

C. Davis, Stranger in St. Petersburg, Looms Probable 1922 as Likely Horseshoe Champion

PITCHERS EMERGE WITH CLEAN SLATES IN BARNYARD GOLF

Moore, Brust, Spencer, Ritchie and Davis Go Through First Day's Schedule for Horseshoe Championship Without a Defeat at St. Pete

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 21. THE horseshoe tournament for the championship of North America and any other continent which may lay claim to the title got under way in Williams Park yesterday afternoon. The overhanging trees, with their long, white whiskers, standing in bearded dignity, vied with the athletes and a large part of the spectators. For six hours the aforesaid athletes toiled and at the end only five emerged with clean slates.

They were Barker Moore, of Chicago; Fred M. Brust, of Columbus, O.; Ralph P. Spencer, of Picher, Okla.; H. T. Ritchie, Erie, Pa., and C. C. Davis, of Columbus. As the first six hours always are the hardest, the highly trained persons deserve lots of credit for their wonderful accomplishment. To go through the first day without a single reverse against so many ringer experts is a great piece of work, and the victors themselves admit they are entitled to the plaudits of the multitude.

Standing out head and shoulders above all of the other contestants are C. C. Davis and Ralph Spencer. Formerly like Gavy Cravath, the latter the dark horse, and they are living up to their dark and mysterious reputations. Spencer waded through Snyder, Scott, Robinson and D. P. Blayney, who has from the well-known and often-mentioned metropolis entitled Anamosa, Ia. It is expected that all Anamosi will feel bad when the news of Blayney's defeat comes in the next mail from St. Pete.

DAVIS trained the afternoon for five noble athletes, scalloping, training and otherwise defeating Laperie, Fesael, Fauble, Gottrell and Francisco. None of these matches was even close, the quartet making a grand total of 60, against 252 for the victor.

Davis Looks Like Gavy Cravath Cravath never has been in an open tournament before, but does not act like it. In private matches he has defeated all of the champions and defeated, if he was good enough for that, he was good enough to step in and take a few medals and a lot of prize money—mostly the latter. He has his own private and personal horseshoes, carries them in a leather case and uses like a pitcher. That in itself is a rare accomplishment.

There was quite a stir when Davis stepped out to slam the equine hammer in the first match. Spectators gasped and imagined he was sailing over false colors, because Cravath is known to be a pitcher. Everybody was so when they learned that such was not the case.

Several of the old faces were missing when the tournament started. Charley Bobbitt, of Lancaster, O., who won the championship last year, did not put in an appearance. This could not be explained, for the town granted him his expenses, and this seldom happens here or any other place in Florida. Therefore, he allows the title to go by default and the winner of the tournament will wear the crown.

Another absentee was Henry J. Borne, of Atlantic City. Henry has been seen around here for some time, and it was said that he had established a secret training camp on one of the islands in the Gulf of Mexico. This, however, proved to be untrue. Henry recently purchased a motorboat, which is named the "Call of the Wild." The call of the wild proved to be too strong and lured the Atlantic City pitcher away from the slipper-slanning courts.

Henry, however, does not feel so bad because he insisted that the prize money be cut down before he withdrew from competition. Now he knows he didn't lose much.

John "Hog" Miller, of Rock Valley, Ia., also was missing when the roll was called. John has been in every tournament held here up to this one, and his absence was noted by the old-timers. Miller, however, had a good alibi. He owned a stiff hat, which he has worn for twenty years, and yesterday morning somebody put his foot through it.

RATHER than appear in the courts in a different hat, he withdrew and thereby saved \$5, which is the entrance fee.

Stranger Looks Like Dangerous Pitcher RALPH SPENCER is a stranger and looked upon as a dangerous pitcher. He arrived on Saturday and, in order to keep his secret, went to the courts and started to pitch. In a short time a big crowd gathered and Ralph admitted he was about to enter the tournament. He also said he tried to get here in an airplane, but the propeller broke when he got in and he had to make the trip on a train.

Ralph consented to be interviewed after winning all of his matches yesterday.

"How long have you been pitching?" was asked. "I've been pitching for twenty years," was the reply.

"How old are you?" was the next question. "Twenty-eight," he answered quickly.

"Then you must have started at an early age?" we guessed. "Yes, I did," said the star pitcher from Picher, Okla.

The big event was ushered in with pomp, ceremony and other things. Dr. E. C. Beach, official referee, gave the contestants their final instructions, told them to break clean and not hit in the clinches. He also said that any guy who uses phony horseshoes will be severely dealt with. He made a thorough inspection of every shoe.

After this was done, the most popular Mayor in Florida and other States, Frank Fortune Pulver, stepped into the arena. Hizzonner was clad in the regulation scenery which adorns municipal officers in this section of the country. He in his suit, white shoes and a straw hat. He only removed his hat when he addressed the crowd, which filled every inch of space in the amphitheater.

His speech was good, only the audience didn't hear much of it. Then he picked up four gilded shoes and prepared to open the tourney like the Mayor of New York opened the World Series last fall. Hizzonner posed to throw the first shoe and it was not a howling success. He threw three more and the crowd came to the take was eighteen inches. This was fortunate, because John Lockwick, world's champion publicity manager, placed his new straw mackin on the stake and dared him to hit it.

Although five athletes came through without a reverse yesterday, the wise crackers say that the real contestants for first prize are Spencer, Davis and Fred Brust. Fred won the first tourney in 1910, and is in rare form this year. His pitching in the early games attracted lots of attention.

THE pitchers will pitch again today, and it will be every man for himself.

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MISKE VICTOR ON FOUL FROM ROPER

Captain Bob Fails to Show Promise of Future Bout With Dempsey

END COMES IN THE SIXTH

By LOUIS H. JAFFE DEMPSEY has nothing to fear of one Captain Bob Roper. The captain, being pushed along, via type-writer, as a future foe for the Minnesota Mauler in a heavyweight championship bout, but those there at the Olympia last night will never get in line for a match with the champion.

It was Roper's maiden appearance in Philly, and he flitted dismally. Stacked up against Billy Miske, who is included on Dempsey's long knockout list, the captain failed to make any sort of an impression. With defeat almost a certainty, Roper was disqualified in the middle of the sixth round for hitting low.

For four rounds there was little action. They stepped around rather friskily for big men, but the steam behind their punches did not meet with the approval of the spectators, who voiced their condemnation with hisses, cat-calls and other ways of showing their disgust.

Beginning with the fifth round, Referee Frank O'Brien warned Roper and Miske to inject more action into their work over Sam LaSalle, a right-hander dropped off the captain's chin and he was rocked. Tettering around, Roper's jaw again became the target of lefts and rights by Miske, and the bell rang him staggering to his corner as in pre-Yolsted days.

Woogy Again Roper's handlers worked diligently over their man before the bell started the sixth. He came out gingerly and tried hard to stand off the St. Paul heavyweight's rushes. But LaSalle, who started to pop hooks, uppercuts and right crosses off Roper's chin and again he became woogy. It was then that Bob landed several foul blows and the third time he staggered to his corner as in pre-Yolsted days.

Another heavyweight match was decided in the main prelim, in which Ad Stone, a marine, in and in condition, defeated a winner over Sam LaSalle, a sailor, round and far from hisic form. It was a rough night for the proteges of "Unc Sam", both men rolling around on their feet as they were on deck out on the bounding main.

Stone, who is under the tutelage of Lou Segal and the man whom Charley Weirnuller has selected as a future heavyweight star, displayed what little fighting there was during the course of the six rounds. LaSalle was of the fighter type and he continually forced the milling. While it looked as if a knockout would come in the sixth round, the big boys went along rocking and soaking each other without even the semblance of a knockdown, although LaSalle's weight pushed Stone through the ropes several times.

The Real Battle The real battle of the evening was that between Billy Ritchie and Frankie McFarland, a newcomer here from Boston. The former was the winner after a vicious slugfest in which each connected with a lot of body wallop. They battled all around the ring and had the crowd in a frenzy almost continually. Near the close of the sixth round McFarland's left eye was opened and he bled profusely.

The eight-round semi-final resulted in a victory for Jimmy Sacco, of Boston, against Bobby McCann, Grays Ferry blond. Staggered in the second round and rocked in the third, McCann came back in the remaining periods with occasional flashes, and while Sacco was unable to get over a haymaker, he managed to stay out in front at the end.

In the opener Willie O'Connell, a New York lad, started off in great shape, slackened his gait in the fourth round, then came through with a sufficient rally in the last round to win the verdict from Matty Dechter. O'Connell is only a recent entry in the ring and he gives promise of developing into a clever boxer.

PENN TO PLAY LAFAYETTE College Hockey Teams Will Clash at Ice Palace Tonight

The University of Pennsylvania ice hockey team will play Lafayette at the Ice Palace tonight. The game will start at 7:30. This will be the first meeting between these teams.

Manamaker will be back at one wing. Galt at the other, with "Triangle" center, captain Murray and Kerns will do defensive duty, while Pinney will care for the goal.

The night led a long practice last night in preparation for the big game against Westminster Saturday night. The outcome of this game will decide whether St. Nick's remains in the race for the championship. On the same night Quaker City will oppose Boston A. A. at Boston.

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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



ART LOOM MAKES SHIFT IN LINE-UP

"Army" Armstrong Will Jump Against Fossett in Title Clash Tonight

Howard Wood, manager of the Art Loom quintet, second-half champions of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' Basketball League, has decided to make a shift in the line-up of his team that will face Philadelphia Terminal, titleholders in the first half in the opening game for the championship, which will be played at Yonah Hall, 2727 West Columbia avenue tonight.

Able Davidson has been the regular center man of the quintet, all during the half, but will be shifted to forward tonight, while Army Armstrong will go to the center post against Russ Fossett. Outside of this switch the regular line-ups will face each other.

Gallagher and Wescott will be the forwards for Philadelphia Terminal, Fossett at center, and Serone and Sim-indinger at guard. Art Loom will have Davidson and Bobby Wilson at forward, Armstrong center, and Powell will be used to go down the floor to score, while Wood will remain in the backfield.

The regular show that Art Loom is the best club in the circuit on the offense and Wilson, Powell and Wood are wonders as scorers, while Terminal possess a wonderful five-man defense.

Dutch Diaghan, runner-up in the first half, and American Railway Express, which finished second in the final series. The next game for the title will be staged on Thursday, and the third, if necessary, next Monday.

Re-Enter Dr. Sugarman Dr. Louis P. Sugarman, also known as a basketball player of extraordinary ability at times, is the hero of Coatesville today. The dentist-basketball star had one of his extraordinary nights last evening, and as a result the New York Celtics were beaten by the Coates 23 to 20.

This does not imply that other players besides Sugarman were in the limelight, but it was his generalship in the closing minutes that enabled the winners to keep their recent lead. Sugarman also played rings around Dutch Diaghan, who essayed to guard him, and managed to drop in three baskets, or more than half the total scored by Coatesville.

Elmwood's play was very prominent and banked Nat Holman from the field. Richie Diaghan showed a reversal of form and secured nine out of ten taps on the giant Haggerty.

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TOUGH TASK AWAITS 14 BIG LEAGUE CLUBS

Challengers for National and American Baseball Pennants Will Require Unexpected Strength to Displace Giants and Yanks

By GRANTLAND RICE In Revenge With ball clubs starting South again, As golfers seek the Southern South, The while I'm held within my den With balaful eye and gnashing teeth—

With bascule rumbling down the land Beneath a canopy of blue, With nibbles stirring up the sand Where springtime has a follow through—

To even up these winter days For rugged nature's bitter sting, I'll tear off dashing roundclays And hurl them in the teeth of spring.

ZBYSKO has won a thousand consecutive wrestling matches, proving what habit will lead to if persisted in. For the sake of variety you'd think he would take a tumble to himself if no one else was available.

Displacing the Leaders AS SOME 500 earnest athletes point their benches in the direction of Southern training camps, the probability of displacing the two leaders doesn't seem any too rosy to some 450 of the marching sons of swat.

The Giants, strong enough last season to annex a World Series, have gained ground and lost Burns. As a fine infielder, they are no weaker anyway.

The Yanks, strong enough to win an American League championship, have lost Ruth and Muesel for five weeks. But with Scott supplanting Peckinbaugh, they march away with two additional pitching stars in Jones and Bush.

And the addition of Jones and Bush for six months will more than offset the absence of Ruth and Muesel for five weeks.

So, to judge from the early signs, displacing the two leaders will call for unexpected strength on the part of certain challengers now hammering at the temple.

Where Ringers Lead the Cast of time has come," remarks a contemporary, "when the ringer must be driven out of sport."

Not necessarily. Down in a certain park, where the tropical sun comes in slanting aisles through the moss-covered branches of laurel, water oak and pine, the ringer this week comes into his own.

For the horseshoe pitching championship of America is now under way at Sunshine Park, St. Petersburg, where

Denying trades involving Meadows and battling to prevent other clubs from tampering with his star hurler are two jobs that are demanding considerable time from the Phils' chief. At the schedule meeting in New York last week, he brought charges of tampering against the Brooklyn and St. Louis clubs.

The proposal to sell Barnes and Douglas is a distinct surprise to the baseball world. Both had good seasons last year, and each won two games in the World Series. Charles Stoneham, the president of the Giants, denied the rumor to the effect that the proposal was made merely to frighten the pitchers into signing. He claims that he has received several attractive offers and will announce his choice tomorrow.

Another report, not yet repudiated, is that the two will be sent to Pittsburgh in exchange for Wilbur Cooper.

Aquinas to Play Fifteenth Fiftieth Baptist, former champion of the American League, will play the Aquinas basketball team tonight at the latter's hall, Eighteenth and Morris streets. On Thursday Aquinas plays Wainman, also on the home floor.

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CHARLIE WHITE VICTOR IN BOUT WITH JACKSON

New Yorker Flogged Three Times in Thirteenth and Bell Saved Him New York, Feb. 21.—Charlie White, Chicago lightweight, defeated Willie Jackson, of New York, receiving the judges' decision after a fifteen-round bout in Madison Square Garden last night.

The left hook of the Chicagoan, slow to get to work, enabled him to floor the rough New York boy three times in the thirteenth round. Jackson seemed due to take the count on the third knockdown, but the bell saved him.

Carl Tremaine, Cleveland, bantamweight, knocked out Harold Faresse, of Jersey City, in the third round of his scheduled eight-round bout.

In another preliminary, Dave Rosenberg, New York middleweight, was given the judges' decision after eight rounds with Augie Ratner, also of New York.

Scraps About Scrappers A special ice-skating program at the Palace tonight caused a change in the boxing card at the Olympia Monday night. Thursday will be the week-end night, with a return bout between George Chaney and Alex Hart as the headliner.

Billy Silverman was started to get together a salaried show for his first Thursday night show at the Auditorium scheduled for March 1. It is negotiating for a match between Willie Green and Al Fox for his main event.

All Verbeeken is looked for two matches in four days. He meets Joe Day, bantamweight, at the Cambria Friday night, and a Monday night will take on Bob Stone at the Olympia. Johnny Hauba vs. Tommy Doherty is the main event at the Cambria. Preliminary bouts will be between Harry Walters vs. Tony McMillan, Jimmy Hanlon vs. Joe Starkey and Frankie Barnes vs. Eddie Cavanaugh.

Willie Green has a pair of titles scheduled for three days. He meets Joe Day, bantamweight, at the National and Hughie Cassidy at the Olympia Monday night. The promoter Al Weger has a well-matched bout between the Canadian lightweight, introduced by the National, and Mickey Donley, who Joe Conn in his last fight. A heavyweight contest will be between Charlie and Charley O'Neil.

Charlie and "Blitz" Downey will be there at a match to be held

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Billie Miske won from Captain Bob Roper on foul, sixth Jimmy Sacco defeated Bobby McCann, Ad Stone beat Sam LaSalle, Joe Ritchie outlasted Frankie McFarland, Willie O'Connell outpointed Matty Dechter.

SMITHSONIAN—Harry Greb drew with Jeff Smith, Aggie Ratner, Young Mahoney outpointed George Wozman.

NEW ORLEANS—Pete Herman knocked out Bob Lohr, seventh.

GALVESTON, TEX.—Marty Burke won from H. M. Jones, eighth.

JERSEY CITY—George Ward defeated Charley Doherty, eighth.

TROY, N. Y.—K. O. Loughlin beat Ralph Schupp, eighth.

MILWAUKEE CITY—Mike Howell stopped Kid Heck, sixth; Ritchie King won from Jack Kelly, seventh; Mike Moran stopped Jimmie Maxter, sixth; Steve Slinger defeated Kid Herman, eighth; Holliday won to Young Peter Jackson, first.

by the Kirin Catholic Men's Association tomorrow night.

Billy Dole has been signed for a match at Atlantic City March 13. He and Teddy Brady, is hoping that Billy Pimpus is satisfied as the opposition.

Tommy Flynn is a southpaw welterweight of South Philly. Frankie Williams has him in good shape, ready to go against any of the 142-pounders.

"The Hardest Battle of My Ring Career"

By AUGIE RATNER TWENTY tough rounds with Harry T. Greb for a purse of ELEVEN DOLLARS! That was the hardest battle I ever engaged in—the World's War excluded—and the eleven-dollar purse was the smallest I ever received.

A short time after I deserted the amateur ranks I went to New Orleans and became quite a card. I beat several non-pros, and the promoters were continually scouring the country, looking for opponents for me.

Finally they thought of Harry Greb and wired him terms for a twenty-round decision battle with me. Greb, rather than fight, answered that he would accept a guarantee of \$750.

This bout looked like a great drawing card, so I told the promoter I would take 50 per cent of the receipts and pay Greb a flat fee of \$100. He said that was a thing to draw \$5000, which, in those days was considered a banner house, and by taking the gamble I expected to receive about \$100 for my effort. But I counted my chickens before they were hatched.

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