

NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

NEW CHAMPIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

OLD DAD TIME TELLS OF THE MANY NEW CHAMPS HE MADE IN YEAR 1917 FOR THE SPORT FANS



(1) Mike O'Dowd, middleweight champion; (2) Eddie Cleote, leading American League pitcher; (3) Miss Gertrude Artelt, swimming champion; (4) Earl Caddock, heavyweight champion wrestler; (5) Pete Herman, bantamweight champion; (6) "Pants" Rowland, manager champion White Sox; (7) Hank Gowdy, first big league ballplayer to enlist; (8) Ted Lewis, welterweight champion; (9) Eddie Lonah, champion National League batsman; (10) Benny Leonard, champion lightweight; (11) Miss Thelma Darby, record holder for 100-yard swim.

THE YEAR'S CHAMPIONS

Baseball.

World Champions—Chicago White Sox.
American League Champions—Chicago White Sox.
National League Champions—New York Giants.
Leading American League Pitcher—Eddie Cleote.
Leading National League Pitcher—Grover Alexander.
Leading American League Batter and Base Stealer—Ty Cobb.
Leading National League Batter—Eddie Roush.
Leading National League Base Stealer—Max Carey.
High Spots of Baseball Year.
Ty Cobb hits safely in 35 consecutive games.
Grover Alexander won 30 victories for his third consecutive year, tying Matthewson's record.

Football.

Eastern Champions—Pittsburg university.
Big Ten Champions—Ohio State university.
Southern Champions—Georgia Tech.
Pacific Coast Champions—Washington State college.
Southwestern Champions—Texas A. & M.
Missouri Valley Champions—Nebraska university.
Leading scorer of the year—Ingram, U. S. Naval Academy, 162 points.
Team leading in scoring—Georgia Tech.

Boxing.

Heavyweight—Jess Willard.
Light heavyweight—in dispute.
*Middleweight—Mike O'Dowd.
*Welterweight—Ted Lewis.
*Lightweight—Benny Leonard.
Featherweight—Johnny Kilbane.
*Bantamweight—Pete Herman.
Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde.
*Title won this year.

Tennis.

There were no championship tennis matches this year. R. Norris Williams and Miss Molla Bjurstedt retaining their national titles.

Golf.

There were no championship matches this year. Chick Evans and Alexa Stirling retaining their titles.

Turf.

Running—Hourless greatest winner of the year.
Pacing—Miss Harris M. set new record for mares at 2:09.

Athletics.

Indoor record, mile—Johnny Overton, 4:18.
Indoor record, 1,000 yards—Johnny Overton, 2:14.
Indoor record, two miles—John Ray, 9:11 2-5.
Indoor record, 50 yards—Jo Loomis, 06 2-5.
Indoor record, 300 yards—A. B. Kelly, 3:1 2-5.
Outdoor record, 15-mile walk—Ed Benz, 2:07:17 3-5.

Skating.

Oscar Mathewson retains world speed skating championship.

Swimming.

In swimming carnival at Honolulu Norman Ross set eight new swimming records. Perry McElberry two, and Duke Kahanamoku, Ludy Langer, Harold Krueger and Michael McErmott each one.
At the same carnival Miss Olga Dornier, Miss Claire Galligan and Miss Dorothy Burns set new records in all events for women from 50 to 500 yards.

BY OLD DAD TIME.

I did pretty well in 1917. I made new champions galore, especially in the pugilistic world and on the baseball diamond.
I made "Pants" Rowland kingly among big league managers and gave him a world series championship. In doing the latter I am frank to confess that I had the able assistance of Heinie Zimmerman.
I made Eddie Cleote the most noted of pitchers by influencing American league batters to the belief that his "salute ball" was unhittable.
I made Eddie Roush, the red-hosed wonder of Cincinnati, new champion batter of the National league. What kept me from making a new champion swimmer for the American was Ty Cobb.
I made Hank Gowdy the champion of all baseball by leading him into an Uncle Sam uniform—the first big league player to volunteer.

I made Mike O'Dowd champion middleweight boxer and no one who has seen the "Fighting Harp" in fine action can say I didn't do well when I thrust the crown upon Mike's pompadour dome.
I made Ted Lewis welterweight champ, although I'm open to argument as to whether or no I made a fizzle of that job. Maybe I crowned the wrong man. I don't know, but I will the minute Ted gets into a real battle.
I made Benny Leonard champion lightweight. That was some neat job, even if I do say so myself. Benny has it on all the other million or two promising lightweights. But I do wish Benny would stop talking about going to a Sammy training camp—and go.
I made Pete Herman champion bantam.
I would have made a new champ heavy and a feather, too, but for a couple of good reasons—Jess Willard and Johnny Kilbane.
I made Earl Caddock champion wrestler, thus taking the title from one

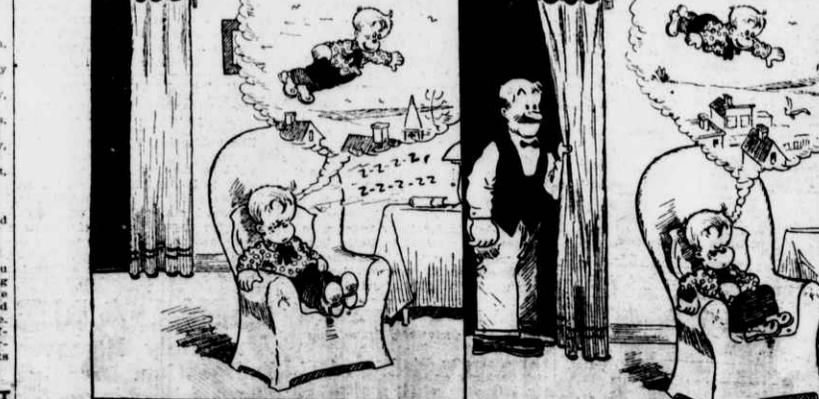
farmer, Stecher, and giving it to another son of the soil. Maybe I should have handed the rassing medal to Olin, the wonder Finn. What do you think?
I made Pittsburg champion in the eastern football world; Georgia Tech in the south, and Ohio State in the west.
I made Miss Gertrude Artelt champion 100-yard woman swimmer, and aided little Miss Thelma Darby in defeating Miss Claire Galligan, national woman's champion swimmer on the 500-yard course.
I made Miss Harris M. queen of the harness world, seeing to it that she gained the honor of being the first to pace in two minutes.
I—and, fellows, I am sorry, just as sorry as you—took away two of the best men who ever pleased a sport loving public, Robert Fitzsimmons and Frank Gotch, than whom better or finer men never entered the ring or went to the mat.
I did a lot, didn't I? You bet I did! And I only had 365 days in which to do all this.

BENTON'S CAREER IS REAL ROMANCE OF THE DIAMOND

Union, S. C., Dec. 31.—Rube Benton, star pitcher for the New York Giants, who won the third game of the world's series by shutting out the Chicago White Sox 2 to 0, after they had won two games, began his professional ball career in 1908 in this city. Union in 1908 captured the championship for the south in semi-professional ball, and from its teams have gone forth many players whose names are known in state and major leagues.
"Rube" pitched in Union during the summer of 1908 for the stupendous salary of \$25 per month and board. He first came to Union with a mill team from Greer, and pitched in his bare feet. This did not give him luck, as he lost his game on account of his lack of control, which was his biggest drawback while pitching semi-professional ball. He went to Whitmore from Greer, and Union got him from Whitmore. He pitched three games for Whitmore against Abbeville three days in succession, and won them all. He then traveled all night after the last Abbeville game to get to Union, as Union was to play Wadesboro, N. C., the next day.
When Benton arrived in Union at 5 a. m. he was put to bed by Union's manager and told to sleep until 1 o'clock.
but in less than 15 minutes he was out on the streets again. He saw some of the Wadesboro players, who claimed they hadn't been defeated during the whole season, and would run away with the Union team. Benton bet them \$50 he would win his game against them. He pitched that afternoon, and did win, striking out 18 men. His speed was terrific and his curves broke like they had hinges on them. But he was about as apt to throw the ball behind the batter as in front of him, on account of poor control.
Batting Average Nothing.
Rube also had trouble in fielding his position, as he would watch the runner instead of the ball, and very often a bunted ball would go between his legs without being touched. That's the way the opposing team would beat him, by bunting as they couldn't connect with his delivery any other way.
While pitching he was always in a good humor, and was never known to kick on the umpire's decision. His batting average while here was just about nothing, as he got only one hit during the season.
Benton left Union and went to Lake-

land, Fla., to pitch in the Florida league. When the short season was over he went to Columbus, Ga., to try to get with that team in the South Atlantic league. The Columbus manager, Jim Fox, turned him down, saying he already had plenty of "horn ball players," but he landed with Macon in the same league and beat Columbus on his first start, and before the season was over he set that league on fire. No catcher ever got more from him than Kalkoff of Macon. The next season Cincinnati bought him from Macon, giving in exchange for him two players and \$4,500.
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



COAST BOXER HAS A GREAT RECORD

Eddie Pinkman Has Participated in 126 Battles in Brief Career.

Eddie Pinkman, the crack lightweight, who will be seen at the Broadway Friday night in a match with George Ingle of Seattle, has made a great record in the brief time he has been in the ring. All told, he has fought 126 battles and only six of these have been checked up against him. One of his better defeats was administered by Ingle a couple of years ago.
That Pinkman carries a punch in his mitt is shown by the fact that he has put to sleep 42 of his opponents. Some of the best of these were Johnny O'Leary, who claimed the lightweight championship of Canada. When O'Leary and Pinkman met it was a battle royal from the tap of the gong. Both landed like the fray and turned loose everything they had. The first round was even, but in the second the terrific blows administered by the coast boxer began to tell. In the third O'Leary was rendered unconscious by O'Leary's jaw and the pride of Canada took a nap. Other men who received the same treatment from Pinkman were "Frenchy" Vaise, Louis Brown, chief Neff, Travis, Frankie Sullivan, Billie Lauder and several others of the fast stamp.
Just at present Pinkman is going at top speed. He has been training daily for weeks for his coming bout with Ingle and those who have seen him in the workouts say that Ingle will have to be up to the Benny Leonard standard to stop the soldier boy. Ingle holds a reputation over Pinkman, and Eddie is determined now that he has the chance to erase that blot from his record.
There will be six bouts pulled off at the show Friday night. The first pair pitched in the ring promptly at 8:15 o'clock and the others will follow in quick succession.
The officials are as follows: Dr. Dan Donohue, referee; Frank Conley of Deer Lodge and J. G. Gillis, timekeepers, and Lieutenant Marquand, announcer.
Manager "Bob" Graham, who is making the arrangements, states that there will be no smoking allowed in the theater and that everything will be conducted in a most orderly and gentlemanly manner. The exhibition is being staged for the benefit of the mess fund of the coast artillery boys stationed in Butte and is expected to realize a goodly sum for the worthy cause. Tickets were placed on sale last week and have been going at a good rate ever since. The indications are that the playhouse will be packed with fans who desire to help the soldiers and at the same time see some clever exhibitions of the manly art of boxing.

ROUGH TACTICS OF THE GIANTS INJURE TEAM

Nines Refuse to Play With National Champs Who Pull Rough Stuff.

New York, Dec. 31.—The fruits of rowdy baseball are being served up to the Giants. The White Sox, who exemplified the unsportsmanlike tactics of Artie Fletcher and Charlie Herzog when the two clubs met in the world's series, have refused to meet the Giants in a spring series of exhibition games in the south. The Detroit Tigers likewise have turned down an offer.
The Detroit refusal to participate in the proposed series may be laid directly to the door of Charlie Herzog, and his determination to "ride" Ty Cobb when the teams were playing last year. The result of this kind of baseball by Herzog was a fight on the field at Dallas, Texas, and another in a hotel after the game. Cobb left the Tigers and declared he would not play where it was necessary for him to use his fists as well as his head.
Cobb has partially been absolved from blame in his altercation with Herzog through the tactics of the Giants' second baseman in the world's series. Partisans of the Giants' side of this argument were treated to some of the Herzog rough housing that series, when Charles undertook to take a ride on any of the White Sox sliding into second base. He hopped astride Buck Weaver, Happy Folsch and others as they went sliding into the sack.
It was so much fun that Artie Fletcher also tried it and added to his afternoon by craftily trying to trip White Sox runner when they sped by him on the way to third base. It was around these two players that the trouble circulated during the series, and which nearly led to a general fight between the teams as time approached for the final contest. And by their action, they are deprived of the chance to meet the Sox in a spring exhibition series, and perhaps earn back some of the prestige they lost last fall.
Tricky baseball is nice to watch, but there were few fans either in Chicago or New York who approved the Fletcher-Herzog style. Clarence Rowland made the assertion that he hopes he never would have to send his White Sox again against such ball players as the Giants had proven themselves.

HENDRICKS TO MANAGE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis Association team, today signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.
"My meerschaum pipe doesn't color very fast."
"Lay it out in the sun. I think it would tan."

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NO PATIENCE WITH CALAMITY HOWLERS

Comiskey Working on Assumption That Baseball Will Be Successful.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the champion White Sox, is planning for a successful season next year notwithstanding the war.

"I am going on the assumption that the country will benefit from baseball, and that it is necessary in order, in some measure, to relieve the strain, I am planning for as great and successful a season as we ever had on the South Side," said Comiskey. "It is quite possible and, in fact, probable, that some of our stars will be missing during the coming season. I do not particularly care to my own team. This goes for all of them. We may lose a favorite or two, and again we may not. This is no worry to me, as I know that the fans will see this into consideration. The public will understand when the country leaves on our men and perhaps wrecks a team here and there. I have always found that the patrons of our games take these setbacks philosophically, and all that is necessary to hold their confidence is to do the right thing by them."

"I have no patience with those preaching calamity all the time. Now is the time, if it ever was, when every one of us who stay at home should be cheerful. The country needs that as much as men and material. Looking at the bright side during the darkest days will have a lot to do with winning the victory across the water. Baseball should furnish that side of life."

FABER MAY WEAR THE KHAKI SOON

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Red Faber, White Sox hurler and star of the world's series, is in Chicago direct from Pilot Boat, Ore., a spot said to be thickly populated with deer, mountain lion, grizzly bear and other big game.

Although no one seems to know why Faber should come here in the dead of winter, one of his friends hinted it might be for the purpose of enlisting for war service. Faber is in the draft and is unmarried.

COVELESKIE OF TIGERS TO ATTEMPT COMEBACK

Detroit, Dec. 31.—Harry Coveleskie, formerly the leading lefthander on the pitching staff of the Detroit Americans, will try to come back next spring. He was almost worthless to the club last season because his pitching arm went back on him.

Coveleskie has been taking treatments and hopes to convince Manager Jennings that he should receive another trial. "Cove" is married and is not subject to the draft.

SOLDIERS WIN GAME

The basketball game Saturday night between the coast artillery team and the Grimes-King five resulted in a victory for the soldiers by the score of 21 to 10. The battle was fast and the spectators were treated to some clever work, especially by the khaki lads.

DAD'S ALWAYS GETTING INTO TROUBLE!

FRECKLES! FRECKLES! WAKE UP!! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO TO BED—COME!

GOSH, POP—WHY CAN I NOT FIND MY PLACE IN MY DREAM AGAIN!

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