Ortega Crumples Before Palmer in First—Smith and Durham Also Stop Opponents

MEXICAN, APPEARING IN DAZE, IS ROUTED IN JUST 42 SECONDS

Brilliant Exhibitions in First Two "Star" Bouts Save Card—Warnie Smith Gives Morrisette Sensational Lacing, Lifting Him Off Feet Many Times with Body Blows—Osner Knocked Out in Sixth, After Shading Durham in Preceding Rounds.

By B. A. BRIDGEWATER

It was a great night for the strong right arm and open season on jaws.

All three bouts on the Oil City Athletic club's all star boxing program at Convention hall last night terminated abruptly in less than the scheduled number of rounds. Kid Palmer, Tulsa middleweight, knocked out Battling Ortega of San Francisco in the first round of the scheduled 12-round main event; Warnie Smith, sensational Bartlesville middleweight, battered Billy Morrisette of Sand Springs into helplessness in two rounds and put him down for the count in the third of the scheduled 10-round semi-windup, and "Stubby" Durham, Tulsa bantamweight, hung a haymaker on the jaw of Frankie Osner of Springfield in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round opener after being outpointed by the Missouri boy in the first five.

It Lasted But 42 Seconds.

The Palmer-Ortega affair came to such a sudden and unexpected end after 42 seconds of the first round that the spectators were almost unable to realize what had happened.

As the men came out of their corners Palmer rushed in and swung a left to Ortega's face. They went apart and Palmer again stepped into the Mexican, landing a solid right just above Ortega's belt on the left side, and Ortega toppled into a sitting posture. Referee Gahan didn't start counting, but as Ortega arose, he stepped between the men and told Ortega to "fight."

After pecking at his opponent for a few moments, Palmer hooked in a left to the jaw and Ortega fell. He took only the count of four and came up unsteadily.

When Ortega regained his feet after the second knockdown Palmer smashed a terrific right uppercut to the chin that put him out, not only for the count but for two full minutes more. It was a smashing blow that landed flush on the jaw of a man already dazed, and Ortega dropped like a beef felled with an ax, face down in the ring.

Ortega Appeared Dazed.

There's no question but that Ortega was knocked completely out by the sledge hammer blow that ended the bout. But it is just as certain that he was not at himself when he entered the ring. He acted like a man in a daze when the gong sounded starting hostilities. Ortega's manager, Joe Benjamin, continually shouted from the corner at Ortega, urging him to "get in and fight," but if Ortega heard he didn't heed.

Benjamin protested that Palmer used the kidney punch when he first knocked Ortega down, but the referee paid no attention to him. The blow was a straight right that landed a few inches below the heart.

Other Bouts Splendid.

The banner crowd of flatic fans of the year that turned out for the "all-star" program did not leave Convention hall disappointed, however, for the action in the Smith-Morrisette and Durham-Osner affrays more than made up for the shortcomings of the main event.

Warnie Smith increased his popularity by administering a spectacular lacing to Morrisette, though the Sand Springs entrant gained the respect of the fans by his gameness and ability to absorb punishment.

At the very outset Smith sallied into Morrisette and reached close quarters. He then started battering his opponent's mid-section. Smith landed an even half dozen smashing rights in less time than it takes to tell about it right at the same spot in Morrisette's stomach, the blows falling almost with the speed and regularity of a trip hammer pounding home a rivet. He danced and feinted about Morrisette like a dervish, and his left would flash out with such quickness that Morrisette had no chance to dodge it.

Morrisette Beaten in Second.

Morrisette went through the punishment in the first round without a quiver and with a game smile on his lips. It is highly probable, however, that the smile was camouflage, for Smith's blows had a great force behind them and they hurt.

In the second Smith laid the foundation for his victory that came in the third. Again coming to close quarters he directed his attack on Morrisette's face and as the men separated it was seen that he had landed more than one in the mouth, for Morrisette was bleeding profusely. Then the Bartlesville mauler turned to the stomach again. He thudded powerful though short rights into Morrisettes body, and each one was so hard that it lifted Morrisette entirely off the floor for an inch. Morrisette was badly battered at the end of the round and it appeared only a matter of time until he would be finished.

Smith continued punishing Morrisette for two minutes and 12 seconds of the third round, then crossed a swift-moving right flush to the jaw. Morrisette's legs turned to jelly and he dropped for the count. Smith helped carry him to his corner, then left the ring amid the plaudits of the throng. Morrisette was cheered loudly as he left, for gameness never fails to score a hit and the black-haired Sand Springs youth certainly exhibited a liberal quantity of it.

The Bantams Score a Hit.

But little less spectacular was the first scheduled 10-round bout in which the rugged "Stubby" Durham decisively showed his superiority over the clever Frankie Osner by registering a clean knockout in the sixth.

This was a scrap brimful of action from the word "go." The first two rounds were fairly even, though Osner might have had a shade in the second due to superior footwork and greater speed.

Osner took the third by awide margin. He eluded Durham's powerful swings and as "Stubby" would miss Frankie would catch him on the jaw. Osner rocked Durham with a one-two right and left to either side of the jaw and for a moment appeared to have the local boy unsteadied. Had he possessed Durham's wallop he might have ended it then and there. But Durham quickly shook it off and kept plugging after his man.

Osner also took the fourth, again landing frequently and managing to make Durham miss repeatedly. He cleanly outboxed Durham and kept away from the dangerous infighting at which Durham excels.

Realizing that Osner was piling up a comfortable lead on points, Durham came out of his corner like a bulldog in the fifth. Making no effort to box, Durham opened a terrific attack on Osner's body, completely ignoring the face. He won the round.

The boys rushed into another quick exchange in the sixth round. Then Osner failed for an instant to guard his jaw, and one of Durham's wicked rights landed cleanly. Osner reeled and fell. He arose to his knees but was unable to get to his feet and continue. It was a clean victory for "Stubby." When Osner did get up and cross the ring to shake the victor's hand he still rocked unsteadily.

Warnie Smith's popularity was emphasized during the introductions before the main event. Announcer Goldberg introduced "Cyclone Tommy" Daly of St. Louis who challenged the winner of the Palmer-Ortega mill.

"Let Warnie Smith meet the winner," someone shouted. Others took it up.

It was announced that Warnie would box 10 rounds next Tuesday night with Sailor Anderson of Sioux City before the Tulsa Athletic club. Anderson boxed a 4-round draw with Bobby Corbett of Fairfax in the main event of the Oklahoma City Boxing club's program Monday night. Anderson challenged Warnie a week ago at Oklahoma City when Smith defeated Patsy Flannigan.

The "fat man special," a four-rounder between "Fighting" Manister and "Battling" Goat, each weighing above 280 pounds and neither as tall as 5 feet, 6 inches, proved comical as expected. The chubby fellows got a good laugh for their effort. This "fight" opened the program.

Hospital on Cubs' Park Site.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The old Cubs baseball park where Frank Chance and his National league team made baseball history a few years ago is to be the site for the proposed $500,000 hospital for the medical college of the University of Illinois.

Texas Juniors Play Tie.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 13.—Grubb's Vocational school of Arlington held John Tarleton college of Stephenville to a 7-7 tie here today in a game for the junior college football championship of Texas. John Tarleton has won the championship during the last two years and is undefeated in three seasons play. Major of Grubbs missed a placement goal by one yard in the final five minutes of play.

Hit by Foul Ball—Asks $5,000.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13.—Isaac H. Smith, jr., who claims he was hit by a batted ball while sitting in the bleachers here at a Southern association game last July 23, filed suit for $5,000 against the Atlanta Baseball company yesterday. The claim is made that the ball broke a bone in his head.

Oregon Gridders to Hawaii.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 13.—Fourteen University of Oregon football players today were in their way to San Francisco, where tomorrow they will embark for the Hawaiian Islands to meet two Hawaiian teams in post-season games.

Indicate Business Boom.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13.—A boom in business this month, as reflected by the granting of charters for new corporations, was reported today by Charles J. Kendle, assistant secretary of state. So far, Mr. Kendle said, $6,000 in fees for new charters has been collected as against $5,000 for the previous month. The fees are based on a rate of $1 for each $1,000 of capital stock issued, it was explained.

Investigating Sheriff.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13.—John W. Tillman of Pawhuska was today appointed as special assistant to the state attorney general to investigate charges of alleged misconduct of Harve M. Freas, sheriff of Osage county.

'Bo' McMillin Signs to Coach Shreveport College for $10,000

DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13.—"Bo" McMillin, Centre college star quarterback, today accepted an offer to coach Centenary college, Shreveport, La., next season.

No figures were announced, but it is said the contract calls for his services for three years at $10,000 a year.

SHREVEPORT, Dec. 13.—"Bo" McMillin of Centre college, closed with the authorities of the Centenary college here today, his contract to coach this college's football team for a period to extend over three years.

SAPULPA, PRYOR 'MOVE TO TULSA' FOR GRID BATTLE

Specials Coming From Rival Towns Friday; 'Big Day' Outlook

Tulsa Schools Close for Grid Title Game at Ball Park Friday

All students of Central high school of Tulsa will be dismissed at 2:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon, in order that they may attend the Sapulpa-Pryor game, Superintendent of Schools Oberholtzer announced last night.

Superintendent also said the upper classes in the grade schools would be dismissed early enough that pupils who desire to, may attend the game.

In order that students may witness the championship fray, the committee on arrangements decided to have the starting gun fired at 2:45 instead of 2:30 as formerly announced.

It also was decided to make a special students' rate of 50 cents when tickets are purchased at the schools, where they will be put on sale.

As the date of the championship interscholastic battle between Sapulpa and Pryor high schools approaches, all indications point to even as colorful an occasion as was the result at Oklahoma City last Friday when Sapulpa triumphed over Ardmore in as thrilling a scholastic battle as ever was fought on a gridiron in this state. Sapulpa, where the Blue and White moleskin wearers are looked upon as heroes by their fellow students and the general public alike, and Sapulpa high is expected to be here Friday almost in a body. The mayor of Sapulpa has been requested to declare Friday a half holiday, as he did last week for the Sapulpa-Ardmore game, and probably will acquiesce.

Everything will be arranged for the convenience of Sapulpans coming to the game. Several special interurban cars will be run by the Oklahoma Union Railway company, and these will carry their loads right to the gates of McNully park. In addition a special train will be run by the Frisco, to leave Sapulpa at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and return immediately after the game, and a special round-trip rate of 75 cents has been granted by the railway officials.

The little town of Pryor is expected almost to "move to Tulsa" for the day. Already the mayor there has declared a half holiday and arrangements have been made to run a special train over the Katy which will have at least 200 aboard when it departs from Pryor, probably more.

Pryor-Muskogee Special.

The Pryor special may have to pick up a few coaches at Muskogee. Having seen Pryor dispose of Seminole in the elimination series, Muskogee grid followers are greatly enthused over the Mayes county eleven and a large number of them undoubtedly will make the trip to Tulsa Friday.

Indications are that the attendance here Friday will be fully as large as at Oklahoma City last week when Sapulpa met and conquered Ardmore. A conservative estimate would place the visiting fans at 1,000, and Tulsa thus will need to turn out but 2,100 more to make the attendance up to Oklahoma City's 3,100.

The committee on arrangements has sent special invitation to the coaches of all high schools of the "Little Ten" conference, and most of these mentors will be here for the occasion.

While Sapulpa has a marvelous team for a high school, Coach Virgil Jones, instead of being chesty and over-confident of victory, looks upon the clash with Pryor as probably the hardest of the year.

Pryor at Top Form Now.

The reason for his deep respect for the Mayes county contingent is that Pryor has had comparatively an easy schedule and the team now should be at top form. Sapulpa, on the other hand, has played through as hard a campaign as ever a high school eleven was called upon to traverse.

Jones is preparing his team carefully for the battle. The first part of the week he has devoted to freshening up the squad. Only light warming-up exercises were taken by the Blue and White Monday and yesterday the boys did absolutely nothing but rest.

Today they will be put through a stiff practice, going over plays and running signals as well as scrimmaging. Thursday, on the eve of the battle, they again will take light practice.

Jones is watching over his boys like a hawk. He doesn't permit them to gather downtown. The downy couch is their portion early each night. Plenty of rest, plenty of sleep and plenty of the right kind of food make up the Jones menu.

Jones virtually has given up hope of having his regular backfield intact for the fray. Cleo Caywood, right halfback, has not shown sufficient improvement from injuries received at Oklahoma City for it to appear likely that he will play. Half Lyons, "utility man," will be in at his place as the running mate for "Hippo" Morris.

Pryor Coach Confident.

There appears to be more confidence in Pryor than in Sapulpa, at least so far as the coaches go. Coach Paul T. Brosnahan thinks he has the best high school team in the state—and admits it.

"You gave us quite a surprise by beating Nowata so handily—we rather expected Nowata to win," the sporting editor of The World said to Brosnahan over the phone.

"Well, they surprised us," the coach replied. "We certainly never expected Nowata to score on us, but they made a touchdown. We thought we would beat them 50 points or more. Instead, we only won by 26 to 7. Much harder game than we looked for."

Coach Brosnahan followed Coach Jones' example in letting his men take it easy Monday and yesterday. They, too, will get busy today.

Wichita, Omaha and Joplin Sluggers Set Western Pace; Lelivelt Makes Hit Record

Always known as a league of sluggers, the Western league measured up to its reputation during the season of 1921, according to the official batting averages released for publication today.

Wichita's champions set the pace with a team percentage of .319 to be followed closely by Omaha with .313, and Joplin lacked only one percentage point of being over the .300 mark also. Just how nigh was the offensive strength of the league is well indicated by the fact that Oklahoma City trailed the league with .280.

In its 168 games Wichita pounded out a total of 1,892 hits, an average of more than 11 bingles to the game. It averaged seven runs to the game.

That Oklahoma City was able to finish in third place in spite of the fact that it was last in batting and last in the number of runs made, was due to the fact that it also had the smallest number of runs scored against it. Wichita came next, 67 tallies highre.

It was a great season for extra base hits. Pitchers were bumped for 3,577 doubles, 495 triplets and 555 home runs.

Wichita set the pace with 149 homers, 64 triplets with one to spare.

Omaha showed more speed than any other team, with 185 stolen bases. Sioux City batters struck out more times than any others and also got more free trips to first.

Official records give Jack Lelivelt of Omaha, New Tulsa manager, 274 hits, a new record for a 168-game schedule. East of Wichita, however, had the highest number of total bases with 418, including 69 doubles, eight triplets and 26 home runs.

Fred Beck of Wichita topped the league in home runs, but fell seven shy of the mark set the year before by Taryan.

Haney of Omaha distanced the field in stolen bases with 48.

George Harper of Oklahoma City ranked next to Lelivelt as a swatsman, batting .392 to Lelivelt's .416. R. Smith of Joplin also went over the .500 mark, but he participated in only 26 games.

Pitt was Oklahoma City's second best with .327. Then came Dawson Graham with .318.

Sixty-four Western leaguers, an unprecedented number, batted as good as .300.

Brooklyn Owner Suggests Big Minors Be Boycotted to Force Return of the Draft

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A proposal to boycott Class AA and Class A minor baseball leagues insofar as the purchase of their players was concerned, was made at the annual National league meeting today by Charles H. Ebbetts, owner of the Brooklyn club. Other league officials were said to have favored the idea after discussing "prohibitive" prices asked by the minors for star performers and suggested that the matter be placed before the joint major leagues meeting Thursday.

"We thought at first," said one clubowner, "that we could fix a limit price to be paid by majors for minor league players but decided that that would not help matters. The only way to get around high prices is to adopt Mr. Ebbett's suggestion and refuse to buy players at any price from leagues refusing to draft."

The suggestion of the Brooklyn owner, if adopted by the majors, would place "a stone wall" about the minor stars, even higher than that built by the dropping of the draft, according to some of the intersectional league owners, who finished up their annual meeting today. They asserted that a boycott would serve to antagonize the minors and cause rupture of the friendly relations now existing. Commissioner Landis, they said, would hardly stand for such a condition.

In his report to the National league, President Heydler said he believed the time had come when the major leagues should consider means of increasing the supply of skilled players and to give proper training opportunities to young men desiring to enter the professional game from the college field or the sandlots, but who decline to join the minor league clubs for fear that their advancement to higher classes and higher pay would be restricted. The ruling permitting clubs to arrange their own spring training dates was retained. A discussion of matters regarding the league's relations with the minors was postponed until tomorrow. The 154-game schedule was favored for 1922. The opening date was suggested as April 12, subject to the approval of the American league.

For consideration of the league, which will meet again tomorrow, Mr. Heydler made the following suggestions:

Legislation or action looking to the arrest and conviction of pop bottle throwers in baseball parks.

Protection of umpires in exhibition games between American and National league clubs by giving umpires power to report to Commissioner Landis infractions of rules or of deportment on the field.

Arrangements of exits from the playing field at several National league parks so that umpires would not be compelled to come in contact with players of either club when leaving the field.

Joining with all leagues in an effort to obtain a return to normal railroad rates and especially to procure elimination of the 50 per cent surcharge on Pullman tickets.

Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh was elected chairman of the new board of directors of the National league. Other members are William Veeck, Chicago; Charles A. Stoneham, New York, and George Washington Grant, Boston.

Mr. Heydler's report showed that the salaries paid last season to managers and players in the National league alone were over $1,000,000. Compared with five years ago, that is an increase of approximately 75 per cent.

Limit Cotton Acreage.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Southern cotton planters, merchants and bankers at the final session of a conference called to inaugurate a campaign for cotton acreage, limitation and crop diversification in 1922, adopted resolutions urging that cotton acreage next year be limited to the area planted in cotton in 1921 and organized the convention as a permanent institution with meetings to be held in Memphis each year.

Fire Damage in Tyron.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13.—Four business houses were destroyed and damage estimated at $17,000 caused by fire which swept part of the business section of Tyron, 47 miles northeast of here early today. The blaze was believed to have had its origin in the Clifton garage, which with the Liberty theater, a barber shop and the Tyron cafe, was totally destroyed.

Writers Club Meets Thursday.

The new Tulsa Writers' club is to have its first meeting since organization at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday night in the public library, it is announced by the president, Mrs. C. E. Lahman. There will be a program along lines interesting and beneficial to would-be writers, whether of short stories, scenarios or contest entries. Persons wishing to affiliate are asked to present themselves at that time.

Owing to lower prices America will furnish Italy with her main supplies of coal for the next five years.

Old Grid Star, Blind, Tells How He 'Sees' Games in Yale Bowl

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Perry T. Hale of Portland, Conn., a famous Yale All-American football player 26 years ago, now blind, today described his sensations of "seeing" big gridiron fall.

"I could tell who was ahead and I could tell who won each play," he said. The cheering which followed each play told the story. Of course, I depended upon someone to tell whether it was a forward pass or a line plunge, but I could follow the fortunes of our team without any further explanation. It was hard to be in suspense sometimes, but intuition told me so much."

Athletic Shake-up at Minnesota University

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—The board of regents of the University of Minnesota accepted the resignation of the athletic board of control in terminating the contracts of all the coaches now in the employ of the Gopher school at a meeting here today. A committee, including all the members of the athletic board of control together with three members of the board of regents, was named to work out the new athletic system of Minnesota.

Wilson Captain at Illinois.

URBANA, Ills., Dec. 13.—David Wilson, right end of the University of Illinois football team, has been elected captain for 1922 to succeed Don Peden, who was declared ineligible.

BATTLE BREWING ON DRAFT ISSUE, MAJORS PEEVED

Agreement to Limit Price Paid for Bushers May Be Effected

By JACK VEIOCK.
I. N. S. Sporting Editor.

NEW YORK, Dec 13.—The stage was set for completion of some of the many big deals that have been rumored in major league circles when the National league went into session here this afternoon.

It was significant that every major league manager, with the exception of Tris Speaker, of the Cleveland club, was seen around the lobby of the Waldrof hotel busily conferring and looking for chances to make deals that will strengthen their teams.

The magnates of the National league are strongly against the stand taken by the minors which have refused the drafts.

Colonel Ebbetts of the Brooklyn Dodgers said:

"There are two cardinal principles in baseball. One is the entertainment of the public and the other is the development of players and giving to them an opportunity to advance in their profession. If present conditions continue, these cardinal principles will eventually be shattered."

Branch Rickey, president of the St. Louis Cards, said:

"The draft for all minor leagues is an eventuality, I think. They must come to it sooner or later."

The only deal announced came from Clarence Rowland of the Columbus, Ohio, club, who traded Paddy Martin, a left hander, to Toronto for Bill Snyder, a big right hander.

The Minors Stand Pat.

The class AA leagues and several minors of lower classification are solidly opposed to the old drafting system and their right to reject is an ace in the hole.

The International league did just what was expected of it Monday when it voted to have nothing to do with the draft for the coming six years during which the major-minor league agreement signed last January in Kansas City will continue in force.

The high prices spent for players by several major league owners who laid out excess profits for recruits instead of permitting the funds to pour into the government treasury caused a fever of excitement among the minors and now a minor league player of ordinary caliber could be purchased for the late and "lamented" draft price from AA leagues—which was $5,000.

Big Deals Frighten Some.

A rule fixing the sum any major league players can pay for a minor league player will be seriously discussed by the National and American leagues today and tomorrow and when they hold their joint meeting Thursday it is altogethed probable they will adopt an agreement.

Just what sort of a limit will be agreed upon in the face of $75,000 deals and others nearly as high, is difficult to forecast but men close to some of the powers that be, are of the opinion that if the majors make such a move, future offers for minor league stars will stop at $20,000 or perhaps many thousand less.

"It behooves the big leagues to take measures to protect themselves if the minors cannot see that the draft is the very foundation of baseball and the best thing for all concerned," said President John Heydler today.

"Just what the National league will do in the matter I cannot say, but it would not greately surprise me if the league should adopt a rule limiting the price that can be paid for a minor league player and seek concurrence in it by the American league."

Basketball Practice Causes Death of Boy

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 13.—Francis Dowd, a high school student, died in a hospital here yesterday of blood poisoning which, according to physicians, resulted from a slight scratch on the knee, received in basketball practice three weeks ago.

Zbyszko and Lock Draw.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 13.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, world's heavyweight grappler, wrestled with Charley Locke, a local heavyweight here last night for three hours, for a draw.

'TRADE? WE'LL TAKE BOEHLER,' WAY OTHER OWNERS GREET TULSA

But if They Get George They'll Take Him by Force, Bill Friel Says on Return From Northern Meetings; Only Deals Are Burke-Williams Trade and Sale of Adams to St. Joseph—Many Deals Are On.

By B. A. BRIDGEWATER.

When a baseball magnate returns home from a baseball meeting like the minor league pow-wow at Buffalo, to say nothing of having stopped off long enough to attend the Western league gathering at Chicago, you'd naturally expect him to be literally bursting with news.

Not so, Bill Friel, business manager of the Tulsa Baseball club, dropped anchor in the home port yesterday after cruising the baseball waters in the north for a couple of weeks. Other than the trade bringing "Rhino" Williams, slugging outfielder, here from Memphis in exchange for Jimmy Burke, nothing definite has been done toward rebuilding the Oilers, according to Friel. Several deals which may bring added strength to the team are pending, Friel said, but they are not far enough along to disclose.

Manager Jack Lelivelt has gone back to his home in Chicago and is negotiating for men to strengthen the weak places.

Karl Adams Sold to Saints.

One player was sold by Friel in the north—the only sale made by the Oilers this year to a league of equal or higher classification. You'd never guess who was sold. This is no mystery story, however, so we'll spill it right now: "Big Karl" Adams was the man disposed of for cash, and he goes to St. Joseph, where he finished up the season this year. Some fans may be under the impression that Adams was already the property of St. Joseph, but he was not. The trade of Adams for young Nick Cullop in mid-summer was only for the balance of the 1921 season, and Cullop now reverts to St. Joseph and Minneapolis, both of which are the property of George Belden.

Several trades are being considered by the Oiler management. New blood is to be transfused into the Oilers before the next campaign opens, and to this end some of the regulars of 1921 are to be supplanted by new faces.

They Can't Get Boehler.

"But trades are mighty hard to put over—that is if you try to get at least an even break," Friel said "Every time we suggested "trade" the party approached immediately wanted Boehler.

"So far as Boehler goes there's positively nothing doing. I'll settle that question right now. George Boehler is the one pitcher who absolutely will be back on the firing line for the Oilers when the next opening day rolls around."

Friel expressed surprise and pleasure at the reputation the young outfielder, Herschel Bennett, seems to have acquired in baseball circles through his sensational showing at Muskogee in the Southwestern league, where he was farmed by Tulsa.

"I had many a chance to dispose of Bennett," he said, "but have no intention of letting him slip. He'll be given his chance to make good with the Oilers next spring."

St. Louis Aid Doubtful.

Friel doesn't know yet just what Tulsa may expect in the way of assistance from the St. Louis Browns. It is not even certain now that Phil Toda will be back again in the spring, though this was thought to have been settled last fall. Neither is it known whether Catcher John Heving will be on the Browns' regular squad in 1922 or whether he will spend another year in Tulsa or some other class A city. Second Baseman Luke Stewart and Pitchers Pruett and Albanese, both southpaws, were the other Browns here. Pruett won't be back. His "screw ball" and fast-breaking curves have earned him the right to go south with the Browns. Albanese may be here and may not and Stewart is in the same boat.

While a couple of pitchers must be obtained to complete the staff, the Oilers have a pretty nice bunch of moundmen to build about already. George Boehler, Ray Richmond and Tom Lukanovic are three right-handers just about as effective as any trio on any other club in the Western league. Haugland also is still on the Oiler roster, but may be traded. Vancouver, where Haugland pitched before coming to Tulsa, wants him back and negotiations are under way.

Clymer and Coffey Land.

Friel was pleased at the ease with which Bill Clymer and Jack Coffey landed new managerial berths, the former Tulsa and Des Moines pilots both going to the International league, a class higher than the Western.

"Both Bill and Jack had three offers to choose from," said Friel. "Clymer decided to take Newark, while Coffey went to Hartford."

It seems like a pretty hard assignment to take an International league club with Baltimore still a member. It seems that Baltimore outclasses the league so much the others are hopelessly out of the running before the season opens. However, the announced sale yesterday of Baltimore's star first sacker, Jack Bentley, to the Cincinnati Reds may be the forerunner of other deals that will bring Baltimore down somewhat nearer the level of the others. It would certainly help the league if this should result.

California and Illini Meet in 1923 and 1924

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—University of California and University of Illinois will meet on the football gridiron in 1923 and 1924. An agreement for these games was reached at a conference between George Huff, athletic director at Illinois, and Andy Smith, coach of the California football team.

California, it is expected will come to Illinois to dedicate the new stadium there in 1923, and the following year Illinois will journey to the coast.

Coach Smith also announced that a plan had been devised whereby the winner of the annual California-Stanford game on the coast will meet either Princeton, Harvard or Yale on New Year's day on the Pacific coast. The eastern teams will rotate in making the trip Smith said. The first of these games will be played in 1923.

Centre and Arizona to Play in California

DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13.—The Centre college football team will play the University of Arizona eleven at San Diego, Cal., December 26, it was announced by the athletic officials here today.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 13.—In a long distance conversation late this afternoon between Graduate Manager E. L. Barnes of the University of Arizona and President E. B. Gould of the San Diego chamber of commerce, the Arizona institution's football team accepted an invitation to play the Centre college team in the California city on December 26.

Under the arrangements the expenses of 30 bona fide members of the Arizona institution will be paid.

Japs' Net Star Goes Home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Ichiya Kumagae, one of the Japanese Davis cup stars, sailed for home today by way of Europe. The little Nipponese player said he probably will return next fall to make a try for the cup with Zeno-Shimidzu, who was his partner this year.

"Mikes" Taper Training.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 13.—St. Paul's two famous Mikes—Gibbons and O'Dowd—middleweight boxers, today will start tapering off in their heavy training for their 10-round no decision bout here on Friday night.

Noye and Purrell Meet.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Johnny Noye of St. Paul has been matched to meet Bud Purrell of Terre Haute in a 12-round boxing bout here tomorrow night. They agree to weigh 136 pounds.

Men Appreciate Gifts From This Store

Fine Silk Shirts—

Put one of these fine silk shirts in a Christmas box with a bit of holly and mistletoe. He will appreciate beyond measure.

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