

LATEST SPORTING EVENTS OF THE DAY

MUSHROOM CROP OF LIGHTWEIGHTS

Stars of Last Year Are Rapidly Giving Place to Bunch of Youngsters.

New York, Jan. 26.—That old adage, "Youth will be served," again is being demonstrated among the lightweights of today. Freddy Welsh, that wily old craftsman of the ring, took a severe beating from Hittcham Silver in the other night. John Dundee, who has held Johnny Kilbane, Willie Hittcham, Freddy Welsh, Matt Wells and other good ones even in hard bouts, went down to defeat in the hands of Willie Jackson in one round in Philadelphia. Ad Wolgast has hit the to-boggan; Leach Cross has written fits to his boxing career as the result of a decisive defeat, and other stars of a year or two ago have passed into the oblivion, all within the space of one short year.

In their places loom up such boys as Willie Jackson, Ed Leonard, Ed Walsh, Walter Mitchell, Tommy Tooney and Benny Leonard.

And the strangest part of it all is that with the exception of Leonard and Wallace, you won't find the records of these boys in the sporting annals that have just been issued. They have sprung into prominence, mushroom-like, from that cradle of lightweights, Harlem. They, like Harlem Tommy Murphy had a host of others, were developed at the New Polo A. C., that ancient little clubhouse in an out-of-the-way corner of Harlem where many a champion has sprouted.

Strangely enough, the advent of Mike Gibbons in this city was their inspiration. Both were more kids back in 1912 when the St. Paul pianist broke into New York and put up at the New Polo, where he trained for the bouts that subsequently brought him fame and fortune.

Boxed With Youngsters.

In those days the elusive Mike took a professional prize in boxing with the will-o'-the-wisp youngsters whose hearts and souls were in the game and in return for the speed that they unconsciously developed in him the genial Mike instructed them in the finer points of the game. And they proved apt pupils. As a matter of fact, Mike and Jackson have many of Mike's quiet and efficient bits of feinting and footwork nicely developed and prominent in their style of boxing.

Jackson is not quite 20 years old, Mike is nearly two years younger. And albeit they both began their professional careers at about the same time and place, they have never clashed.

Coincidentally Jackson suffered only one decisive defeat, and that at the hands of the same boxer, namely Johnny Kilbane, in the same place, Philadelphia.

The coincidence might be carried even further. At the same time Jackson and Dundee at the same club in Philadelphia only a few days after the Jackson-Dundee bout, but this match was cancelled when Dundee was unable to appear.

And now the matchmakers of two cities are vying with one another in an effort to secure a battle between Mike and Jackson. Jack Kilbane, Philadelphia's champion, is looking for it, and John Heiser of the Harlem A. C. is practically endeavoring to clinch it.

At any rate, it seems to look as if this year will see another grand scramble for supremacy among the lightweights, and it is almost a certainty that a new champion will be crowned in this class this season, provided, of course, that Mike keeps on fighting. And if he doesn't he'll have to retire, so it won't make much difference.

WASN'T A WHITE RAT SO QUIT THE STAGE

Nick Atrock, the leather-jugled member of the State's, is a business man now, having forsaken the stage. After being booked for a week in Chicago's suburbs, Nick, who draws pay from the Washington club, for keeping his team-mates in good humor, and incidentally coaching the young pitchers, has abandoned his hope of being a vaudeville star. His reasons for giving up his effort to elevate the stage are set forth in the Chicago Tribune.

"You see, I'm not a white rat," Nick is quoted as saying, "so the vaudeville managers are awfully nice to me and don't try to make me work as hard as the ball players may have to do on a strike, so I thought I had better get a regular job. I signed with the sporting goods store as a demonstrator. I suppose I'll have to show the amateur boys to wear a baseball uniform. It looks better than the stage stuff to me, and if I'm a success at demonstrating I won't need to worry if the boys do go on a strike."

THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF GREAT COLLEGE GAME

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 26.—In order to ascertain the effect of college athletics upon students, Dr. James Naismith, head of the department of physical education at the University of Kansas, has announced statistics compiled after extended correspondence with former athletes.

In securing his figures Dr. Naismith sent his inquiries to football players on teams should by this time be able to detect any after-effects of the game. The questions were sent to football men as that game, he considered, is the most violent of college sports.

To the question, "What injuries did you suffer while playing football?" 49 of the 85 replies stated they had received none. The other 36 answered that sprained ankles, broken noses and sprained knees were their common afflictions.

All but six stated they had completely recovered from their injuries. None were reported seriously incapacitated.

The value placed on the personal benefits received from the game varied greatly, although increased physical development headed the list. Among the other benefits derived were self-control, rapid judgment, wide acquaintanceship, determination and courage.

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LONG-ARMED BATTERS MAKE HEAVIEST HITTERS A STUDY OF THE HOME RUN CLOUTERS SHOWS

BY PAUL PURMAN

The hardest hitters in baseball—the fellows who connect with the old pill and drive it the farthest—the real fence busters, prove that the laws of physics work out in baseball just as they do in a scientific laboratory.

These slammers, almost to a unit, are tall men with long arms and most of them use long bats.

And the long hits result from the great leverage they get which cannot be attained by the player with short arms or the player who "chokes" up on his bat and pokes the ball.

The longest hitter is not necessarily the leading batter, and at the present time it is remarkable that the most powerful hitters in the two big leagues are not even in the 300 class.

Walter Pipp was generally credited the heaviest hitter in the American league last year. He batted only 262, but he led the league in home runs and made many "trippers" and "doobies." All of his drives were long and crashed to the outfield with remarkable speed and force.

There may be many fans who question Pipp's right to be considered the heaviest hitter in the league. I put the question up to Billy Evans, a great judge of batting, who told me he considered Pipp superior to either Sam Crawford or Joe Jackson on long drives.

Pipp is a tall, long-armed man. He uses a 36-inch bat, the longest permitted by baseball rules, and when he meets the ball with a free swing there is a tremendous leverage behind the swing.

Crawford and Jackson are both long-armed. Both meet the ball with free swings and get the advantage of leverage.

In the National League the hardest hitter perhaps is Fred Luderus of the Philadelphia club, a 290 batter last year, whose great reach, aided by the length of his war club, gives him tremendous hitting power.

Reese Zimmerman, who uses a much longer bat, and C. Williams of Chicago, are also terrific hitters. Both are long-armed and use long bats.

The leverage principle has always applied in baseball.

Perhaps the hardest hitter of all times was Ed Delehanty, whose death 14 years ago ended one of the most remarkable careers in baseball.

Delehanty was a free, hard hitter, whose consistency with the club made him one of the most feared men to pitchers and outfielders. His average of .327 in a nine-year career is most remarkable in the major leagues.

Delehanty looked an inch of being 5 feet tall, but he had remarkably long arms and used a long bat.



ABOVE, LUDERUS AND PIPP, HEAVIEST HITTERS IN 1916. BELOW, ED DELEHANTY, GREAT BATTER OF THE OLD DAYS.

FOOD FOR THE HUNTERS

Fifty-eight thousand four hundred and thirty-five muskrats were trapped in Wisconsin in 1916.

Pennsylvania maintains 18 game preserves, which cover an area of 149 square miles.

Ten thousand deer were killed in Maine during the past season. Nine thousand more were killed in California and 261 in New Jersey. In the latter state the season is only four days.

Two hundred and fifty bears were killed in Pennsylvania during the season just closed, which is a greater number than were killed in any of the western states. Eighteen bears were killed in Maine.

California paid out \$60,000 in bounties for mountain lions at \$20 each during 1916. Statistics show that a mountain lion will kill 50 deer a year.

Five game preserves and 67 bird reservations are maintained by the biological survey of the United States department of agriculture.

Wyoming appropriated \$50,000 in 1916 to be paid for the hides of coyotes at \$1.50 each. The sum was not enough. Thousands of coyotes were killed which the trappers could not collect for.

United States and Great Britain have signed a treaty for the mutual border protection of migratory birds. One of these days Uncle Sam will have a like treaty with Mexico.

Forest fires have been costing Pennsylvania \$25,000,000 a year. Statistics for Canada show that the provinces have been losing about \$9,000,000 annually because of these fires. They are expensive.

There wasn't a shooting accident during the recent hunting season in New Jersey.

Four hundred elk were killed outside of the north boundary of Yellowstone park during the last two days of the hunting season. The heavy snow drove the elk from the mountainous regions of the park to a lower altitude, where the hunters awaited and killed them.

The man whose eyesight is so poor he cannot tell a deer from a man of ordinary range should not be allowed in the range with a firearm, and the man who shoots at every movement of a leaf or branch of a tree should be debarred from even entering a woods.

BUTTE TAKES INITIAL GAME FROM BILLINGS

Outplayed in First Half, But Comes Back Strong. Score 22 to 20.

Billings, Jan. 26.—Butte's basket tossers last night defeated Billings 22 to 20. The contest was marked by hard play and uphill fighting on the part of the purple and white players. Butte overcame a lead of four points in the second half and emerged from the fray one basket to the good.

In the first half Butte was outplayed by the aggressive teamwork of the orange and black, but the visitors came back after the intermission and carried the Billings players off their feet. Myra scored 16 points for Butte, while Gabbart of Billings made 12. Butte outweighed Billings.

The game last night was the first of a series to be played by Butte on its initial basketball invasion of the eastern part of the state.

The lineup: Butte—Ladie and Priscoll, forwards; Myers, center; Crowley and Zande, guards. Billings—Gabbart and Langworthy, forwards; W. McDonald, center; F. McDonald and Aligo, guards. Referee, Maddox.

CUBS TRAINING TRIP TO BE STAG AFFAIR

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Spring training for the Chicago Cubs is going to be a stag affair. President Charles Weeghman has announced that all the players had been requested to leave their wives at home during the training period in California.

"It's a good thing to have the player away from his family during training," said Weeghman. "He gets his mind on baseball and becomes interested in the game. If he is alone he is going to stay out in the open air a lot instead of hanging around hotel lobbies."

"Another thing is that if the players associate they will talk baseball among themselves, and this is a feature worth considering. When going through his daily drill he is not so eager to get back to the hotel where a wife awaits him."

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TEXAS TO HELENA IN BOWLING MATCH

Denver, Salt Lake and Butte Will Participate in Telegraph Tourney.

High men from the plant and the commercial bowling teams of the Butte district organization of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company, who were in a match on the Marquette alleys in a big telegraph match to be held Saturday at 3 o'clock in the same alleys. All the western states will be represented in Saturday's telegraph match, scores for which will be relayed over private wires of the company.

The teams which will participate in the big match will represent Helena, Denver, Salt Lake and El Paso, Tex. The other teams are also picked from employees of the telephone company.

The commercial team defeated the plant team last evening two out of three games. Cannon was high man for the plant team with a total of 533, and Eaton was high man for the commercial men with 599. The scores:

PLANT TEAM.		
Cannon	143	179
Wenzel	154	128
Hinson	109	88
Hensley	152	122
Maher	172	118
Totals	730	635
COMMERCIAL TEAM.		
Albert	129	126
Clark	93	114
Murphy	107	116
Stryker	107	123
Eaton	164	221
Totals	600	700

GRIPS OF THE GREAT



Scientific billiard playing produces many grips. The upper picture shows Hoppe's bridge in making a massé shot. The center picture shows the grip on the cue of the right hand in the same shot. Below, Hoppe's grip in making a straight draw shot.



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COWBOY SPORTS FOR STOCKMEN'S MEETING

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 26.—A program of cowboy sports and frontier races is now being arranged for the entertainment of the delegates who attend the convention of the Panhandle and Southwest Stockmen's association here on March 8 and 9. In addition to the roping, riding, broncho "busting" and other similar sports, there will be relay races and a chuck wagon supper. Champion riders and ropers have been engaged for the program.

The convention of the association has become an annual feature of the stockmen's life in the southwest.

SPORT GOSSIP

"Bill" Tate of New York and Langford had another meeting in Kansas City. At the end of the fight the referee decided Tate had the best of it. The men are nearo heavyweights.

Jack Britton had the best of O'Dowd in their ten-round go at it last night. Britton made a strong bid in the last round, which won him the fight. O'Dowd was nearly groggy at the bell. For the first nine rounds the fight had been very even.

According to Business Manager of the New York American the now 14 players under contract to the Yankees include: Baker, third base; Paugh, shortstop; Gedeon, second base; Mullen, first base; Magee, left field; Nunnemaker, catcher, and Caldwell, Fisher, pitchers.

George Cunningham, one of Jesse Timmerman's, has signed his contract for the coming season. Most of the others are coming to terms. Outfielder and Third Baseman Viti are the ones now classed as holdouts.

"Nemo" Leibold, the diminutive fielder of the Chicago White Sox, is expected to be traded to the St. Louis Cardinals. Twenty-two of the Sox have come to terms with their boss.

Tris Speaker visited Hal Chase at Cincinnati last week and, according to dispatch from that city published in an eastern paper, "his presence was known until after his departure." It is little wonder that the Cincinnati doesn't make any showing.

Joe Tinker has become a genuine league mascot. In addition to his playing in the Columbus amateur association team, which he will pilot the season, Joe owns a half interest in the Peoria club of the Three-Rive league.

Two members of the Harvard basketball team, William F. Robinson, guard, and George C. Caper, tackle, are in the American ambulance corps in France. Captain Wheeler of the Crimson performed similar service for months last year.

Freddie Welsh, the lightweight king, declares his intention to take example of Frank Gotch, the champion wrestler, by retiring from competition before he loses his title. Welsh has fixed next July as the time when he will lay aside his gloves for good.

MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT "REGULAR" ASSIGNMENT

George Sisler, who, Barney Dreyfuss says, ought to be playing for his Pittsburgh team, and who is acknowledged to be "the most versatile player in baseball," may be given a different "regular" assignment with the St. Louis Americans this year. Since Sisler left college in Michigan and joined the Browns for a tryout as a pitcher, he has played a number of different positions in the infield and outfield, all with consummate ease and grace. He appeared at first base for the Browns in a great majority of the games last season, but report has it that he is slated for the outfield next season. Fielder James realizing that his young star stands much more chance of being injured playing the initial sack than he would in chasing flies in the garden.

If Manager George goes through with the plan he is said to be contemplating the vacancy may be allotted to Gene Paulet, the Little Rock (Ark.) high school boy, who was given a tryout with the New York Giants. Paulet has been in the Southern league for the last three years. He has made quite a reputation as a batter in this organization, and also is said to handle himself cleverly at first.

WHEN THE BUSHERS MEET THEN THE FUN BEGINS

When "busher meets busher" then the fun begins. Al White, the lanky right-hander, now with Great Falls, was tried out with the Oaks last season at Boyes Springs, and was pitching for the Regulars one day against the Yankees. Drolette, an Oakland youngster, now playing ball in the Imperial Valley, was catching White. The pair got along fine for a few innings and were beginning to feel quite cozy. Finally Bill Zimmerman came to bat and Drolette signalled for a slow one. White shook his head to indicate his disapproval of the plan, and immediately Drolette yanked off his mask, trotted out to the pitching mound and blurted out: "Say, you busher, where d'ye get that stuff. You'll get fat in this league shaking off my signals."

White chuckled a slow one, and Zimmerman hit it for two bags. White and Drolette weren't good friends after that.

HOCKEY PRACTICE

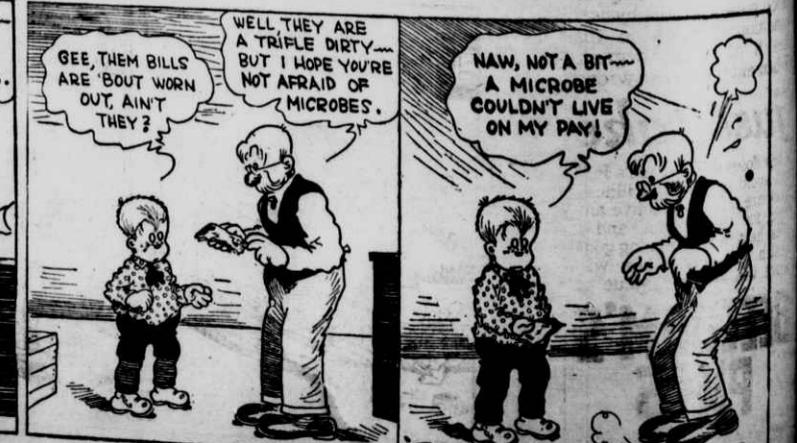
There will be a hockey practice at the lake tonight and tomorrow night in order to put on the finishing touches for the big battle Sunday when Anaconda comes here. As the games now stand Butte still has a chance to win the local championship, but that chance is none too bright. Anaconda has won four games, lost two and tied two. Butte has won two games, lost four and tied two.

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