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Indoor Sports

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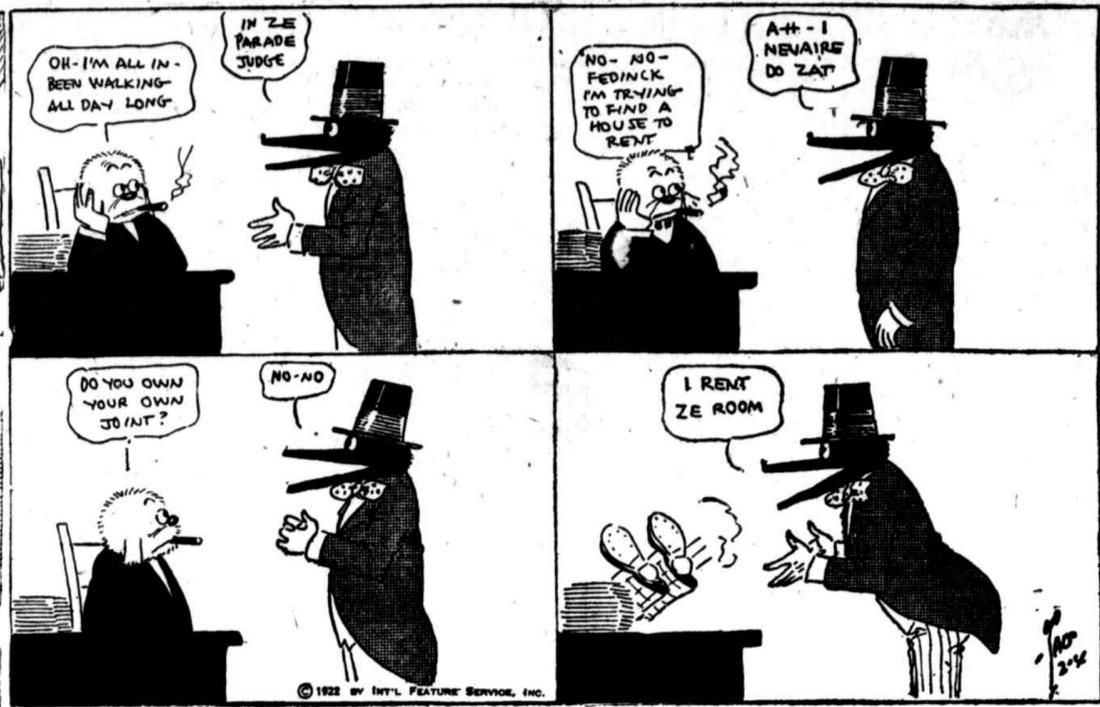
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"C" CLUB WILL STAGE INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET FOR SWIMMERS MARCH 4

The "C" Club, of Central High School, is acting as sponsor for what is expected to be Washington's biggest swimming meet ever held. On March 4, the day after the big Georgetown University indoor track meet, the Mt. Pleasant institution as well as the big pool will be thrown open to the public and the invited leading scholastic swimming teams of the country. According to those in charge the meet is to be an annual affair which will probably take rank in water sports with the now famous Emory Wilson Memorial games, the field and track classic now held in the spring.

The events listed for competition are the relay, plunge for distance, 100-yard back stroke, 100 and 200-yard swims. The collegiate rules for swimming will be used. It is planned to hold preliminary events in the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and to run off the finals at 8 o'clock at night. Suitable prizes are offered to individuals in four places, on the usual scoring basis with the relay counting double.

The "C" Club is awarding a handsome banner to the school winning the greatest number of points. Gold, silver and bronze medals are to be awarded to a majority of the best schoolboy swimming in the country will be on hand for the affair.

Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York swimming teams have been asked to send their best swimmers, and from early replies these cities will be well represented.

Efforts are being made to bring the leading prep school stars here for the meet. The Central tank is one of the best in the country, and the facilities and appointments for handling such a meet could not be improved upon.

Fred J. Brunner, Central's swimming coach, is enthusiastic over the prospects for the meet. The Central member has developed in the past four years several record performers in addition to producing a team which has more than held its own with the best competition that could be secured.

Two of the biggest collegiate basketball games in the East are to be staged tonight. At Lexington, Va., the Virginia Military Institute's unbeaten basketball team meets the unbeaten University of Virginia quintet. At Princeton the unbeaten Princeton basketball team meets the unbeaten intercollegiate championship Penn quintet.

Virginia's showing this year has been an improvement over that of last season. The Lexington cadets defeated Virginia at Roanoke last year in a memorable game in which a Virginia player record performers in addition to producing a team which has more than held its own with the best competition that could be secured.

It is safe to assume that Virginia players will not repeat that performance, according to those who have seen them perform.

Both Virginia and Virginia Military Institute appear here in Washington later in the month against Catholic University and George Washington in engagements that are expected to be big features.

HARVARD STAR MAY ENTER PRO DIAMOND RANKS

Capt. Jacko Conlon, However, Will First Turn Thoughts to His Examinations.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 4.—Capt. Jacko Conlon shortstop on the Harvard nine, of whom Arthur Devlin, the scout, speaks so highly, will undoubtedly play professional baseball after his graduation in June, although that phase of the game is just now far from his thoughts. Conlon fields as cleverly now as a major league player, covers a lot of territory and can hit the ball a bit, particularly when a timely bingle is needed.

"I haven't given professional baseball much thought," said Conlon today. "It is the 'exams' for me just now, and, of course, I could not even promise any club to play with them after I graduate in June, for that would cost my amateur standing."

"It is my intention to enter the Harvard law school in the fall, and maybe I would fall for an attractive offer to get into a big league, but the only reason that I might consider a chance to make money this way would be that it would help me pay my tuition and expenses while studying to become a lawyer."

Conlon first made a baseball hit at Woburn High and then at Exeter. Even before he entered the college it was said that he had an offer to join the Braves. He was captain of the freshman team and played short on the varsity the past two seasons, Bobby Emerson, who captained both nines, transferring himself to second base to give Conlon a chance. Jacko made his football letter in the game against Yale. He is also quite a hockey player, having captained his team at Exeter, but has kept out of the sport at Harvard.

Conlon is working his way through college and is considered quite a newspaper reporter.

The candidates for the nine report a week from Monday, when a meeting will be held in the Union with Coach Slattery, Conlon, and Dr. Edward Nichols as speakers.

MANHATTANS TO PLAY TWO GAMES TONIGHT

Manhattan A. C. basketballs will play two games at the Palace tonight, the reserves meeting the Milan A. C. at 7:30 and the regulars taking on the Grace A. C. at 8:30 o'clock.

The Grace team has lost only one game this season and that to the strong Aloysius Club. The Manhattan have won twenty out of twenty-two games, losing to the Yankee and Aloysius quintets.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION TO MEET ON FEB. 15

Says Damon Runyon: It Was at Reuben's

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Even Arnold Rothstein had gone home. Thus you can realize just how late—or how early—the hour in Reuben's new uptown sandwich snare.

Outside the first skimpy streaks of dawn were struggling for recognition in a glumly gray sky. The jockeys of a few belated gas sulkies were stamping their feet on the sidewalk.

Inside the check room boys were speculatively eyeing a party at a table, wondering if it would pay them to hold out the wraps any longer on the chance of an extra fee. The waiters were commencing to shove the tables around with early morning languor. The sweepers were shining the shoes of the gentlemen at the table with their brooms.

And the gentlemen were Billy Gibson, manager of Benny Leonard, the lightweight champion; William Wellman, now promoter of wrestling; Mickey Curran, manager of Phil O'Dowd; Joe McGurgie, the cartoonist, and some other gentlemen of the press.

"I AM of the opinion"—Mr. Wellman speaking—"that the amusement of the future is wrestling. Take our bouts at Madison Square Garden next Monday night, for instance. Gentlemen of the press—"

"THE best fighter I ever saw in my life is a man who would not turn professional," began Mr. Gibson, suddenly. "I'm not kidding. If you don't believe what I am about to tell you about him, ask Leonard."

"It was out in San Diego, during the war," continued the manager of the lightweight king. "I had taken Benny out there to appear in a boxing show for the soldiers and the sailors who were quartered in that vicinity. Willie Meehan and a number of other fighters were on the same card."

"They selected as Benny's opponent a young lieutenant of aviation named Graham. I have forgotten his first name. I don't know where he came from. But I want to tell you that he was positively the best fighter I ever saw. In my opinion he would have been the greatest fighter anybody ever saw had he turned professional."

"WRESTLING," said Mr. Wellman, seizing upon a brief pause, "is one of the noblest of athletic arts. Gentlemen of the press, when you consider our show at Madison Square Garden Monday night, you must admit—"

"BENNY and Graham were scheduled to fight four rounds," said Mr. Gibson. "Not box-fight, Graham weighed about 150 pounds, and when he came into the ring I fairly gasped at the beauty of him."

"I have never seen a human being so perfectly modeled, and proportioned. His skin was burned almost black by the sun of southern California, and he looked as if he had just stepped out of a sculptor's mold."

"He had a little tiny moustache, such as some of the army officers were sporting in those days, and he had the handsomest face ever put on a man. Every feature was perfectly turned."

FAST BALL OR SPEEDY ONE IS BONE OF DEBATE

Leading Baseball Authorities Give Views as to One Mostly Desired.

Curves or speed? Which is the more important for a pitcher to possess? Jack Dunn, of the Orioles, who was a leading pitcher in his younger days, and who has developed more young hurlers than any other manager in the country, says a mound man must have speed. He should know.

Joe McGinnity, the one-time famous pitcher of the Giants, and a man who used more curves balls than any other hurler in baseball, declares a slab artist must have curves to be a top-notch. He should know.

To support his contention, the Baltimore magnate points to the records of Walter Johnson, Ed Walsh, Christy Mathewson, Chief Bender, Jack Bentley, Jack Ogden and Lefty Grove. They all used fast balls.

McGinnity, the Iron Man, says the heavy hitting of the last few years is his best argument. "If more pitchers were using curves there would be very few .300 or .400 hitters," declares Joe. "Neither would there be as many as sixty home runs hit by one individual player. Curving a ball is a lost art among the present-day hurlers. In the last world's series it was clearly demonstrated that the curve ball pitcher is much superior to the pitchers who do not use it. The Giants won the title because their pitchers were better exponents of curve-ball pitching."

To Dunn there is nothing, barring control, as essential as speed. As he sees it if a pitcher hasn't a good, fast ball, he hasn't a chance to score the batsman and the latter laughs at the man on the rubber. He admits there are exceptions, and McGinnity is one of them. Joe never had much speed, but he had an underhand curve, control and an arm that never seemed to tire. Some batsmen also have exceptions. Jack Bentley, for instance, has never been able to hit a slow ball as well as one of cannon variety.

The Iron Man, who has been pitching major and minor league ball for thirty-five years and who expects to appear on the peak again next summer for the powerful Staley independent team of Decatur, Ill., laments over the heavy hitting that is going on throughout the country. He thinks that it has detracted interest from the game and says such a thing could never have happened in the old days. It will report cease, he argues, until the pitchers stop trying to evade freak deliveries and go back to curves.

Again Dunn disagrees with Joe. He believes the public likes the heavy hitting. And for that reason he isn't in favor of changing the kind of baseball used.

There are others who say that McGinnity and Dunn are both wrong in their arguments about speed and curves. What counts with them in pitching are: When to use this and that, mixture, control, heart and head. In other words, as a general thing, speed is useless without curves and control and vice versa.

Lunte Wants Little.

Harry Lunte, the Cleveland infielder sent to Sacramento, refused to report last season. Now he has notified the Coast leaguers that he will show up, if he is paid his 1921 salary. Ball players are a downtrodden race.

Will Have Thirty.

COL. BAKER SAYS RIVALS TAMPER WITH HIS PLAYERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—That calm and serenity which, outwardly at least, has prevailed in National League councils ever since the "Big Three" of the American League declared their pet war on B. B. Johnson, is going to be seriously disturbed during the annual scheduler meeting in this city on February 14, if William F. Baker, president of the tail-end Phillies, has his way.

Mr. Baker, who called on President John A. Heydler yesterday, has preferred charges of "tampering" with his players against two rival club officials. The penalty for this offense, as incorporated in the new major-minor leagues agreement, is a \$1,000 fine. Baker declared he intended to press his charges to the fullest extent of baseball law.

He claims to have irrefutable evidence which he will present to the National League at its scheduled meeting. Then, after the older circuit has had an opportunity to act on that which concerns itself solely, Mr. Baker intends to proceed before Commissioner Landis, whose duty it is to try such cases.

The president of the Phils would not divulge publicly the names of the alleged offenders further than to name the St. Louis and Brooklyn clubs. At first he intended to bring triple charges, involving also the Boston Braves. President Heydler conducted an investigation of the charges against Mr. Grant and found them utterly unfounded.

Mr. Grant had been quoted as saying that he was willing to pay \$50,000 for the right sort of pitcher, and certain scribbles look for granted that he had in mind none other than the bespectacled Lee Meadows. Mr. Heydler found that Grant mentioned no names whatever. Consequently this particular charge was withdrawn.

It is believed the St. Louis official who has drawn Mr. Baker's fire is none other than Branch Rickey, manager of the Cardinals. Mr. Rickey has been more or less violent against the world champions ever since the Giants secured Heinie Groh, O'Connell and Shinners, through the outlay of vast cash sums. Blanch had been intimating that certain clubs favored the Giants over all others; that the transfer of "Irish" Meusel late last season handed a pennant to New York at the expense of Pittsburgh, and that Lou Merkle, as surely would be a New York asset before the champions left San Antonio.

Baker exonerates McGraw and his associates of all blame. But in the case of today (he does not mention Branch directly) he will show that his utterances and statements have had a demoralizing effect on the pitcher and on many other of the Quakers.

President Charles H. Ebbets is given a clean bill of health by Mr. Baker. From hints that were dropped to the Philadelphia scribbles our old friend Phil Robinson is the suspect in this quarter. It is alleged Uncle Robbie approached an insider, supposed to be Arthur Fletcher, in an effort to try to influence him to give himself transferred to Brooklyn.

"I will spare no pains," says Mr. Baker, "to see that the law is lived up to. Tampering with players is the worst menace the game has ever had. I think the action taken at the coming meeting will produce an effect that will stop this nefarious practice for all time."

None of the Brooklyn Club officials who could be reached yesterday was able to throw any light on Mr. Baker's absolute. Nothing professed to know absolutely nothing of such a circumstance as charged.

Arrows Play Well.

The Washington Arrows played well against the Yankees in last night's preliminary to the G. W. U. V. P. I. game, holding the champions to a 3-21 count.

Business Beaten.

Business High was nosed out by Mt. St. Joseph's by a 23 to 23 count in the closing minutes of yesterday's game at Business.

Takes Thirty-two.

Miller Huggins will have thirty-two players in training this season for the Yankees.

G. W. U. Girls Win.

George Washington University girls won an 11 to 7 victory over the Gallaudet College girls in the Kenall Green gymnasium last night.

Bawls Out Moguls.

John B. Sheridan, veteran writer of St. Louis, bawls out the baseball magnates, saying the "game is sixty years behind in dressing." He pokes fun at the ugly uniforms and the lack of color as contrasted with the best average clubs.

Madison Square Garden deserves all the publicity that—

"I N the first round," Mr. Gibson went on calmly, "Benny took a good smash at Graham with his right hand, and you could hear Graham's response fairly whistle as it went past Benny's chin."

"When Benny came back to his corner he said to me, 'I'm not going to shoot any more right hands at this fellow, I'll tell you that.'"

"Then he went out for the next round, and you never saw such a scrap. I was fairly entranced watching that young officer, and Benny was as excited over him as I was. Benny knows a fighter when he sees one, and he kept murmuring his admiration of the youngster between rounds."

"Listen! You know I was always a great admirer of Ketchel. When I tell you that I think in six months Graham would have been a better fighter than Ketchel you know how I good I think he was."

"SPORT will come, sport will go, but wrestling will go on forever," said Mr. Wellman. "This show we are giving at Madison Square Garden Monday night, gentlemen of the press, is, I may safely say—"

"THE bout was an even thing," said Mr. Gibson, "with Benny trying every foot of the way. I saw them going out of the ring together, Benny with his arm around Graham's neck."

Benny was telling Graham what a wonderful manager I am and what a great thing it would be for him to sign up with me. Benny certainly did his stuff for my benefit. When we got over to the barracks and got to talking to Graham, we found out that he was the son of a very rich man somewhere out West and that he wouldn't think of turning professional."

"I never heard of him again. Maybe it's just as well he isn't around here now, because I would be spending my good money on tickets to see him box. What a fighter he was!"

HERE Mr. Gibson paused and sighed, and Mr. Wellman arose and began putting on his overcoat.

"Where you going?" asked Mickey Curran.

"Going?" said Mr. Wellman. "I'm going down to the Grand Central and catch a train for the West. I'm going to find that guy Graham."

Bender Will Pitch.

Chief Bender announces that, in addition to managing the Reading club, he will also take his turn on the mound. The former star of the Mackmen possesses much of his old-time cunning.

Will Have Thirty.

President Griffith says thirty Griffins will work out at Tampa.