

SPORTS AS THE EXPERTS SEE THEM

LAST YEAR'S "FINDS" CALCULATED TO SET HOT PACE



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NOW that the major league baseball season is well under way and the excitement and shouting of the Federal invasion have died down, the fans will have an opportunity to look over the youngsters who are striving to make good in the big show and pick their favorites. Last year was a poor one as far as numbers were concerned, but for ability the "finds" of 1912 surpass those of many other seasons.

The majority of phenoms uncovered were twirlers. In this department are Joe Bush of the Athletics, Red Russell of the White Sox, Al Demaree of the Giants, Joe Boehling of the Senators, Christ Johnson of the Reds and Frankie Meyer of the Phillies. Each one of these men made their big league debut last year and made a name for himself

before the season was many days old. Russell was probably of the greatest service to his club, with Demaree and Boehling running a stiff race for second honors. Bush came into his own in the world's series.

A number of other boxmen who showed promise of latent ability were James of the Braves, Althaus of Brooklyn, Piers of the Cubs, Schaner and Schupp of the Giants, Marshall of the Phillies, Cooper of the Pirates,

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New Faces On English Polo Team

THERE is a surprise in store for American poloists, according to the latest advice from Madrid, where the English team is practicing for the international matches. The team which is to meet America has been picked and two of the four men selected are practically unknown in this country.

The lineup as decided on at present is: Captain H. Hutchinson, No. 1; Major F. W. Barrett, No. 2; Captain Vivian Lockett, No. 3; Major C. Hunter, back.

In picking this team such good players as Captain Matthew Lannowe, Captain R. Palmer, and Captain Kelliston were eliminated. Captain Rigdon is out of it because of sickness. The chief difficulty was to find No. 2, and, though Captain Palmer was the favorite for the position, he had to be dropped because he was a man that it was found hard to mount. Captain Tomkinson, who has been chosen to make the attack on the American goal, was a leading figure in English polo last year. He played No. 3 on the Quindennas, which won the open championship of England, and also was in the same position for the Fifteenth Hussars, which won the international cup. He is a hard hitter, with good direction, and is considered the equal of Captain Cheaps, who was the advance man last year.

Perhaps the most important part of the lineup is the change from No. 3 to No. 2 of Major F. W. Barrett, the most brilliant player of the 1912 English season. This change was made because the practice showed that the team was particularly well off in back. Captain Vivian Lockett, who played back on the visiting four last year, has been moved up to No. 2, and his place as guardian of the goal turned over to Major D. Hunter. Major Hunter is another man not well known here, but he made a sensational back for the Tigers' team in the big matches last year. According to the critics on the other side, Major Hunter was the whole Tiger team.

As selected, the English team practically becomes one of two forwards and two backs. If no change is made it will offer a novelty so far as the direction of play goes, for Major Barrett, who is slated for the captaincy, thinks that he can fulfill his duties while playing No. 2, instead of being at No. 3, which is his regular place and also the place usually occupied by the team captain.

As soon as the internationalists reach England a match will be arranged against the old Cantabs, which is considered the trial horse of English polo. On this team will be Captain Hestling, No. 1; F. M. Fyfe, No. 2; W. S. Buckmaster, No. 3, and A. L. Tate, back. The men will have two weeks' practice at Hurlingham before leaving for this country. The trial matches will be played under the direction of Sir Douglas Haig, the newly elected chairman of the Hurlingham club.

There is considerable satisfaction abroad over the forwardness of the invaders. The practice in Spain has brought the team to a stage that was not reached last year until just before the international matches. With the

Team practically determined, the Englishmen will be able to cut down considerably on the ponies to be brought here. The latest idea is to ship only about thirty ponies, the ones which will be used in the actual play. These have been selected with regard to the men that will use them in the matches, and each animal has been chosen for its

fitness for the position it will have to play.

SOCKALEXIS SENIOR TOO OLD FOR MARATHON.

LOUIS SOCKALEXIS of Old Town, Me., father of Andrew Sockalexis, winner of the Boston Athletic association Marathon race two years ago, offered himself as an entrant for this year's race, but his sixty years were held to be too many to allow him to compete with the youth of the country, and his entry was rejected.

Louis said he had trained faithfully all winter, hoping to equal the performance of his son.

Nap Lajoie Never Kicks Over Salary

JOHNSON AFTER GREAT STRIKE-OUT RECORD.

THERE are a number of remarkable things which may happen during this summer's baseball season, but one which is sure to come off is that Walter Johnson will pass the 1,500 mark in strikeouts unless he abandons the game or breaks that \$100,000 arm.

The man who won the automobile for being the most valuable player in the American league last season has, since he entered last company, claimed 1,458 strikeout victims. No other major league hurler has in the seven consecutive seasons from 1907 to 1912 amassed this total. In fact, only three other men have fanned over 1,000 ball players in this length of time. They are Ed Walsh, Nap Rucker and Christy Mathewson.

"Big Ed" Walsh, the spitball star of the White Sox, has been Johnson's closest rival for the title of strikeout king. The Chicagoan has sent 1,405 batters back to the bench since he has been a contemporary of the Senatorial star. Walsh twirled in only sixteen games last season, but from 1907 to 1912, inclusive, he took part in forty-eight more battles than the renowned Kansan.

Christy Mathewson has fanned 1,187 men in the last seven campaigns and Nap Rucker 1,128. Eddie Plank, Connie Mack's great southpaw, almost reached the 1,000 mark in that time, 997 of his adversaries taking the count. Chief Bender claimed 984 victims, Howard Camnitz 894, Jack Coombs

Polo Candidates Working Hard to Repel New British Invasion

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1—Scene from last international match. 2—Larry Waterbury in practice at Lakewood. 3—Foxhall Keene and Malcolm Stevenson in a scrimmage.

THE candidates for America's polo team are working out at the estate of George J. Gould at Lakewood, N. J., and intense rivalry is manifested in the race for positions. It is certain that the two Waterbury brothers, with Denveraux Milburn will make up three-quarters of the team. Both Harry Payne Whitney and Louis Stoddard have given up the game for the time being, leaving Malcolm Stevenson, Foxhall Keene and Rene Le Montagne to fight it out.

Crew Coaches Discuss Four Mile Race

AMERICAN college crew coaches are hopelessly divided over whether a boat race for Juniors, eight-oared, 4500 city miles, is a short race or a long race. The mile and one-sixth race at Henley does the oarsmen more harm than the four and one-quarter mile race at Putney.

James Rice, Columbia—I do not believe in a four mile race for college crews, and I am heartily in favor of the race for Juniors, eight-oared, 4500 city miles in place of the old four mile race. It is not right to have male boys train down for such a race in the short period of time that we in America give to rowing.

James Ten Eyck, Syracuse—There is no danger of serious injury to an oarsman who takes part in a four mile race provided he is in good health and is in good health on race days.

George Epier, Wisconsin—I think the three mile race would answer all purposes for which it is intended and at the same time eliminate some of the objections to rowing.

Vivian Nickalls, University of Pennsylvania—I would just as soon have a three mile race, but I am afraid that the cry would go up for a two, three or one mile race if this change were carried out. If they will sign up for twenty years for a three mile race, then I'll agree.

Dr. Spach, Princeton—I have always been opposed to the four mile race for Princeton. There may be less harm in the longer race for those colleges which can practice for the full distance on their home courses, but I do not believe in spending so much time and money to send crews away for practice.

F. L. Guerns, Leland Stanford—There is no reason for adhering to the four mile distance, which is admittedly a greater physical strain to the oarsmen, unless its continuation means benefits that do not attend the three mile race.

Charles Courtney, Cornell—I don't believe in a four mile race. I never did, and I am unalterably opposed to it.

H. B. Conbar, Washington—The distance has nothing to do with it.

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Here are the totals of strikeouts piled up by the fourteen major league hurlers from 1907 to 1912, inclusive:

Name	Games	Strike-outs	Aver. per game
Johnson, Senators	373	1,468	3.94
Walsh, White Sox	221	1,405	6.36
Mathewson, Giants	209	1,187	5.68
Rucker, Superbas	223	1,128	5.06
Plank, White Sox	269	997	3.71
Bender, White Sox	215	884	4.12
Camnitz, Pirates	274	894	3.26
Philadelphia	274	804	2.93
Coombs, White Sox	204	784	3.84
Ames, Giants-Reds	220	748	3.39
Brown, Cubs-Reds	281	747	2.66
Mullin, Tigers-Senators	226	704	3.10
White, White Sox	219	628	2.87
Reulbach, Cubs-Superbas	228	628	2.75
White, Giants	228	580	2.54

NET MATCH DATES CHANGED.

NINE new lawn tennis tournaments in dates previously awarded have been announced by Edwin F. Torrey, secretary of the United States National Lawn Tennis association.

Of the new tournaments the doubles championships of western Pennsylvania scheduled for the Altoona, Centre, at club in August and the award of February and March dates for the national indoor championship for men and women at the Seventh regiment army in New York are important.

PRINCETON TO HAVE STADIUM ANNOUNCEMENT has been made by President Hibben of Princeton university that Edgar Palmer of New York, a graduate of the class of 1908, has offered to build a stadium and present it to the university for use of the athletic association in trying to be used for the Yale football game next fall.