

GARDNER EARNED A CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION, BUT WILL NOT DON THE UNIFORM UNTIL APRIL 1

GARDNER TO CAPTAIN ATHLETICS AND PLAY INFIELD THIS YEAR

Connie Crosses the Wise Dopesters, Having the First 1919 Contract Signed by the Veteran Third Baseman—Many Promising Boys on Roster

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

LARRY GARDNER, the best third-sacker in the American League, will be among us this season. The guardian of the off-sack has signed the papers for 1919 and set at rest the rumors that he was about to be placed on the auction block and sold to the highest bidder.



LARRY GARDNER

This news was handed out this morning by none other than Connie Mack himself. Connie was on the job bright and early, and after opening the morning mail he felt so good over the massive from Enoch Falls, Pa., that he got on the phone IMMEDIATELY.

This makes the signing of the 1919 troupe less in-trickit, because all that remains to be done is to sign three more infielders, three outfielders and a flock of pitchers and catchers. That will complete the personnel of the ball club. Connie believes he will sign these athletes in the near future, but will make no ante-mortem statement. He is not anticipating anything.

However, our home-training A's will not look very sad if all of the boys on the roster come through with the John Hancock stuff. There are some excellent athletes to draw from, some being on the other side, and a great majority are within mailing distance.

Signing of Gardner Came as a Surprise

BUT the big noise was the signing of Gardner. No one expected to see Larry on the home club in 1919, for it is known he is a high-salaried person, and those guys are not popular in this era of retrenchment.

Manager Mack crossed the dopesters when their guard was down. Early in the winter it was reported in Cleveland that Gardner and two others were offered in a trade for Bobby Both and Joe Evans. This later was denied, but the story cropped out again and we began to take it seriously.

Gardner is a high-class player despite his thirty-third years. He more than made good last year, both in fielding and at the bat. He got off to a poor start, but finished with a swatting average of .385, which meant he batted better than .300 the last two months when the pitchers were going good. His experience steadied the other youngsters in the infield and his all-around work makes him an ideal man for captain. In addition, he will be Connie's chief assistant.

The slender boss also informed us that landscape manicurists had started work on the diamond at Shibe Park and removed the sod in the infield. This will be replaced and leveled for the spring practice, which starts on April 1. The ground will be in good condition, so the players can offer no alibis.

Practice will be held every day and the public is invited to take a look, free, gratis and for nothing. In this feature it will resemble southern camps, where the natives are allowed to walk through the front gate instead of climbing over the fence.

"I hope to arrange a number of games this spring," said Connie, "but can't tell what clubs they will be with. The series with the Phillies will give the players a great deal of practice, but if I can get another big league club here I shall do it. At present all I have is the series with the Phils."

CONNIE will have a big bunch of youthful pitchers on the lot and hopes to develop a couple who will stink in fast company. He needs hurlers.

Boxing Road Getting Very Rough for Fulton

DESPITE the wild and woolly wall from Ferocious Fredward Fulton, Tex Rickard is on the job with an offer to Jack Dempsey to meet Jess Willard for the carefully hoarded heavyweight title.

Fulton is done as a fighter. His courage always has been questioned, and his foolish foote proves it. A beaten man always looks sad when he blames it on the other fellow. Johnny Eckhardt, who refereed the battle in Harrison, N. J., and counted Fulton out, says the "confession" is ridiculous.

"There was no fake about that battle," said John. "I noticed that Fulton and Mike Collins were very confident before the going and I believe Fred intended to knock Dempsey's block off. There was hard feeling between the fighters and managers and I looked for a rough bout. When Dempsey started after Fulton, however, and I saw those body blows land, Fred cringed, and I knew it was all over. He dropped his hands and the wallop to the jaw was the end."

"Fulton should be barred from all bouts in the future. I never would give him a match, for he admitted he faked and he is likely to do it again. He is a dangerous man to have in the boxing game, and I positively refuse to referee any bout in which he appears. He has qualified for the blacklist. Dempsey did not fake. Furthermore, I don't believe he had any intention of doing so. I saw him training a week before the battle, and he was working hard. He was in great shape and won because he out-classed the big squealer."

Eckhardt's statement must be taken seriously, because he was in the best position to see what was going on. He clears Dempsey from all blame, and Fulton's clumsy attempt to discredit the heavyweight contender got what it deserved—a big laugh.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



EARL THOMPSON IN PENTATHLON

Dartmouth Star Will Make Johnny Bartels Hustle to Win

HAS SPLENDID RECORD

Some real first-class competition is assured for Johnny Bartels, the collegiate pentathlon champion, in the annual pentathlon event at the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival on April 25.

Harry Hillman, coach of the Dartmouth College track aspirants is preparing Earl J. Thompson, one of the greatest hurdlers and all-around athletes in this country for the pentathlon championship.

Thompson is the present hurdle champion and has done a 4-6 second over the sticks. This means that he can come close to 10 seconds for the 100 yards, and he should come close to winning the 200-meters event in the pentathlon.

Thompson has also done better than 22 feet in the broad jump and more than 120 feet with the discus, both of which performances are better than the present pentathlon figures.

He is yet a novice with the javelin, but Hillman writes that he will do better than expected in the 1600 meters, the distance event of the competition.

Wright Selects Crews

Coach Joe Wright gave the Red and Blue students the first hint as to the probable make-up of the Penn crews yesterday, when he picked an even dozen men for both the freshmen and varsity eights.

Twelve were selected instead of the usual eight, to the fact that the rowing machines will accommodate this number.

The varsity consists of Thomas, stroke; Wilson, Winnow, Supples, Rubers, Elison, Keller, Ames, Frank, Kunz, Shuman and Harrar. Every one of these men is a veteran oarsman except Shuman and perhaps Kunz.

The freshmen crew consists of eight men and perhaps Kunz. Of the eight named were members of last year's varsity, and are virtually certain of their positions. Dick Supple, the freshman stroke last year, has fitted in very nicely in the center of the boat, and looks good for the place.

In his choice of the freshmen Wright was trading on freshly plowed ground. Only five of the twelve men have had previous experience. The twelve selected are R. W. Armstrong, stroke; C. R. Bradenburgh, G. R. Miller, J. B. Deaver, F. W. Kohler, S. P. Garretson, R. H. Frantz, H. T. Swain, R. P. Powell, R. B. Knight, W. A. Twining and W. T. Schilling.

Elmer Smith Lost

Coach Lawson Robertson also gave out an incomplete track schedule, stating that the Red and Blue track and field men will face Cornell University in a dual meet in Buffalo on February 22; Milrose A. A. games in New York City, February 25; A. C. championships in New Jersey offering a fair guarantee. Address Thomas Dunn, 2304 Locust street.

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Lieutenant 'Eddie' Meehan Will Return to Notre Dame

Former Shanahan and Meadowbrook Track Star Receives His Discharge From Service

TO HAVE FAST TEAM

By ROBERT T. PAUL

LIEUTENANT "EDDIE" MEEHAN, the former Sinnahan Catholic Club and Meadowbrook Club track star, has received his discharge from the service and will return to the University of Notre Dame.

Meehan is well known to the followers of the cinder path activities in this section and while competing for the local organizations romped home in first place on many occasions. He has been in this city for a few days since being mustered out of the service.

Was Anchor Man He was anchor man on the Notre Dame two-mile relay team which won the Western Intercollegiate two-mile championship, both indoor and outdoor, and which furnished the thrill in the two-mile relay championship of America at Franklin Field in 1917.

The Notre Dame speed king was commissioned at the First Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison. He remained on this side only a short time after becoming an officer and went overseas with the 127th Field Artillery, too late, however, to see any real action.

Meredith Enrolled

With the return of Meehan, Notre Dame expects to have another corking two-mile relay team. George Meredith, a cousin of the virtually invincible "Red" in enrolled at the western college and will land a regular berth on the relay team.

Van Kortezen and Sweeney also are black at Notre Dame and are running the half indoors close to two minutes. Lieutenant Warner, of the 1917 team, still is in France. He hopes to return to school next fall.

AMATEUR CAGE COMMENT

Barrett A. A., a first-class five, would like to look games with teams in its class, either in or out of town, for Saturday evening. Address 5917 Columbia street, Philadelphia.

North Presbyterian, a strong second-class quintet, wants a game for this Friday evening with any traveling team in its class. Address Russell Pritch, 1410 Toronto street.

The Jasper A. C., a fast traveling team would like to arrange games with all second and third class fives in Pennsylvania or New Jersey offering a fair guarantee. Address Walter S. Mills, 2136 E. street.

The Arealis B. C. wants to look games with fourteen-year-old quintets having balls and offering a reasonable guarantee. Address Thomas Dunn, 2304 Locust street.

Western Club wants games with first and second class teams, either at home or away. Address L. V. Fox, 730 South Chestnut street, or phone Woodland 3521 J between 6 and 7.

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JUNIOR STARS ENTER TOURNAMENT

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Introduce Boxing Bill

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 5.—The boxing bill introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Senator Gilbo, establishing a State athletic commission of eight members to be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, and to hold office until December 31, 1920, at a salary of \$2000 a year and actual expenses.

Plan Racing Revival in Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 5.—A movement is on foot here to revive racing at Union park, with prominent sportsmen in control. The old Washington "Park Jockey Club," which operated the track here until December 31, 1919, at a salary of \$2000 a year and actual expenses.

W. and J. Downs Geneva

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Washington and Jefferson with its third straight game last night defeated Geneva, last year's Pennsylvanian champion, by 10-2.

Rutgers Arranges Game With Yale

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 5.—Yale has been assigned to the Rutgers basketball schedule. February 14 has been assigned to the local quarter, and the contest will journey to New Haven then.

Duden Wins Shoot-Off

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 5.—The hundred target handicap at the Pinehurst Gun Club yesterday resulted in a 20-100 net between H. H. Duden, of the New York Athletic Club, handicap 12, and H. V. Conway of Lockport, handicap 6. The first shoot-off resulted in a tie, each breaking 24 on the 20-yard line, both breaking 20, but Duden won by virtue of his larger handicap.

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YOUNG FOX RETURNS AS TITLE ASPIRANT

Noted English Fighter Here in the Hope of Making Featherweight Title a British Possession

TAKES "RAP" AT WILDE

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

TWO very well-dressed strangers were directed to this department through a rear door by Guide Joe Slavin, the king of engravers, yesterday. The strangers, still carrying their sea legs and some Flanders mud, one wearing a decoration from the British Government, for heroism in action, the other carrying all the marks of much service in the ring, entered smilingly.

One had all the "ear" marks of a knight of the ring, the other looked like the general manager of the company. R. W. Maxwell gazed at the "ear" insignia and growled: "He must LISTEN to the punches."

The boys proved to be excellent press agents. Before long every one present was convinced that the boy with the "ear" marks was the class. It developed that the ring warrior was Young Joe Fox, noted English bantam and permanent holder of the Lord Londale belt. Young Fox and his brother, Percy Fox, arrived in America last Saturday aboard the Adriatic.

They are the first English boxers to invade this country and they didn't hesitate to make it known that they were here for the purpose of annexing the featherweight championship. They have been delegated to make this a British possession.

Fought Here in 1914 Young Fox, just released from the army, where he saw eighteen months of service, was anxious to return to America. He exhibited here during 1913 and 1914, battling all the leading bantamweights. He saw plenty of service in this city, meeting with success such boys as Eddie Camp, Young Higgins, Frankie Bradley, Billy Evans, Dutch Brown, Frankie Burns, Pokin Kid Herman, Tommy O'Toole and others.

The clever English boy has returned a legitimate featherweight. He wants Kilbane and he cannot get the championship he is willing to mingle with Johnny Dundee, Lew Tendler and other good boys who scale near the 136-pound mark. He came here because he couldn't get enough of the right kind of opposition on the other side.

Jimmy Wilde evaled him continually, other high class boys successfully sidestepped him and at last he decided to visit a country where the boys meet all comers without protest.

Discovered Early The Fox brothers, accompanied by a couple of actors, hadn't been in the city more than an hour until discovered. The quartet entered a haberdashery store to purchase protectors for Young Joe's "listening earmarks." The clerk immediately thought of his friend, who for years has been after a good boy.

Jack Weinstein, perpetual chaser of a champion, was given the "tip" and lost no time in running down the visitors. When last seen he was in a warm conference with the visitors at the Hotel Walton. The Fox brothers are friends of Bart Crowhurst and spent a few hours with him. It was there he was discovered by the searching Jack Weinstein, a real boxing authority.

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didn't recognize Young Fox when he saw him in the lobby. On Fox's last visit here Young Joe performed as a bantam.

Jimmy Wilde, the English flyweight king, is in defiance with Young Joe. For two years he has been after a match, but without luck. Nine months ago he agreed to make 118 pounds, but Wilde insisted upon 116, and the match was off.

No Boost for Wilde "Wilde gives them a stone and cooks them; that's W. Just cooks them," chirped Brother Percy. American Young Joe then explained that Wilde always has his man licked and beaten before he gets into the ring. Wilde is a freak, according to Young Joe, and as he scales only 112 pounds he forest the other boys "bake" to make weight. His opponents usually enter the ring in such a weakened condition that they are a mile for him.

"Wilde wouldn't have a chance against such boys as Pal Moore, Joe Lynch or Frankie Burns in a twenty-round battle," said Young Joe. "They are too strong for him. The Yanks are far stronger than our little fellows. There's some fine bantams in America."

"But Wilde had copied after Battling Nelson and makes the other fellows 'dry' out until they are easy. I have nothing against Wilde, but he'd be a mark for dozens of good boys his weight on this side. I can beat him, and I know there are a lot of boys here that would like to make it." "This is a good boy," said the king. "I remember him well, and he's some fighter. He looks much bigger now, and make no mistake he'll make it interesting for many featherweights on this side. It's more popular than ever in England now, said Percy Fox. It was compulsory in the army and the boys liked it. As soon as conditions became more settled in the business world they boxing will experience his greatest era, convincingly scored Percy Fox in his very best English, giving each sentence the proper accent.

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