

Looking Backward Over Sports Achievements of 1920

Waning Year Was Rich in Sport History; World's Athletes Shattered Many Records

Whole World Was Hungry for Play and Recreation and Every Branch of Sport Was More Popular Than Ever Before—Crowds Turned Out in Unprecedented Numbers—United States Greatest in World in Athletics.

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New York, Dec. 31.—In a few days the tide of time will sweep 1920 into the misty realm of things that have passed up to this time.

Years gone before have been rich in sport history. Years still to come will be studied with scintillating details by the world's athletes. Brilliant feats that are now fresh in the minds of sport devotees will no doubt be recalled. But 1920 will always stand out as the greatest twelve-month sports year in the history of the world.

It took just one year following the close of the great World War for sport to find its former level. That was 1919. Then along came 1920 to find the whole world hungry for play and recreation, and every game or pastime in the sporting calendar was lifted to a higher level of popularity than ever before.

World's records were sent crashing into the discard in many lines of sport during the year that is closing. The enormous interest of the sport-loving public in every competitive pastime was evinced by unprecedented crowds. Millions of people attended sport events all over the world. No red-blooded sport went begging for popularity.

The United States strengthened her position as the greatest nation in the world in athletics. The rank and file of her athletes was not noticeably diminished out by the vicious dogs of war, as was the case in many other countries. As a result 1920 goes down as a year that saw new victories won and new glories accumulated by athletic America.

Sport events that were dropped during the war were resurrected and brought back with new life and vigor this year. The resumption of the Olympic games and of international night racing were red letter events of the year and in both events America proved herself with glory.

Perhaps the most impressive proof of the country's great and unswerving passion for sport was found in the fact that baseball lived through the expose of the 1919 world's series scandal, and that the season was wound up in a blaze of glory by the pennant winning teams of the National and American leagues.

In Sport Spotlight.
The winning punch of this country's greatest athletic stars was never more potent than this year. Take a look at a few of our 1920 heroes. What names to conjure with!

Habe Ruth, Jack Dempsey, Man o' War, Stanley Coveleski, William T. Wilden, H. Jack Kelly, Chick Evans, Tom Lough, Duke Kahanamoku, Frank Stone, Frank Loomis, George Sisler, Jess Stirling, Mrs. F. J. Mallory (Mollie Munstedt), Charley Faddock, Ebelita McIntyre, George Gipp, Roger Hornsby.

Here we have named a few of the many stars who performed on track, field, the ring and the race track. They were by no means alone in making 1920 a glorious sporting year, but they were "bellows" among the athletes in their straits, and in order to assimilate as they did they were forced to super-effort to win the positions they held in the spotlight.

To review the valiant sport deeds of the year in detail would require column upon column. The bare list of 1920 champions in sport is as long as a J. J. Wallingford's dream. So, in passing, we will hit the high spots only

day-in-and-day-out pitchers in their respective leagues, regardless of anything figures may show.

Boxing Gained Ground in Two Directions.
It gained in popularity and it gained in legalized territory, for the comeback of legitimate boxing in New York state was a decided victory for the sport. In New Jersey, where the game has flourished for several years, the law was amended to permit the staging of twelve-round bouts and in other sections of the country boxing made progress.

No law ever in force in New York has been so successful, generally speaking, as the Walker law, legalizing fifteen-round bouts to decisions. This law assures the boxing fan of his money's worth and brings boxers to realize that their profession is work as well as play if they are going to ply it in the old New York.

Several things contributed toward the stimulation boxing enjoyed. The clearing of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, of slacker charges in San Francisco, and the invasion of Georges Carpentier and Jimmy Wilde helped boost the game.

The match of Carpentier and Dempsey for the heavyweight championship in baselinal ever went to Cleveland and the fact that the champions in the various divisions are beginning to find worthy opponents has done its share.

One championship changed hands during the year and another was definitely determined.

Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul, lost the middleweight title to Johnny Wilson in a twelve-round bout last May. Referee McInnis rendered the decision that caused the title to change hands. Since winning the title Wilson has been wary about "defending it and has so far refused to meet with the challenger. He is an unpopular champion.

The title of world's light-heavyweight was cleared up when Carpentier knocked Levensky out in Newark, dropping the New York boxer for the count in the fourth round. Carpentier also holds the heavyweight championship of Europe.

Jimmy Wilde's invasion of this country and the neat manner in which he boxed of his weight, conclusively proved his class.

Fred Fulton's knockout at the hands of Harry Wills appears to have removed him definitely from the ranks of challengers for heavyweight honors.

Leonard was busy.

Benny Leonard, the popular and active lightweight champion, kept pretty busy during the year, defending his crown against Johnny Dundee and other good lightweights. His two most notable bouts for the title were against Charley White and Joe Wellington, both of whom were disposed of via the kago route.

Jack Britton has been one of the most active champions. The welterweight king has met and defended his laurels against all of the best welters of the country.

Ed Herman, the bantamweight title-holder, appeared in but few bouts of consequence.

Football.
Football was never more popular than during the year just closing. The great college sport saw the development of some of the most brilliant players uncovered in years and the big classics of the season drew the greatest crowds in the history of the game.

The biggest crowd to witness a game attended the Yale-Harvard battle in Yale's great bowl when 80,000 people watched the Crimson defeat the Bulldogs in a game that was full of thrills. Other big-section games drew immense throngs of fans and feature contests in other sections of the country brought out crowds that filled the coffers of college athletic associations with thousands of dollars.

No championship was determined in the East. The season closed with Charles ("Chick") Evans came back from Princeton, Harvard, Pittsburgh, Penn

State and Boston college ranking as the outstanding teams. None of their eleven was defeated and while Princeton was generally acknowledged to have had the best-balanced team, no title could be awarded.

In the western conference Ohio State won the championship in the last game of the season by defeating Illinois at Urbana. Notre Dame, also undefeated, was credited with having the best eleven outside of the western conference in that section of the country.

In the south, Georgia Tech went through the season undefeated and was recognized as the champion, while on the far-off Pacific coast California took the honors. The navy defeated the Army before a record crowd in New York.

No season in recent years has developed the large number of star-backfield players who cropped out last fall. Quarterbacks, halfbacks and fullbacks galore, who played with a dash and brilliancy that thrilled the great crowds, flashed across the horizon. In the estimation of the writer no eleven could have been so well recruited from this crop of players than the one which follows:

Stars of Gridiron.
Kidd—Legendre, Princeton, and Kinko—North Carolina—Kidd—Kidd, Princeton, and Gullik—Syracuse, Guards—Callahan, Yale, and Griffiths, Penn State—Center—Alexander, Syracuse, Quarterback—Lourie, Princeton, Halfbacks—GDD, Notre Dame, and Wray, Penn State. Fullback—Horsman, Harvard.

Tennis Lived Up to Its Rank as a Major Sport During the Year.
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Wilden won the international championship at Wimbledon, England, defeating the world's best players. He then came here to defend his title and through the ranks to the final round, which he emerged a brilliant victor.

Johnston, the 1919 champion, and Clarence J. Griffin, his townsman, from San Francisco, annexed the national doubles title. Vincent Richards, Tomker star, won the junior title and Roland Roberts took the clay courts championship.

In addition to annexing the outdoor title Wilden also won the indoor single championship and with Richards as his partner took the indoor doubles title as well.

Women in Tennis.
Mrs. Franklin I. Mallory, formerly Mollie Bjurstedt, came back this year, winning the national women's singles title for the fourth time. Miss Helene Polak, of New York, annexed the women's indoor single championship crown. In the national doubles Miss Zindorf and Miss Cleveland close entered the victors. Miss Polak and Mrs. L. G. Morris captured the national indoor doubles championship.

Coveted Golf Title.
Golf returned to the high and popular plane it enjoyed before the war.

The visits of the British golfers to this country and various American golfers to England and France aroused great interest.

Edward ("Ted") Ray, one of England's great professionals, invaded our ranks and carried away one of our coveted titles when he won the national open championship from the classiest field of players who ever entered an open tournament on this side of the Atlantic. With Ray came the great Harry Vardon, who was the runner-up for the open title. The wonderful playing of these two Britons resulted in the final round for the title being fought out between Englishmen, while our best talent stood by and looked on.

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2 cups flour.
2 level teaspoonsful baking powder.
3 Eggs.
Mix sugar and butter, creaming until light. Add well beaten egg yolks, then milk and half the flour, which has been sifted with the baking powder. Stir thoroughly, adding coconut from which milk has been pressed, fold in the egg whites, well beaten, rest of the flour, and beat mixture until light and smooth. Pour in lined cake tins and bake in a moderate oven about 25 minutes. Put together with coconut icing and frost with coconut. Some prefer omitting coconut from cake, using it in the icing only.
May also be baked as a loaf cake.



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