

NEW YEAR HAS WHOLE FISTFUL OF CHAMPIONS TO START WITH

The season of 1913 was productive in the world of sport. The light-weight boxing title changed hands, and an effort is now on to declare it vacant because Willie Ritchie cannot make 133 pounds.

Francis Outmet, a mere boy, won the open golf championship, by playing the crack professionals from England off their feet.

Maurice McLoughlin has been placed first in the tennis ranking. Charlie Brickley, the Harvard goal kicking wonder, is the season's champion football player.

There is no recognized heavyweight, middle or welterweight boxing champion.

Ralph De Palma is the king of the automobile road drivers. Frank Gotch is still heavyweight champion wrestler.

Johnny Kilbane is undisputed boss of the featherweights. Ty Cobb reigns as the champion batsman and Walter Johnson as the greatest pitcher in baseball.

Duke Kahanamoku is the greatest sprint-swimmer in the world. Howard Drew is the 100-yard sprinting champion.

When it comes to trick football plays, you've got to hand it to a bunch of Ballard kids. The Ballards were playing the Woodland Parks for the championship of the north section, and the game had been scoreless up until the last few minutes of play.

The teams were lined up, when suddenly the captain of the Ballards, who played fullback, shouted, "Here, give me that ball!"

The center passed him the ball. Heeling the spot to mark where it had been passed from, the fullback started pacing off yards, as though for a penalty. When he was clear of the two teams he broke into a run, just as the Parks realized they were duped. He scored the only touchdown, and although the Parks protested, the Ballards were considered the champions.

Pirate outfielders of last season did not swear like story book pirates are usually supposed to. On the contrary, they were a remarkably clean-speaking crew.

One day last summer Mike Mitchell and Chief Wilson, the "Silent One," stood still and let a fly drop between them. Carey then dropped Wilson's throw on a relay.

The three Pirates stood gazing at each other, but the words they wanted to say refused to pour forth. Finally Mitchell called Ham Hyatt, the former Northwest-league player, from the bench.

"Mr. Hyatt," he said, "you saw what happened. Would you mind doing justice to the occasion?"

And Ham, who had no such scruples against cuss words, did.



NO. 1—FRANCIS OUMMET, open golf champion. NO. 2—DUKE KAHANAMOKU, champion swimmer. NO. 3—TY COBB, champion batter. NO. 4—JOHNNY COULON, bantamweight boxing champion. NO. 5—JOHNNY KILBANE, featherweight boxing champion. NO. 6—FRANK GOTCH, wrestling champion. NO. 7—RALPH DE PALMA, champion automobile driver. NO. 8—CHARLES BRICKLEY, greatest football player. NO. 9—MAURICE McLOUGHLIN, tennis champion. NO. 10—WALTER JOHNSON, champion pitcher. NO. 11—HOWARD DREW, 100-yard sprinting champion.

LAUGHS FOR THE DAY AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE

When John W. Carberry, the star writer of the Boston Globe, was in Idaho covering an important special assignment, somebody took him to see a baseball game.

That night he wired Tim Murnane this message: "Have found the greatest pitcher known to history. Saw him work this afternoon. You'd better get him. His name is Walter Johnson."

Tim showed the telegram to a lot of fellows in the Globe office, and all of them nearly laughed themselves to death.

"Poor old John Carberry," they said, between their gusts of hysterical mirth. "He couldn't tell a curve pitcher from a tub of pretzels."

Then they sent him a whole lot of very funny, exceedingly sarcastic telegrams.

One month later Walter Johnson made his debut in Washington, having been purchased from the jerk-water Western team for \$50.—Popular Magazine.

BIG FELLOWS WILL MEET TODAY; MANY OTHER FISTIC BOUTS ON

There will be many boxing bouts scheduled this afternoon. Boxing shows have been arranged in every city in the country where the sport is permitted.

Among them will be Leach Cross-bud Anderson at Los Angeles, the Pelkey-Smith bout at San Francisco, Freddy Welsh vs. Johnny Dundee at New Orleans and Ad Wolgast and Knockout Brown in Milwaukee.

Cross and Anderson are pretty evenly matched, despite the knockout the dentist holds over Bud.

Smith and Pelkey, supposed to represent the class of the white hopes, should furnish the Frisco fans with plenty of excitement.

Freddy Welsh should outpoint Dundee if he is up to form, while Wolgast should win over Brown if he shows the same speed he did against Charley White. Two years ago Brown defeated Wolgast by a newspaper decision in a 10-round affair.

Pete Reardon, the Seattle tasser, George Crocker and Bob Smalley, of the University of Washington, and Edwin Keheley, of Honolulu, went duck hunting this week at Racey's cove near Port Gamble. They found the wing shooting fine and returned to the port with the limit of fowl tucked away in their sacks. Pete had the best success of the bunch.

If Tom McCarley will succeed in matching Jimmy Clabby and Jack Dillon on the marathon route during January, he is to be congratulated. The match is one that should attract attention from one end of the country to the other, and if it is made at the legitimate middleweight limit of 158 pounds, or even 158 four hours before the match, should be recognized as a bout for the American middleweight championship, thus finally settling the question of the titleholder.

Continual fussing over weights and the hour for making them emphasizes the necessity for a national or international conference for the purpose of adjusting both weights and hours for weighing in. This already has become a serious problem with which fighters and promoters have to wrestle every time a match is sought.

Champions always have been permitted to set a weight standard of their own, providing they made it reasonably near to old standards and brought about no radical change.

Somebody will have to take the initiative in calling a conference. The one who should do this are the boxing commissioners in the states where the commission rule prevails.

The Seattle club will start the 1914 season with three left-handed pitchers. Two of the left-wingers, Pete Reardon and Bud McIvor, were with the club last season. Walter Malls, the California gentleman of tall stature, completes the side-wheel brigade. Malls is a ringer for "Rube" Marquard.

After a rest of a couple of weeks during the Christmas holidays, the Y. M. C. A. basketball team will get in action again Saturday night with Port Blakeley. The Port outfit is composed of former college athletes. The Seattle Y. M. is playing the Vancouver Y. M. C. at the latter's home gym, this afternoon.

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GUNBOAT SMITH LONG FAVORITE IN FIGHT TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—With the weather clearing today, it seemed certain Promoter James W. Coffroth's prediction of sunshine for this afternoon's bout at Daly City between Gunboat Smith and Arthur Pelkey would come true.

If, however, the storm should continue—and the official forecaster has predicted more rain—the bout will be postponed until Saturday.

The odds switched today to 10 to 7, with Smith on the long end, and very little Pelkey money in sight, even at this price.

It was believed Smith would enter the ring a 10 to 6 favorite.

Smith's friends expect the terrific "kick" he carries in his right hand to win the match for him.

They also point to the fact that Smith is far more experienced, is faster, and equally as game.

Pelkey, however, is much larger in frame than Smith, but the latter's friends say his experience will more than overcome this handicap.

Tommy Burns, Pelkey's manager, believes his man will win in 12 rounds.

"If Smith can beat Pelkey," said Burns, "I will take my hat off to him as the best man in the country, and I will cheerfully admit that my judgment is the worst in the world."

2 CLUBS AFTER HARRY OSTDIK

Vancouver and Tacoma ball clubs are reported to have approached Harry Ostdik, former Spokane manager and last season an umpire, on the subject of management for the 1914 season.

It is said Brown of Vancouver made several propositions to Ostdik before Harry Scharnweber finally sent notice that he would return next season to take charge of the Beavers. At the same time Brown was attempting to hook Ostdik, the "Iron Man" in Tacoma is said to have cast out a line for him. The latter deal is still pending.

BIG GAME SOON

Basketball activities at the local high schools will begin Tuesday, Jan. 6, when the quietest of the three larger schools will each participate in games. The important game on the slate is that between Broadway and Queen Anne and means the elimination of one or the other from the city league race. Lincoln tackles Franklin on the same day.

CHICAGO—Charley Nelson, back from two years' wandering, kicked up a rumpus when he found a stranger occupying the grave he bought for his own use, and is suing an undertaker.

REPORT MAR. 20 SOME SHORTAGE

The training season in Seattle will open 10 days later than last year. Benefited by last season's experience, Dug has issued the call to arms for Friday, March 20. Rookie and regular alike will report on the one date.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The time limit of the public subscription to be used in preparing an English team for the Berlin Olympic games in 1916, expired Wednesday. An earnest endeavor was made to raise \$500,000, but only \$55,000 was collected. Of this amount, \$17,500 remains uncollected.

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BAN OPPOSING FIGHT IN COURT

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Ban B. Johnson, president of the American league, and member of the national baseball commission, is opposed to fighting the Federal league in the courts.

"Real victories and defeats in baseball," he said, "are settled by the public. It is a battle for patronage, and the man with the best show should and does win."

BIG GAME IS ON

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Referee Dixie Fleager tooted his whistle and 22 giants planted cleats in the mire, a ball was snapped, and the big Washington Alumni-All-Conference post-season gridiron tussle was on. The ground was fine for mud pies.

The All-Conference bunch was picked from latter-day conference stars, the majority of whom wore moleskins during the season just closed. Washington is comprised of older players.

'HOWDY, WILLIE'

Bill James, the handsome young chap who graduated from the Seattle club to the Boston Nationals, has returned to Seattle for a brief pleasure trip, and today is busy paying respects to his old acquaintances. After leaving Seattle he will return to Oroville, Cal., his home.

James has nothing but praise for Leslie Mann, the former Seattle outfielder, who is also with Boston. He expects Les will have a big year next season.

FEDERAL LEAGUE IN BROOKLYN?

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Baseball fans were interested today in reports that the Federal league will put teams in both the Bronx, here, and in Brooklyn. It was rumored that the league has secured options on Washington park, in Brooklyn, and the Bronx Oval.

RANDOM SHOTS

We hope this New Year brings us a real ball club and a good heavyweight fighter. And another hope is that poor old Bomb Wells don't get knocked out quite so often.

Those guys who shoved me around at the corner of Second and Pike last night ought to turn out for one of those post-season football games. Or maybe they can get a job working for some undertaker.

If Arthur Pelkey rubs noses with the canvas at "Frisco today, what will Tommy Burns say? Lucky for Art Tommy happens to be a very keen little all-iber.

Maybe after today they'll change that name, Bud Anderson, to Bum Anderson.

And Peach Cross.

Ban Johnson's statement that the Federal league would be mighty beneficial to baseball, but that he would fight the outlaws to the last ditch, suggests that Ban started his New Year's celebration ahead of schedule.

NEW REDUCE PRICES

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Officials of the New York National league club are talking of reducing prices at the Polo grounds next season. The plan is to rearrange the seating prices in order to have fewer dollar seats and more 75-cent seats.

AT THE THEATRES THIS WEEK

Metropolitan—"Little Lost Sister." Moore—Allee Lloyd's Vaudeville Road Show. Seattle—Bailey & Mitchell Co. in "The Girl of the Golden West." Tivoli—Keating & Flood Co. in "The Suffragettes."

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