Mat Marvels After Harbertson

Jack Is Side Tracking Londos

Nelson-DeCourt Also Seek Go

Is Jack Harbertson side-tracking the big stars of the mat game? That is the opinion of the top notchers in the mat game according to Jim Londos, Greek heavyweight champion, and rated as one of the best men in the United States in the squared circle. Londos was an Ogden visitor yesterday en route to Sioux City, Omaha and Chicago where he is slated to appear during the present month.

"For more than two years I have been seeking a contest with Harbertson, but to the best of my knowledge the local man is side-tracking me," said Londos.

"I am willing to meet the local man on any terms, split gate, winner take all or any other terms that can be agreed upon. I am tired of bowing to Harbertson for a match and the majority of the fans are of the opinion that he should be seeking a contest with me. I have met the best men in the game, including Stecher, Caddock, Lewis, Santel, Taylor and other wonders of the mat and hold the Greek heavyweight title.

"In my recent match with Ad Santel who holds a victory over Harbertson, I won in straight falls and am anxious to vie with the Ogden man, here, on the coast or at any place he wishes to meet me.

"If the match is arranged I want it to go to a finish best two in three falls, in order that the fans may see the winner depart from the circle after the contest is over. I have met Stecher on two occasions and made good records on each occasion. I will clash with the world champion either at Chicago or New York for the title this month. I am open to meet any man in the world barring none, and one man in particular is Jack Harbertson."

George Nelson of Preston, Idaho, is one of the men, Nick Decourt is the other and Londos the last one. All three men claim that Harbertson refuses to meet them on the mat and they have all chorused, what is the reason?

Men of the calibre and class of Londos, Nelson and Decourt are few and far between in the United States and if Harbertson wishes to add to his laurels he should meet these stars. If he has any reasons for not wanting to meet them, in order that the fans of the city and state may know just where he stands.

Nelson has been seeking a match with Harbertson for more than two years and thus far has been unsuccessful. Last spring Harbertson signed to meet the Idaho wonder but at the last minute failed to keep his contract, according to Idaho fans.

"I want to meet Harbertson and if he doesn't want to meet me on the mat, the least he can do is to come out publicly and inform me," said Nelson.

Nick Daviscourt, known in the mat world as Decourt, is also anxious to clash with Harbertson. While in Ogden a few weeks ago Decourt stated that he would make weight for the local man if a match were forthcoming.

"I will post $1,000 with any reliable man in Ogden for my match with Harbertson, if the match is made. The money will be forfeited and may be given to any organization in the city, if I fail to pin Harbertson's shoulders to the mat. Furthermore my end of the gate may also be given to charity or any other purpose if I fail in my bargain."

Daviscourt made the above statement in the presence of four representatives of the Standard-Examiner and in a recent letter stated that he was eagerly awaiting for news from Harbertson.

Men who expect to promote mat contests in Ogden in the future could bring no better men in the United States to Ogden to meet Harbertson than Londos, Decourt and Nelson. They are all first raters, and would be a boost for the game here.

But until Jack can express his reasons for not wanting to meet these men, future contests will be held in wonderment. What say you, Jack?

SUCH IS BASEBALL

Evers Will Now Manage Player Whose Famous "Boner" He Capitalized

By DEAN SNYDER.

Scene shifting in the baseball show plays strange tricks of "coincidence sometimes.

Next year, Fred Merkle will be playing under the man who capitalized his copyrighted bonehead play back in 1908 and beat the Giants out of the pennant.

The quick thinking brain of Johnny Evers which figured out that historic play like a flash will be doing Merkle's think for him in 1921.

COSTLY PLAY.

But we wonder if the author of the famous boner has any more like them in his system and if one will crop out at some inopportune time and cheat the new Cub pilot out of a money series.

Merkle's failure to touch second in that game twelve years ago cost each and every Giant player approximately $1000.

The Merkle boner of 1908 came late in the season when the Giants and Cubs were dashing down the pennant stretch neck and eck.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

In the crucial game two were out in the ninth inning. The score was tied. McCormick occupied third and Merkle was on first. Bridwell hit safely to the outfield. The crowd swarmed across the field. McCormick crossed the plate. Merkle started toward second stopped and ran to the clubhouse. Evers, then the great Cub second baseman, noticed Merkle's omission to touch second and complete the play. He shouted to Schulte, to toss him the ball. Evers called to the umpire and touched second with the ball. The umpire declared Merkle forced for the final out, and McCormick's run did not count.

The tie game was played over later and the Cubs won—the pennant going with it.

EVER'S RECORD.

That's how smart Johnny Evers was twelve years ago. He was one of the celebrated trio of the "Tinker to Evers to Chance" play. The Cubs won four pennants while he was a member of the fast clicking machine. He went to Boston in 1914 and the Braves copped that year.

During the war he served abroad as baseball director for the Knights of Columbus.

HELPED GIANTS.

This year, when Christy Mathewson's health failed, McCormick called Evers in to coach the faltering Giants. The rapid rise of the McGrawites after he began to adorn their coaching box showed that the Evers brain was still very much alive.

Evers gave McGraw all the credit, however, "I simply put the dash and pepper in the boys," he said.

Everyone assumed that McGraw's mantle would fall on the midget pepperbox. But the team which he once helped make so powerful as a player has called him to take the place of Fred Mitchell.

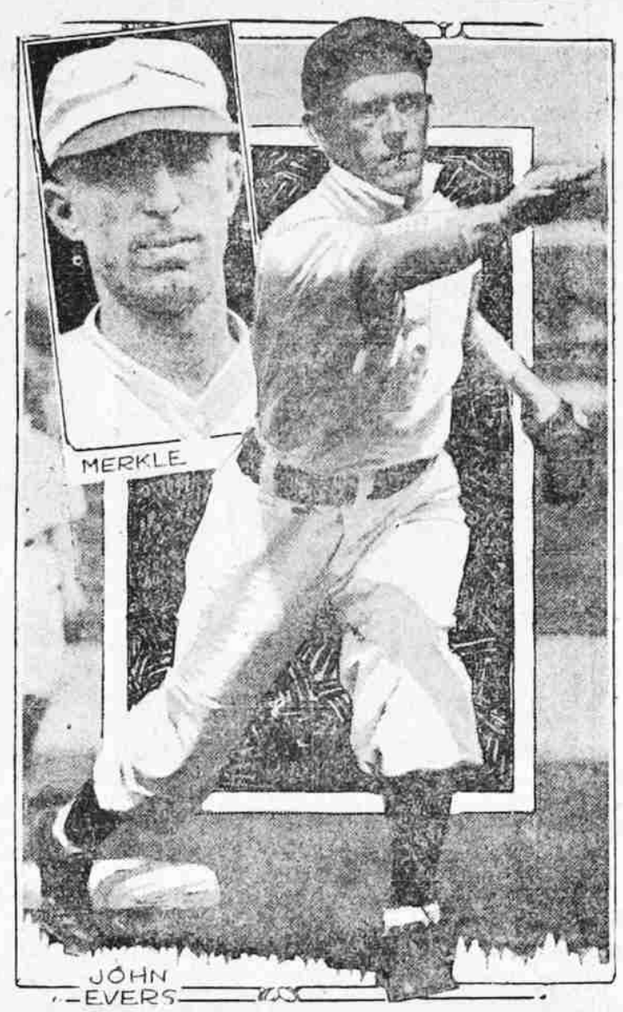
MERKLE'S JINX.

Merkle ordinarily is a good ball player. But he seems jinxed as a money ball player. His failure to go after a high foul off Tris Speaker's bat in the world's series between the Giants and Red Sox in 1912 kicked New York out of a world championship that year.

He seems to be jinxed as a goat player in a crisis.

Will he unburden himself of another boner under the alert master mind of the Cub's new leader?

We shall see.



Here are the principals of the most famous bonehead play of our baseball. When Fred Merkle failed to touch second in that memorable game between the Giants and Cubs, 12 years ago, Johnny Evers had a brain storm which cost the New York Giants the pennant. The Merkle "boner" made him the baseball goat for years, but now his showing since then has made fans partly forget it—that is as much as it will ever be forgotten. Plays of the Merkle kind make baseball history.

Nate Raymond Named As Head of Gambling Machine Says Murphy

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4.—Adding one more chapter to the mass of testimony in the Pacific Coast baseball league scandal, Rod Murphy, infielder of the Seattle club, appeared before the grand jury yesterday and gave the probers the name of Nate Raymond, reputed "king of gamblers" of the coast, as one man who was alleged to have conspired to bring about crooked baseball.

Murphy came to testify before the grand jury pursuant to the request of President McCarthy and other officials of the league in their efforts to cooperate in cleaning up the scandal.

"Nate Raymond offered me $250 to fix games," said Murphy, "but I turned it down. That was in Seattle."

TRAP FOR GAMBLER.

Murphy appeared before the grand jury with "clean hands." He told the jurors how he not only rejected the offer of Raymond, but also told of his efforts to assist the manager of the team to trap Raymond.

Murphy was the only witness called today.

Deputy District Attorney Stafford, in charge of the grand jury probe, said the investigation will not be concluded for another day. He intimated that other witnesses might be called. Babe Borton, central figure in the investigation, and the former Vernon player whose confession caused the grand jury probe, probably will be recalled before the hearing is concluded.

DALE STILL ABSENT

"Stafford said today he had received no further word from Jean Dale, former pitcher of the Salt Lake team, wanted as a witness Stafford said, however, the absence of Dale as a witness would not delay the investigation or any subsequent action which the grand jury might decide upon.

Hurling a hot one into the evidence uncovered in the grand jury probe, President Maier of the Vernon club today revealed for the first time a thwarted attempt of gamblers to "fix" Willie Mitchell, Tiger pitcher, to throw games. Virginia Dorr, motion picture actress whose name has been mentioned frequently, was the medium proposed as the go-between in reaching Mitchell, according to Maier. She is the same girl whose name was linked with Borton's activities in the bribing of certain Salt Lake players to throw games.

"We are satisfied that gamblers were behind Borton in his payouts," said Maier. "We know that one gambler went to this girl and importuned her to influence Mitchell. She said it was useless to attempt it, as Mitchell wasn't that kind of a fellow. Three witnesses heard Miss Dorr say this."

MONTREAL TILT MAY BE BANNED

Promoters Say There Will Be No Scrap Between Dempsey and Willard

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Promoters of the Dempsey-Carpentier heavyweight championship bout denied today that this contest would be preceded by one between Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard. The return match between Dempsey and Willard is to take place on March 17, according to a statement made by Dempsey in Montreal yesterday.

It is known, however, that such a match has been in the making for some time, and a definite announcement is expected to follow the formal signing of the Dempsey-Carpentier contract Friday.

Willard and many of his supporters have been clamoring for a return battle against Dempsey, but tentative arrangements made several months ago were side-tracked for the Dempsey and Carpentier match.

It is stated on good authority that the Dempsey and Carpentier contract will permit Carpentier to engage in friendly battles in Europe and Dempsey in America before their clash next summer. Neither can invade the pugilistic territory of the other prior to the championship fight.

A clause will provide that in case either Carpentier or Dempsey is defeated previous to their meeting in the ring the contract which they are expected to sign Friday will become null and void.

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GIVES MEXICO BUSINESS DIRECTORY

(By International News Service)

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Nov. 3.—General Pascal Aritz Rubin, Minister of communications, has taken steps to give Mexico a business directory, something which has been greatly needed.

He has obtained the co-operation of the confederate chamber of commerce of Mexico and the American chamber of commerce, as well as other organizations.

When published, it is said, the directory will be one of the most complete of its kind ever issued in any country.

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of the French army on the Rhine until last March amounted to nearly two billion francs.

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One-third of the voters in Idaho are women.

UTAH TO MEET COLORADO CREW

Fitzpatrick's Crimson Warriors En Route to Boulder Minus Services of Stiefel.

Coach Tommy Fitzpatrick and his University of Utah gridders are en route to Boulder, Colorado, where they will endeavor to roll the boulders all off the lot Saturday afternoon. However, the crimson will have plenty of competition.

Last week at Denver, the Colorado aggregation played the Colorado college eleven to 7-7 while the Utahns fell before the attack of the Colorado Springs eleven by a 20 to 2 score.

Mose Stiefel, star halfback of the crimson aggregation will not be in the fold in the coming contest. Mose was injured in the contest against Nevada at Salt Lake last Saturday and will in all probability be out of the game for the rest of the season. His loss will be keenly felt.

Captain Prouse who was injured in the game against the Colorado Springs eleven has not been out for practice this week but will probably be in the fold when the whistle sounds Saturday. He is regarded as one of the best ends in the Rockies.

The men making the trip are: Prouse, Decker, Swan, Hancock, Hurd, Evans, Stevenson, Franke, Grey, I. Clark, Silver, Seigfus, Snow, Smith, Oswald, Romney Ferguson, Ure and Watkins.

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TRAPSHOOTERS MEET TO LOCATE GRAND HANDICAP

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Discussion of what part amateur trapshooters will have in the affairs of the American Trapshooting association, election of officers and choice of a place for next year's grand American handicap, were the chief questions before the annual meeting of that organization here today and tomorrow.

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BOLD STORE ROBBERY IN MEXICAN CITY

(By International News Service)

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Nov. 3.—Robbers are increasing in boldness here. A band has invaded the Avenue Francisco I. Madero, Mexico City's chief thoroughfare, and looted one of the large drug stores, carrying off goods valued at 12,000 pesos or $6,000.

The Insider Says

The football hero sat upon
The walnut tete-a-tete;
He had a macaroon or two
Upon a Sevres plate.
He held a teacup in one mitt
And it was fine to see
Him hold his little finger out
So very properly.

The orchestra began to play
A lively little tune,
With funny little jazzy jumps
Played by the big bassoon
The fullback put his cup aside
And caught a co'ed's eye,
Whereat she hustled to her feet
In manner rather spry.

And as he was about to place
His arm about her waist,
The coach came hustling in the room
And to the couple chased.
"Get out of here," he rudely cried,
"You great, big wooden-face;
Go to your room, it's 10 o'clock,
I'll dance this in your place."

The football player is like the boxer—he must have his mind on the game.

Studies must be considered, of course, but the football athlete, take him by and large, does not worry about his class work. Some have been eliminated from the game by poor marks, but one rarely hears of a gridiron star becoming unnerved by worrying over his standing in classes.

When a boxer begins to think of the white lights and the luxuries that come with big purses, he starts to slip. The successful boxer must have enough of the bulldog in his make-up so that his mind is altogether on beating the other fellow.

So it is with football, more than any other college game. The gridiron demands top condition and full devotion.

It does not help a halfback if he imagines he can hear, above the shouts of the rooters and the signals of the quarterback, the sweet vocalization of his beloved. If he tries to pick out his sweetheart's pennant from the sea of flags in the stands, he is even worse off.

Along this line Dean Flickinger, of Northwestern university, recently asked the students to abandon their tears and dances until after the football season.

"The football men who are in training and cannot dance," he said, "do not like to see their best girls dancing with other men."

Fair enough. It is not hard to imagine a jealous twinge affecting some star's playing.

Fraternity activities and college parties are fine, but they should not be allowed to interfere with football.

Football has considerable power as an advertising medium. A good team helps a college recruit freshmen.

The champion now bides his time
When he can fight once more—
But just the same he's boxing
And he's training as before.

He toys with harmless hitters
And he doesn't have to fight—
The slaps intended for his chin,
They don't carry dynamite.

The critics are asking what effect the habit of pulling punches will have on Jack Dempsey's copyrighted wallop since he keeps on training and boxing with no business in sight.

Dempsey is training as diligently today as he was in those memorable weeks before he crowned the Kansas giant.

At his Long Island traing quarters, Jack is doing road work and everything.

He doesn't take those long 20-mile jogs as the old-timers used to do and lose all his speed on the road. Dempsey is of the modern school. His distance is about 10 miles, but he does it by dashes and walks.

His trainer applies the rubbing process following the road jog.

After lunch Dempsey motors over into the big town where his boxing quarters are located at the Van Kelton Stadium, Fifty-Seventh St. and Eighth Ave.

Admirers by the score flock there daily to chat with the champ and see him don the pads for a few rounds.

Jack is so good-natured that he boxes with anybody who comes along and asks the honor. Many stage folks seek notoriety by getting in the ring with him.

The show consists of no real training for Dempsey. He lets them hit him because they enjoy it and their taps carry no sting.

He lets Big Bill Tate wallop him to keep in condition for absorbing smashes. But Jack never has a chance to let himself out. It's all pulling punches with him.

The habit of restraining his wallops may not hurt his hitting powers. Again such a practice may. But what is he going to do? If he knocked over his sparring partners his work would soon be confined to mere shadow-boxing.

Meanwhile, the time clock ticks on and the greatest hitting champion can't get any business.

And we wonder if Dempsey has passed the peak in his hitting powers and if he'll ever be quite the same socker he was the time he put Toledo on the map and ruined Willard's!

The English Bible for the horse
Has filled us all with keen remorse—
It says that Man o' War's proud name
Can't be put in the book of fame.

The little kink of controversy between English and American-bred horses crops up in the case of Man o' War—America's wonder horse.

British authorities will not give the son of Fair Play a place in their official turf registry because of the Lexington cross in his pedigree.

English critics only dream horses worthy of registry in their records that show a clear title from the English to the American stud book.

Spendthrift, the great grand sire of Man o' War, cannot be proved to be a thoroughbred owing to loss of pedigree records.

Early records of several famous families of American horses were not carefully compiled, and academically it detracts from their standard.

Iroquois, a horse bred in America, won the British derby.

But for all that, if America's wonder horse were to be entered in the English derbies, most of the racing and breeding enthusiasts of the U. S. A. would stake the Fair Play colt to win the buttons.

American-bred horses have won a fair percentage of their races in the British derbies in the past—thoroughbred or not.

And Man o' War, though barred from the "400 family" of English horses by a slip in the records, would be the next if given a chance, most everyone believes.

Man o' War should worry! He's won a place in American history. That's 'nuff.

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During the World War, 35 death sentences were inflicted on American soldiers by general court martial.

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A new kind of concrete permits nails to be hammered into it.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—Leave It to Tag to Know. By Blosser.

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