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SPORTING NEWS

TED MEREDITH IS GREAT ATHLETE

Pennsylvania's Speed Boy Is In Class by Himself.

WAS SENSATION AT OLYMPIC

As a Merc Boy He Won 800 Meters Championship in Stockholm, Sweden, For United States—His Secret of Success.

Taking athletic history in the region of 1912 one finds emblazoned the name of Melvin W. Sheppard—Peerless Mel, they called him then. Track and field athletics had never known such a wonderful middle distance runner as Sheppard, and experts predicted that there never would exist a man his equal at foot running. Yet the day came—and was then not far distant—when "Shep" first hit the trail to oblivion. His star had only begun to fade when there appeared in the athletic firmament another star destined to shine even brighter than had Sheppard's.

James Edward Meredith—plain Ted, as he is known throughout the ath-



Photo by American Press Association. TED MEREDITH, PENN'S GREAT RUNNER, READY TO START.

letic world—first came into prominence about the time that Sheppard, after eight years of the most constant success ever enjoyed by an athlete, had virtually run out his string, and it was only a short time before his name eclipsed that of Peerless Mel.

Meredith was a sensation of the Olympic games at Stockholm in 1912, when as a mere boy he won the 800 meters championship for the United States and in doing so hung up new world's records for 300 meters and 800 yards, marks that compare favorably with any on the record books today. From the day of his triumph in the Olympic meet the Pennsylvania youth—he is only twenty-three today and with several of the best years of an athlete's life before him—ruled supreme as a middle distance runner, and those who once said that Sheppard would never have an equal are now making the same assertion with regard to Meredith.

Athletics is a game of the survival of the fittest, for the most part, and Meredith long since proved himself the fittest of them all in his line. There are two predominant reasons why Meredith is today, besides the world's quarter and half mile champion, also holder of the national 440 yard championship and both the 440 and 880 intercollegiate titles. Figuratively speaking, he has the strength of an ox, and he possesses a fighting spirit that might have made him a formidable man in the ring had his inclination turned to boxing rather than to foot running.

Beyond question Meredith is the strongest individual who ever essayed to gain fame on the cinder path, and it is chiefly through his extraordinary strength that he has been enabled to attain the success that has been his for nearly four years.

A man of smaller and less rugged physique than Meredith would long ago have broken down under the strain of the strenuous campaigns that the University of Pennsylvania youth has been through. Athletic careers have been wrecked through the same course of work that has made Meredith the great runner he is. In order to keep in condition and to attain his best form after a layoff Meredith has to do almost twice as much training as the ordinary runner, but his remarkable stamina endures all the work that is asked of it by the stocky Pennsylvanian.

Meredith is a born runner. Had he never been put in touch with an athletic coach or trainer nor even eaten from a training table he would have been a great runner just the same. He could not be held down. His ability could not be denied, nor could his great power of lungs, of less and of arms have failed him before he reached the top.

New Cue Circuit Planned.

An Interstate pocket billiard league on lines similar to the Interstate three cushion league may be started in the near future.

HERE'S A LONG DISTANCE SWAT.

"Hub" Perdue Made One Two Base Hit in Eleven Years.

"Hub" Perdue once made a two base hit. It happened eleven years ago. The amazing discovery was made by one of our southern contemporaries.

There are thousands and thousands and millions of persons who are of the opinion that the one time Brave and Cardinal pitcher never even made a single. But facts are facts. One must give the de—that is, "Hub"—credit when he's got it coming to him.

In May, 1905, "Hub" was with the Hopkinsville (Ky.) team in the "Kitty" league. It played at Vincennes. Along about the fifth inning "Hub's" turn came to bat.

He closed his eyes, swung—and a crash was heard. "Hub" opened his peepers, saw the ball shooting on a line for the fence and ran—as far as second base.

If "Hub" hadn't been so overconfident with surprise by his feat he could have made three bases and probably a home run on it," says the historian.

RUCKER POSSESSES A NOODLE

With Arm "Dead," Brooklyn Pitcher Continues to Win Games.

Alpharetta is a very small dot on the map of Georgia, about twenty-seven miles up along from Atlanta, but it is a place of great historic associations. It was there, as any citizen of Alpharetta can tell you, that George Napoleon Rucker first saw the light of day back in 1885, and it was on the Alpharetta lots that the great showpaw of the Dodgers first won applause as a twirler.

Little did they think, those Alpharetta citizens who cheered the red haired, barefooted, rickled kid as he pitched the village nine to victory, that they would some day be smoking cigars and chewing plug tobacco named in his honor.

Napoleon Rucker started his tenth season in the Brooklyn uniform this season. Ten years ago Pat Donovan, the leader of the tribe of Ebbets, sent his Georgia discovery into the box against the Boston club. Nap was visibly "skeered" when he went out there before all those cheering fans, and in the second inning he made two wild throws, a couple of wild pitches, passed a man and let a Boston base runner steal home while he held the pellet in



Photo by American Press Association. NAP RUCKER OF BROOKLYN IN ACTION.

his hands. After that little flurry Nap steadied down and pitched masterly ball, and although he lost his first big league game, the score was only 3 to 2.

In his younger days Rucker used to put a lot of speed on the ball, but now he is famous as the possessor of the best slow ball in captivity. The Georgian's arm began to go back on him about three years ago, but he retained his gray matter intact and developed a slow curve that has been the despair of many star swatters. It is a more difficult matter to connect with Nap's slow tenners, say those in a position to know, than to connect with the merchandise of the speed boys. Napoleon's cranial appendage is a filing cabinet in which he has stored the learning and lore he has been accumulating for years, and he knows the weak point of every National league batter by its first name. Last season Rucker used his slow ball exclusively, and his arm grew stronger in consequence.

Lajoie May Quit In Year.

While no one can venture to predict when Hans Wagner will play his last ball game it is a pretty good guess that Nap Lajoie will retire after the coming season, for his \$9,000 contract will expire at the end of the 1916 campaign, and he will not be likely to accept a cut or take the management of some minor league club.

Bowling a Costly Investment.

It is estimated \$200,000,000 is invested in bowling alley equipment in this country.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns: American League, Clubs, Won, Lost, P. c.

American League Games Today. Boston at Cleveland. New York at Chicago. Philadelphia at St. Louis. Washington at Detroit.

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At Detroit: Detroit 3, 5, 1; Washington 2, 5, 1; Dube and Stange; Harper, Ayres and Henry.

At Chicago: New York 5, 8, 2; Chicago, 0, 6, 0; Mogridge and Nunnemaker; Williams, Scott, Benz and Schalk.

At St. Louis: St. Louis 3, 7, 4; Philadelphia 2, 1, 2; Davenport, Koob and Hartley; Sheehan and Meyer.

Table with columns: National League, (Saturday Games), Clubs, Won, Lost, P. c.

At Boston: Boston 3, 7, 9; Chicago 2, 9, 0; Allen and Gowdy; Vaughn, Fenwick, Brown and Archer.

At Philadelphia: Philadelphia 2, 5, 1; St. Louis 0, 9, 2; Alexander and Killifer; Meadows, Bank and Snyder.

At New York: New York 7, 9, 1; Cincinnati 4, 11, 5; Anderson and Bariden; Schultz, Knetzer and Wingo.

At Brooklyn: Brooklyn-Pittsburg, wet grounds.

Table with columns: American League, (Sunday Games), Clubs, Won, Lost, P. c.

At Cleveland: Cleveland 4, 13, 1; Boston 3, 9, 4; Bagby, Morton and O'Neill; Mays, Foster and Thomas.

At Detroit: Detroit 4, 4, 0; Washington 3, 8, 5; Hamilton, Daus and Stange; Gallia, Lee and Henry, Ainsmith.

At St. Louis: St. Louis 4, 7, 0; Philadelphia 3, 6, 1; Koob, Groom, Weisman and Hartley; Myers and Meyer.

At Chicago: Chicago 12, 16, 1; New York 4, 6, 1; Russell, Danforth, Fisher and Schalk; Fisher, Russell and Nunnemaker.

MANDIGO THE WINNER.

Won Contest for Pin Boys of the Masonic Alleys Saturday.

The pin boys at the Masonic alleys called Saturday evening their match for the championship and a handsome prize offered by two members of the bowling association, and the youngest lad, Mandigo, was a winner, with a three-strike total of 249. Renard hit the pins for two good spares in the last string and secured the high total of 95. All of the boys in practice during the season have struck marks above 100. The following were the scores in the regular contest:

Table with columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2, Total.

College Baseball Results.

At Worcester, Holy Cross 1, Fordham 1 (six innings, rain). At Cambridge, Harvard 5, Princeton 1.

At Andover, Phillips-Exeter 2, Phillips-Andover 1. At Providence, Brown 3, Amherst 2. At Ithaca, Williams-Cornell, rain.

At West Point, Syracuse 1, Army 0. At New York, New York university 4, Rutgers 3 (10 innings). At Hanover, Dartmouth-Boston college, rain.

At Gardiner, Colby 6, Bates 0. At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 3, Yale 0. At South Bethlehem, Lehigh 4, Lafayette 1.

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PERSONAL. Mrs. Nash went Saturday to visit her son, Merrill Nash, in Salisbury. Frank Holbrook, who had been in the Memorial hospital, came to the home of his sister, Mrs. C. F. Reed, today.

PERSONAL. Miss Mildred Haurahan of Hinsdale is in town to stay until tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Otis of Watertown, Mass., were weekend guests of Mrs. Otis's sister, Mrs. L. F. Adams, returning to their home this morning.

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