

CALL'S DOUBLE PAGE OF SPORTS

KRAPP MAY JUMP TO OUTLAWS

Other Stars of Coast League Are Also Wanted by the Federal

By JOE MURPHY

The Federal league, which has confined its raids up to date to clubs located on the other side of the Rockies, has started after several Pacific Coast league stars.

The new organization appears to be in the field to make a fight, and it is sure to make matters unpleasant for the club owners who are not known as outlaws.

Gene Krapp, the sturdy little hurler of the Portland Beavers, is flirting with Federal league agents, and it is possible that he will join the fold. Krapp was not at all satisfied with his berth with the Portland club last season, and as the so-called outlaw league is offering lucrative inducements to players to take a chance in the new field, it would not be surprising to see Gene cast his lot with the new invaders next season.

If Krapp decides to take a chance with the outlaws it will mean the further weakening of McCredie's fine pitching staff, which carried the club along to victory last season.

While Krapp was wild last year, at the same time he pitched winning ball for the club and showed his best form during midseason, when McCredie needed a winning pitcher most. He finished the season with a good record.

It is known by the officials of the Pacific Coast league that agents of the Federal league have been secretly working among the players of the Coast organization.

Big Jeff Overall was made a fat offer by George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City club of the Federal league. Another player who has been approached is Elmer Koestner, the crack pitcher of the Venice Tigers, who is slated to go to the Chicago Cubs this season.

Koestner will stick with the Cubs as long as he can make good.

The program seems to be to shift Koestner back to Venice if he can not make good with the Cubs. In this event Koestner declares that he will join the Federal league sooner than return to the coast.

The outlaw organization is likely to play havoc with some of the Coast

They Landed on the Judge Around the Corner

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By Tad



Martin Hurt on Toboggan Slide

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—At the opening today of the famous Cresta toboggan slide, J. H. ("Skeets") Martin, the American jockey, who has been riding for several years past in Europe, was thrown from a toboggan and seriously injured. It is said he is suffering from concussion of the brain.

ly by the magnates in this section. Outlaws work in the dark and they do not come out boldly and announce their intentions.

Del Howard and Ovie Overall had a conference a few days ago in Los Angeles, but not a word was mentioned about Overall returning to the Seals. It was a hearty meeting between the pair, which took place in Hap Hogan's billiard parlor.

Howard and Overall talked baseball for some length of time, but they did not get to the point of Overall returning to the Seals.

"I will look you up again, Jeff," was Howard's parting remark when the pair separated.

Howard will remain in Los Angeles until after the first of the year.

Frank Dillon, leader of the Angels, will likely bring outfielder Spencer to the coast. He is the property of the Washington club, and he is said to be one of the most promising young outfielders on the Washington club.

Even Frank Dillon of the Angels thinks that Cack Henley and Harry McArdle are good enough for his club and he is willing to trade a couple of his players for the veteran Seals. Howard is not inclined to trade with the Coast league clubs. He knows the value of both players, but Del has the notion that both of them have been too long with the Seals.

Howard will have a lot of luck if he succeeds in picking up a first baseman who can play the bag up to the McArdle standard. Old Mac is regarded as a weak hitter, but he has his share of bad luck, too. He hits the ball hard, but not in the right direction.

NEW ORLEANS SPORTS SEE RITCHIE SHADE THEIR IDOL, MANDOT

This is the fourteenth of a series of stories of the life and battles of Lightweight Champion Willie Ritche, written exclusively for The Call.

By WILLIE RITCHIE

I arrived in New Orleans about the middle of June to get ready for my bout with Mandot, which was scheduled for June 24. The reception which I received there was a whole lot different from the one they gave me in New York. The New Orleans sports were all there to give me the welcome hand, and I have had a warm spot in my heart for them since.

Mandot was right in his prime then. He was the lightweight champion of the south, and they were boosting him for a battle with Wolgast. He was looked upon as an idol by all the fans, for he had gone up and down the line and defeated everybody they sent in against him.

The local champion was made a 10 to 7 favorite over me, and there were some bets at 2 to 1 on him before we entered the ring. All the fans seemed to take much interest in my work, but they were not slow in telling me that I was in for a licking when I met their champion. They were very nice about it, but they did not concede me a chance.

Although the weather was warm and sultry, I managed to whip myself into pretty good shape. I made the weight without any trouble, and I knew that it would be up to me to make good there if I hoped to stay up among the top notches. Mandot's great reputation did not frighten me at all. That Wolgast fight made me a very confident boy.

FIGHTS CAREFULLY WITH MANDOT

I really believe that I would have knocked Mandot out that night had I taken a chance. But I made up my mind that I had better fight a careful fight instead of wading in and slugging. I was a stranger in a strange land, and I realized that, if there was to be a shade, the local champion certainly would get it, for he was the big card.

Mandot did not open up, either. He used his cleverness, and he would not even lead at me. The fight was a slow one for the first four or five rounds. He wanted me to lead, and I tried to coax him on, but he looked to be laying for a chance to slip one over on me. This is why I kept so well guarded and covered up all the time.

The last four rounds found me doing most of the work. I was the aggressor, although I confess that I did not connect with many good punches. I found Mandot to be a clever boy, who knew how to get away from a punch and how to lead with his left and score points. In fact, he proved to be about the cleverest boy I ever met.

Things looked about even when we shook hands at the tenth and final round. It was then that I decided to cut loose and play for a knockout. I knew that he could not get me in a round, and I felt that I had the better punch and might possibly hang one on him, so I got my trusty right hand ready and started to tear when the bell rang.

SCORES OFTEN IN LAST ROUND

It was a case of slambang and hammer away on my part. I cut out all the clever stuff and did not mind his left hand at all. He managed to put in many of them to my head, but I was strong and fresh.

Finally I connected with my right cross and sent Mandot to the ropes. He was dazed and staggering, and I thought I had him. I rushed in and landed a couple more, but he showed that he was a very tricky lad, for he covered up and stalled till he got out of the corner.

Once more I got after him and had him in distress from a couple of rights to the head. I was pounding him at the ropes when the bell sounded. I just missed making a knockout.

As it was a no decision fight, I did not get the official credit for winning, but two of the papers said that I had the lead, while two more called it a draw, so I felt very well satisfied.

Right after that fight they gave me a chance to do a turn on the stage, and I accepted a week's engagement. My act seemed to go pretty good, for I got a nice hand every time that I stepped before the footlights.

The sports of New Orleans treated me like a prince. They could not do enough for me. I was presented with a handsome gold belt buckle and a pearl stickpin, which I prize as highly as any gifts I ever received. I never will forget the hospitality of those New Orleans fans.

I was rather disappointed after the battle that I did not get some offers to fight in San Francisco or New York, so I decided that the best thing I could do would be to get out and hustle again.

WATCHES WOLGAST-RIVERS BOUT

I left New Orleans for Los Angeles on July 1 on the Elks' special train, which was en route to Portland for the big convention. They honored me by making me a guest, and I regretted very much that I had to leave them in Los Angeles, but business was business with me.

There was nothing much doing for me in the Angel City, but I decided to stay over and take in the Wolgast-Rivers fight on the fourth of July, for I wanted to study the styles of both men.

Yes, it was some fight while it lasted, and it looked pretty even to me when the finish came so suddenly. Unfortunately, I did not see the blow which ended it all. It might have been a clean knockout or it might have been a foul, for all I know. Wolgast was the aggressor, but Rivers showed lots of speed and his blows seemed to hurt the champion.

I think that I learned a whole lot by looking at that battle. It gave me a chance to size up the work of both men, and I felt more convinced than ever that I would be the lightweight king if I ever did get another crack at Wolgast; but, of course, the fans around Los Angeles only laughed at what I said. They could not see me at all.

I tried to get on with Rivers then, figuring that the north against the south would make a great attraction; but the Los Angeles fans all wanted Rivers and Wolgast over again, so I decided that the best thing to do was to hit out for the home town and see what I could do in the way of getting an ordinary match, just for expense money.

The next chapter of the life of the lightweight champion will appear in Thursday's Call.

British Bantam Is Winner Over Mooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Young Fox, who claims the bantam weight championship of England, outpointed Joe Mooney of this city last night in a fast 10 round bout at Madison Square garden.

Britton and Hurst Sign in Quakertown

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A bout has been clinched between Jack Britton of Chicago and Joe Hurst of Philadelphia, who recently stood off Mike Gibbons in a six round go in Philadelphia. Jack McLaughlin matching them over the long distance to try conclusions. They will meet on New Year afternoon in Philadelphia.

DENVERITE BUYS INDIANAPOLIS FRANCHISE

James C. McGill Pays \$175,000 for American Association Club

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—James C. McGill, owner of the Denver club, three times champions of the Western league, has purchased the Indianapolis franchise in the American association. The deal, which has been pending for several months, was consummated here when McGill, through Jack Hendricks, the Denver manager, paid a heavy instalment of the \$175,000 purchase price to Sol Meyer, former master of the Indians. In addition the new management comes into possession of the Springfield, O., club of the Central league, a holding of the Indianapolis club.

The details of the transaction, which involves what is reputed to be the biggest price ever paid for a minor league franchise, was made public last night. McGill, who is a nephew of the late "Pittsburg Phil" of turf fame, interested another uncle, William Smith of New York, in the venture and will sit in as active head of the Indianapolis club. Jack Hendricks will take over the leadership of the team and expects to leave Chicago within a few days to make his home in the Hoosier capital.

President McGill has let it become known that he will continue to operate the Denver club and a new manager will probably be appointed there to succeed Hendricks. McGill, who is now in Venice, Cal., expects to hasten to Indianapolis immediately after the holidays to meet Hendricks, and the last payment on the franchise will be made within 30 days.

During his baseball career at Denver, President McGill has enjoyed phenomenal success. Starting as a manager in the mountain city in 1910 with Hendricks skipper of the team, McGill saw his athletes struggle into second place in the circuit, presided over by "Tip" O'Neill. Championship honors went to the Grizzlies in 1911, 1912 and 1913 with the team winning more than 100 games each season.

There is a possibility that the Springfield holdings will be shifted to South Bend, as the fans in that city are clamoring for a position in the central circuit, but the fate of the Ohio city will not be determined until President McGill arrives here from the coast.

National Umps Must Discipline Players And Preserve Order

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Strict discipline on the baseball field is one of the things, President John K. Tener of the national league will demand of his umpires, according to his secretary, David Leroy Reeves, with whom he has discussed the umpire problem. The only person who can preserve order on the ball field is the umpire, President Tener said, and he added by way of emphasis that in matters of discretion and judgment, where the umpire is not specifically guided by rule, he should be supreme.

President Tener's idea of what the ideal umpire should be was expressed as follows: "I think an umpire should be consultative but firm, positive but polite, quick but undemanding, strict but reasonable."

Regarding the disciplining of players, he said: "One of the cardinal principles of justice is that every man should have an opportunity to be heard, to present his side of the case. If a player is guilty of the charges submitted by the umpire the ends of justice can be served just as well by suspending the player three or four days after the violation has occurred and at the evidence received and investigated as by an immediate suspension following the report of the arbitrator."

Barbarians Depart For South Tomorrow For Soccer Battle

The Christmas holiday season is to be a busy time for the soccer football players. Tomorrow night a strong team of the Barbarian club men will eleven will line up against the pick of the southlands.

CHANGE OF RULES Basket ballers should understand that several rules have been changed this season. The new rules were quoted and commented on in The Call some time ago. If the basket ballers would study these rules closely and digest them, instead of simply scanning them over, there would not be the necessity for flashing books with antediluvian rules in the face of referees or any one else. If a man wants to be successful at the game, he has to keep step with the new conditions.

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