

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

Baseball Guides Are Not Entirely Useless



TENNIS CHAMP FLASHY PLAYER

R. Norris Williams II Has Had Meteoric Rise in Court Game

R. Norris Williams II, the new American single tennis champion, whose sensational defeat of Maurice E. McLoughlin at the National tournament at Newport, furnished one of the most startling upsets of the present sports season, has had a most meteoric rise in the court game.

GREAT RACING DUEL SET FOR SEPT. 24 AT GRAND RAPIDS.

Dr. J. C. McCoy, who manages the sensational stallion Direction L., was notified yesterday that the owner of William had signed the agreement for the match race at Grand Rapids between the two horses.

MARANVILLE LIKE STREAK OF LIGHTNING ON FIELD

STAR OF BOSTON BRAVES AROUSES ENVY OF OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE PILOTS.

Rabbit Maranville, shortstop of the Boston Braves, is the lightning spark of this amazing team. He is a wonder of baseball, being the size of a boy with the speed of a hawk.

When fans go off to see the Braves play they go chiefly to see Johnny Evers, the great trio of pitchers—and Maranville.

Chief among the attractions is the manner in which he catches a fly. He dashes after it and then stands looking up at it as it descends. His arms lie loosely at his sides. He doesn't set himself a particle. The ball comes down rapidly. It nears him, faster and faster.

Just as it comes on a level with his head he puts his hands together at his waist and mechanically catches it. He is the only star in captivity who catches a ball in this remarkable manner.

Fans gasp when he performs the stunt. They are always looking for him to drop it—but he apparently never does.

Maranville gets a grounder unlike other shortstops. He snatches up the ball in a most unconcerned fashion and can whip it across at fearful speed. One has to wonder where he gets the strength. There is no jerk to his movement, no effort whatever.

Then, when he is at the bat. He has a short, heavy stick. This he holds in the middle so that about a foot and a half is left to crack the ball. And it's no infrequent thing to see him while a double or a triple.

The lad has all sorts of pep and works like a whirlwind with Evers around second.

Some boy, this Rabbit Maranville.

MAKING GAINS IN AUSTRALIA

Baseball Has Greatly Increased Popularity in the Far East

Reports from Australia indicate that baseball is growing steadily in popularity. The game was greatly helped by the visit of the American professionals last year. Whereas ten years ago but two of the states of the Commonwealth could boast teams, South Australia has joined New South Wales and Victoria in fostering the game.

A feature, also, of the accounts of the games in the newspapers, is the employment by the writers of American baseball slang. But it is rather curious to note that a shut-out is called a "Chicago," which is a word practically obsolete here. As indicating the hold that the American national pastime is gaining upon the Australia sporting world there was an interstate baseball carnival in Sydney from August 1 to 8, and New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia competed against each other in numerous games between boy nines and between adult nines throughout the week.

JOHNSON IS VOLUNTEER.

Negro Fighter To Assist in Defense of Paris.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Jack Johnson stands a good chance of getting into action of the real sort in France. The boxing champion has volunteered with the French army and has been assigned a place with a regiment in Paris that is now awaiting orders.

The chances are that this regiment will take part in the defense of the French capital unless the march of the German invaders is stopped. Johnson, having taken out only his first papers as a French citizen, could not join the regulars, but after the French government asked all three of Jack's automobiles along with everybody else he decided that he might just as well volunteer. In other words, Johnson is not a member of the regulars, but only a volunteer.

BASEBALL

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

National League.

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows include Brooklyn, Boston, New York, Philadelphia.

Second game.

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows include Chicago, Pittsburgh.

American League.

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows include Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York.

Cleveland

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows include Cleveland, St. Louis.

Boston-Washington game postponed.

LOUIS DISBROW WINNER.

Auto Driver Who Raced Here Star at State Fair.

Louis Disbrow, nosing out the field in the last lap of a final heat, won the Michigan State Fair sweepstakes in a free-for-all auto race, at the state fair, says the News Tribune of Detroit.

In a 10-mile contest, driving a Simplex "Zip" he came first to the finish line in the fast time, for a circular dirt track, of 9 minutes, 15 3-5 seconds.

The race was the most closely contested, and the most exciting of the events which closed the two-day program. The first heat, run Sunday, over a 25-mile distance, had resulted with Disbrow, first and E. Hearne, in a Case, and J. Cleary, in a Belgian-Tornado, second and third. The second heat yesterday, was won by J. Raimey in a Case Comet, with B. Chandler, in a Braender Bulldog, second, and George Gaebel, in a Burman special, third.

The six winners raced the third heat for a distance of ten miles. For the first three miles, Hearne, in his Case, led the field, until Disbrow gained the lead. For two laps he held it, until J. Raimey, in the Case Comet, ran ahead. Until the final lap Raimey was the first to finish, each mile, until at the finish, with both cars so close together that a decision was hard, Disbrow forged to the front in the last 100 yards.

The time of the track was faster than it had been the preceding day, but the attempts of Disbrow and the others to lower the track's mile record of 49 2-5 seconds were unsuccessful. The best was Disbrow's speed of 50 2-5 seconds.

JESS WILLARD BRAVE SCRAPPER AGAINST SMALLER OPPONENT.

"Somebody must have kidded" that syndicate that is said to be backing Jess Willard into believing that Willard is a fighter, says the Evening Wisconsin. And it's a pretty safe bet that most of them never have seen him scrap. If they had it would be more than passing strange that they should invest ten cents in the big cowboy.

Willard, against a little fellow, shows up like a powerful fighter. He seems brave and fearless. So would you be brave and fearless if some fellow about half your size tried to swap punches with you. But against a man of his own size and power Willard is a different kind of a fighter.

FOR THE C. & H. LEAGUE HONORS

Baseball Tournament is Scheduled Here for Charity

The Ahmeek, Hubbell and Lake Linden baseball teams will meet at the Calumet Athletic park in a grand baseball tournament next Saturday afternoon, to decide the championship of the C. & H. league. The entire proceeds of the attraction will be given to the Calumet Associated Charities.

As a result of Hubbell's victory over Calumet in the one game scheduled for last Saturday, the three teams above mentioned are now tied for the league championship. Instead of arranging a special series of games between those teams, the above mentioned tournament was decided upon as offering a prize sport novel to the fans of Calumet, and at the same time providing the means of rendering valuable assistance to the Associated Charities.

The first game will start at 2 o'clock sharp and will be between the Ahmeek and Lake Linden teams. Fifteen minutes after the conclusion of this contest, the winners will engage with the Hubbell team in the decisive game. Both contests will be of seven innings duration.

Tickets will be sold at bargain day prices, 25 cents for adults, ten cents for children and ten cents extra for grand stand seats, covering both big attractions. The sale of tickets will be pushed vigorously this week by the promoters of the contest and by workers for the Associated Charities.

It is announced as an added attraction that the C. & H. band will render a concert program at the park, immediately prior to the game and during the contest.

Automobiles will be parked about the grounds, especially in the outfield. Room for 100 or more cars is available.

Hubbell Bests Calumet.

The Calumet-Hubbell game at the Athletic park Saturday afternoon proved a baited in which four Calumet twirlers had to retire before the fierce onslaughts of the visitors, whose oft repeated attacks enabled them to capture twenty hits, Hubbell won by the score of 15 to 10.

The Hubbell defense was far from impregnable, however, and the eight errors, some of which were made by Pitcher Smith, contributed largely to Calumet's scoring.

Foley started in the box for Calumet, but was weak after pitching on Friday and succumbed in the middle of the second inning after allowing three hits and two runs. Murphy replaced him and lasted until the middle of the third, giving Hubbell five hits and four more runs. Foley went back for the rest of the third, contributing a two-bagger and another run. Rompf then took the box, and after striking out two in the fourth and getting safely through that inning, gave Hubbell three hits and four runs in the fifth. Then Charlie Peterson went on the firing line and Hubbell went after him for six safe hits and four runs in the remaining four innings.

Clean hitting in the sixth was responsible for two of Calumet's scores. Long hitting featured, with eleven hits for extra bases, one a home run by Valliere of Hubbell, two three-base hits and eight two-baggers.

The score: R H E Hubbell 12 40 2 0 1 0-15 29 8 Calumet 0 2 0 0 2 2 3 0 1-10 8 6 Batteries—Smith and Lachance; Foley, Murphy, Foley, Rompf, Peterson and Pascoe.

Standings of the Teams. Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Ahmeek, Lake Linden, Hubbell, Calumet, Hecla, Portage.

ring like sea lions. A couple of comedians staging a burlesque prize fight couldn't have made a bigger farce of things.

And this same Willard, who seemed frightened half to death by the lumbering Morris, has been yearning for a chance at Jack Johnson, the king of the division, and a bunch of "capitalists" have formed a syndicate and backed him. Wonders keep on popping up, don't they?

ENGLISH BILLIARDS.

"Willie" Hoppe Thinks They Are Interesting After a Test.

"Willie" Hoppe, who seems unable to outgrow his diminutive copnomens, in spite of the fact that he is the American champion at billiards of all styles, has been practicing six hours or more daily for two months, perfecting himself to the English game, at which he is to meet Melbourne Inman, the English champion, in a contest beginning Sept. 25.

Mr. Hoppe thinks he has mastered the technique of the game so well that after his games with Inman in their combination contest he will be able to perfect himself in its intricacies so that he will be able to successfully challenge the holder for the championship of the world.

In speaking of the English game Mr. Hoppe said: "I find the game full of attractive features and interesting plays, which make it particularly interesting to a spectator. It is really a splendid game after one has mastered its peculiarities, and gives opportunity for all the skill an expert player at the French game requires, and some added curves that he does not get a chance at even in pocket billiards. It requires steadiness, surety of stroke, finesse, and the eye of an eagle. There are some features that I think have not been fully developed by the English champions, and I think I may get them so that they may prove useful to me in my ambition to become the world's champion at this game. I surely would like to get that title and so in a measure, at least, compensate America for the loss of the polo cup, the Davis tennis cup and the light-weight boxing championship.

"While I may not yet be able to defeat Mr. Inman at his own game, I think I have an even chance to do so. At all events, if I am beaten, it will be because I am not so clever at it as he is, for I shall try hard, and have a lot of confidence in myself, so that I shall not go to the table a beaten man before I begin the game. It is a whole lot to have developed that far at least. I appreciate thoroughly that I am up against a strong player, the best in the world by the records, but that was an experience I had when I began playing for the championships at the American and French games, so that it is no novel experience. If I am beaten it will not be because I have not worked hard, simply that I have not become a master of the game, as I expect to be in the end."

KEEPS UP GREAT WORK.

Hannes Kohlemaier Running in Good Form in Finland.

Hannes Kohlemaier has been doing things athletic in Finland. A big meet was contested at Tampere on Aug. 1 to 4 and there were many exceptional performances. Hannes won four events—the 2,000-meter race in 9 minutes 6 2-10 seconds, 5,000 meters in 15 minutes 38 seconds and 10,000 meters in 31 minutes 27 2-5 seconds. The latter is a new Finnish record, but Kohlemaier did 31 minutes 20 4-5 seconds in the Stockholm Olympics.

The great Finn also ran an hour race, covering 11 miles 924 yards, which is 497 yards short of Joan Bouin's world's record.

J. Myrta threw the javelin 295 feet 24 inches at the same meeting.

INMAN'S HOUSE IN LONDON NOW TROOP HOSPITAL.

New York, Sept. 14.—News was received in New York yesterday that Melbourne Inman, the English champion billiardist, who is to play a championship game with Willie Hoppe at the Astor hotel on Sept. 25, has turned his beautiful home, known as St. John's, at No. 12 Grange road, Gunpowder, West London, over to the British government for the use of troops who pass there from Aldershot to the front, and for hospital purposes.

This news was received from Mrs. Inman, who will reach New York on board the steamship Mauretania in time for her husband's great match with the American champion. Mrs. Inman is confident her husband will win this international championship billiard match, and as Hoppe entertains a contrary opinion, a contest worth going miles to see doubtless is on the cards.

Inman is still practicing six hours a day at the Windsor hotel in Montreal, and he will arrive in New York this week, where he will remain until the billiard match is finally pulled off.

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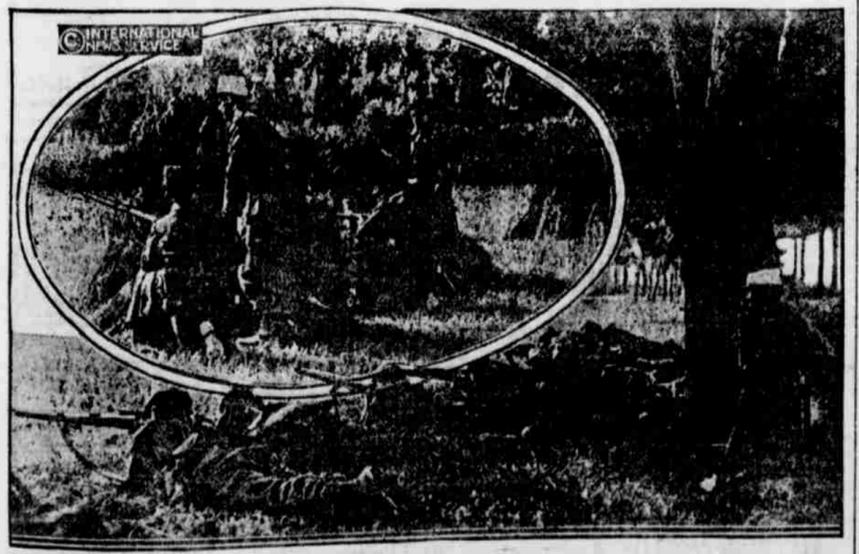


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ENDLESS WORRY. "Your wife doesn't seem to be enjoying her vacation." "No, she keeps wondering if the canary will know her when we get back."—Kansas City Journal.

J. R. Brown, supervisor of Indian schools in Oklahoma, says Indian boys are no lazier than white ones.

WHERE IS IT? Give me the land of pure delight That knows no boundary fence; Where wardens neither bark nor bite— And censors never cense. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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