones to a yachting syndicate of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto. Other class P boats are expected to go to the same parties.

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club, always a big factor in racing on the other side of the border, lost practically all its younger members in the war. To perpetuate their memories, a syndicate of Canadian yachtsmen, most of them fathers or relatives of the boys that have been killed, have planned to purchase as many as possible of the P boats and to form a class which shall train the younger members of their club in yacht racing in Canadian waters.

LARSEN FINISHES FIRST IN ROAD RACE

Also Is Fast Time Prize Winner in Handicap Run of Mohawk A. C.

Oscar Larsen of the Mohawk A. C. yesterday won the fast time prize as well as first place in the