

"Breaks" Play Big Part in American Sport World

BY SEABURN BROWN
The chance element, designated in the parlance of sportdom as "the breaks of the game," is a greater factor in deciding championships in all lines of sport than is generally realized.

Americans, who constitute the greatest body of intelligently critical fans the world has ever known, through athletic fields of all sorts in all seasons, because the "big

three" sports of the age—baseball, football and boxing—are so admirably balanced that every physical and mental requirement, speed, strength, initiative, courage, fast-thinking and "breaks" must be considered.

Not the least of these elements is the "breaks." Other nationalities take a different attitude toward sports. The Spaniards love bull-fighting. You couldn't drag a Spaniard

to a championship mitt fight or a titular football game if a bull fight were scheduled within a couple of hundred miles.

In bull fighting "breaks" are absent. Every other element enters; but the issue of the struggle between man and brute is never in doubt. The bull is always killed in the end. If he is fast enough to "get" one of his tormentors there are always plenty

of reserves, and el toro is inevitably doomed. It is a sport without a sporting chance.

Sport is not sport with us unless each side has a chance to win. To be sure, the overwhelming superiority of one team or man may reduce the chance of the opposition to a minimum. But, favored by the "breaks," the under-dog always has a chance, even if a slim one; and therein lies the tremendous enthusiasm

of American fans.

For this reason, the "dope" is never certain. Last season, when the Yankees and Giants met to settle the supremacy of baseball for another year, the "dope" on the teams rated them so equally dangerous that the keenest diamond critics predicted that the "breaks" would decide the series. They were right. The first "break" was the elimination of Babe Ruth

thru an infected arm; the second, a fatal error by Ward, Yankee second baseman, which allowed the Giants to score the only run in the eighth game, which gave the National representatives the championship.

Georges Carpentier had a sporting chance with Jack Dempsey, altho that is all he did have. The one "break" went against the Frenchman, when he broke his right hand

in the second round.

Washington and Jefferson failed to beat the demoralized California Bruins in the New Year's football game, because Captain Stein, their all-American tackle, was offside when they scored the only touchdown of the game. That "break"—certainly a tough one—favored the Westerners.

The heavy stress that leading coaches and trainers put upon initiative and quick

thinking is played because they realize that the charges cannot take advantage of any "breaks" that favor them unless they instantly sense the situation and act accordingly.

"Breaks" are but a single element and can be overestimated, but they are real and very potent in the sport world.

'Babe' Ruth Should Not Play First Base--Evans

Bambino Is Bust at First

So Says Famous American League Umpire, Who Thinks Wally Pipp O. K.

BY BILLY EVANS

ROME New York comes the report that Babe Ruth is to play first base for the Yankees.

To my way of thinking that is pure "bunk."

In the first place I can see no reason why a change from Wally Pipp should be desired. He is a first baseman of major league caliber.

For years they have been replacing Wally Pipp at first. Each spring, however, finds him back on the job as the regular first baseman.

Pipp is a mighty fine fielder, an excellent target for the ball of the infield to throw at. Pipp has a nice style at the plate, and it always has been surprising to me that he didn't finish with a higher batting average.

Why, then, shift Ruth to first base, when the position is being most acceptably filled by Pipp?

In the second place it is my opinion that shifting Ruth to first would rob him of much of his value to the club.

Ruth is never going to be the Hal Chase type of first baseman. Ruth, always anxious to get results, would perhaps use brute force in making plays at first that would often result in serious injury.

I recall one game in which he played first base for Boston. He really saved the game by blocking first base, and allowing the runner to slide into his leg instead of the bag. He was badly cut as a result and was out for about 10 games. It was a very costly experience.

Ruth's place is in the outfield. The big fellow has really developed into a very fine fielder. If he would use some care as to his diet, he would be a very easy matter for him to reduce at least 20 pounds. A loss of that much weight would make him a much improved ball player in all departments.

"Tipp" Jordan, former San Francisco pitcher, won 21 games and lost but two for the championship California team in the South Atlantic league last summer.

Rids will be called for January 15 for the building of New York Yankee's new ball park, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000.

According to James Tamm, veteran Philadelphia scribe, Bert McCann, Portland's new shortstop, has steadily been loaned to the Rose City club for development by the Athletics.

"Hank" O'Day, veteran umpire, comes to bat with a statement that he will be back on the National league roster this year, which kills the report that he would join the Coast staff.

Louisville, Milwaukee and Minneapolis were all tied for team fielding honors in the American association last year with a mark of .952.

JAWN CAN BOX IN COPENHAGEN
NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion, will be barred from fighting for seven months in 16 states of the United States and in Australia and Canada, following his suspension late yesterday by the national boxing association.

The action was taken after Wilson and his manager were charged by L. H. Nightcap of Ohio with "conduct unbecoming a fighter and manager." The suspension will be effective until September 22 of this year.

JESS WILLARD SPEAKS AGAIN
Such a long time has elapsed since Jess Willard made his little speech that he has almost forgotten it. However, he came to life and emitted it again this week, thusly: "If the public wants me to fight, I'll meet Dempsey. All I want is plenty of time to train."

PENN STADIUM TO HOLD 80,000
The latest plans for the new Penn stadium, at Philadelphia call for a seating capacity of 80,000 people. However, for the present it is believed that 50,000 seats will be sufficient. It is the intention to immediately erect that number.

HEARD DOWN ON THE CORNER

BY LEO H. LASSEN

TONIGHT in Portland, Harry Wills the colored contender for Jack Dempsey's heavyweight crown, faces another big test in Sam Langford, the veteran Boston Tar Baby. They battle over the 19-round route. Wills has lost a bit of prestige thru his two bouts in Portland with Bill Tate, losing one fight on a foul and being shaded in their 10-round draw in the second tilt. Unless Wills decisively tonight he is absolutely eliminated as far as a bout with the champion is concerned.

SPEAKING of colored boxers, it's a wonder that Danny Edwards, the little Oakland featherweight, doesn't go East to step into the big money. The little fellow is one of the best men of his weight that the Coast has ever turned out, and if "Babe" Herman, the Sacramento boy, can go East and win eight straight fights Edwards ought to make a go of it. He beat Herman in Portland, breaking the Sacramento battler's winning streak.

THERE is plenty of good lightweight material in this neck of the tall uncult at the present time. With Jimmy Duffy, Eddie Pinkman, George Inghs and Bob Harper on the ground at present, the local promoters can have no excuses for not putting on some real shakers in the future instead of these ham-and-egg acts that we have been getting lately. Seattle won't tolerate such millers as Eddie Daly much longer.

WHEN a new fellow comes to Seattle it's a wonder that the promoters for the protection of the fans, don't make him show his stuff in the ring in a preliminary before putting him right on the top of the card. A boxer may look like a million dollars in the gymnasium and like a plugged nickel in the ring. Of course, if a boxer comes here with a real rip it's a different thing, but who ever heard of Eddie Daly before he boxed here?

ONE of the real battles looming on the Alex horizon for Seattle fans is a bout between Travis Davis and Alie Trambitas for the Coast welterweight championship, when Davis returns from his trip to California. These boys are pretty evenly matched, and Seattle fans know that both men will really fight. The trouble with the local promoters is that they are afraid to spend money for carfare. If good boxers are billed and the game is really put on big league footing again the fans will more than pay the carfare—they'll put the game back on the same plane, that it was here a few years ago.

ANOTHER good bout that could be made here would be a title match for the Coast bantamweight championship between Frankie Monroe and Danny Edwards. This pair are evenly matched, too, and Seattle fans have also seen enough of them to know that they will fight. Monroe, at present, is in Los Angeles while the writer doesn't know where Edwards is located.

Boxing Master to Show
Jimmy Duffy Meets Eddie Pinkman in the Pavilion Tonight; Favor Former

BATTLE ring fans are due to see the greatest four-round lightweight in the game when Jimmy Duffy climbs thru the ropes with Eddie Pinkman at the Pavilion tonight.

Both boys wound up their training yesterday, Duffy working out before a packed house at Austin & Salt's gymnasium.

Duffy, if he is at the top of his form, promises to give local mitt followers the finest demonstration of boxing they have seen in a long time, as the Oakland boy is a master boxer when he's "right."

Pinkman's ability to hit with his right hand gives the local boy a good chance of winning, because anybody that can hit is always dangerous.

Duffy, however, goes into the ring tonight a favorite to win.

Dick Sharpe, the Canadian welterweight who boxed Mickey Hanlon here some time ago, is booked for the semiwindup with Young O'Dowd in a match that promises action.

"Red" Gage and Boy McCaslin are down for the special event and nothing more needs to be said about this meeting.

Jack Brennan and Pat Williams meet and Soldier Pavlovski tangles with the terrible heavyweight, Bull Mitchell, in two preliminaries that look just fair.

RUPPERT TALKS FOR BABE RUTH
CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Col. Jacob Ruppert, president of the New York Yankees, conferred here today with Ban Johnson, president of the American league, and Babe Ruth, who is playing a vaudeville engagement here.

It was thought that Ruppert had come to Chicago to confer with Judge Landis on the Ruth decision, but he had no information to offer relative to Babe's case.

ENGLISH PAY GRID PLAYERS
In England a member of a first league soccer team receives a salary of \$2,250 a year, with a bonus of \$10 for each game won and \$5 for each tie game. Athletes who have been in the game for five years are eligible to a benefit which ranges from \$3,000 to \$7,000. Other professional sport associations have similar systems of remunerating the men.

IDAHO QUINTET TRIMS OREGON
EUGENE, Or., Jan. 17.—Idaho defeated the light University of Oregon basketball quintet here last night, 27 to 23. The Oregon men held a slight lead at the end of the first half, but were too light to stand the pace set by the visitors in the second period.

CLUB WILL MEET
At a meeting of the Ross Improvement club, called for Wednesday evening at Third ave. N. W. and Nickerson st., pavement matters and other subjects important to the community will be discussed.

Ben McKinley, the veteran forward of the Belling Alton club, who was playing brilliant football for that team, has left town, and has been dropped by the Belling team.

Mets Given the Licking of the Year

Muldoon's Puckers Drop 10 to 3 Mix to Millionaires; Fraser Shines

BY LEO H. LASSEN

ANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 17.—Outskating and out-checking the men of Muldoon, Vancouver man up the biggest score of the season in last night's puck tussle, winning 10 to 3.

The Millionaires' shooting was the best any team has uncoiled on the local ice this season. They scored from all angles, accuracy even including the puck from behind the net for a Vancouver tally in the third period.

Seattle started as if they would climb out of the cellar during the evening, Morris smagging the first, but the scout lead was short-lived, and by the end of the second period the issue was merely how many times the Millionaires could sag the net behind the redoubtable Harry Holmes.

Fraser looked like a champion for the visitors. He rang up the last two Seattle goals, the last an unassisted effort which came so fast from left wing that Lehman's "eagle eye" didn't know it was coming.

SUMMARY
Lohman.....G.....Seattle
Cook.....D.....Millionaires
Skinner.....F.....Riley
MacKay.....F.....Walker
Adams.....F.....Foyston
Skinner.....F.....Morris
Harris.....F.....Briden

Scoring
First period—Seattle, Morris from Briden, 11:45; 2, Vancouver, MacKay from Skinner, 1:12; 3, Vancouver, Adams from Harris, 2:12.
Second period—4, Vancouver, Adams, 4:42; 5, Seattle, Fraser from Forster, 5:29; 6, Vancouver, MacKay, 1:09; 7, Vancouver, Dunham, 12:51.
Third period—8, Vancouver, Skinner from Adams, 2:19; 9, Vancouver, Adams from MacKay, 3:22; 10, Vancouver, Skinner from Forster, 3:38; 11, Seattle, Fraser, 9:42; 12, Vancouver, Parker, 2:14; 13, Vancouver, Adams from Cook, 2:17.

Penalties
First period—Fraser for shot awarded Seattle (not converted).
Second period—None.
Third period—None.

Substitutions
First period—Seattle, Fraser for Forster.
Second period—Vancouver, Parkes for Skinner, Seattle, Morris for Forster, Fraser for Forster.
Third period—Vancouver, Skinner for Adams, Adams for Parkes, Morris for Harris, Parkes for Skinner, Seattle, Fraser for Forster.
Referee—Tom.

Solons to Rely Upon 1921 Staff
Sacramento Mound Staff to Be Headed by Bill Prough and Paul Fittery

LEO H. LASSEN
SACRAMENTO'S pitching staff will practically be made up of the same flingers that performed for the Solons in 1921, according to the present lineup of Charley Pick's hurling company.

The staff will again be headed by Bill Prough and Paul Fittery. Both are veterans, and both ranked with the leading pitchers in the Coast loop last season. They're smart pitchers as well. Kenneth Penner, one of the most improved mound men in the league last year, will be back. Penner is not only a good pitcher, but he's a darn good hitter. Penner showed a lot of stuff last year, and was one of the few pitchers in the league to really "mix up" his offerings, as he had a good fast ball and curve. He should have a good season this year.

"Lefty" Niehaus, "Specs" Shea and Joe Kunz complete the staff. The former is just fair, Shea showed a lot of promise, altho he didn't do very well here, and Kunz was an in-and-outer, looking better at the end of the year. The latter pair ought to develop, while Niehaus will have to show more stuff in order to stay in the league this year.

FIFTY ENTRIES FOR SKI MEET
GARY, Ill., Jan. 17.—Over 50 entries have been made in the national ski championship tournament which will be held here Sunday. The entries include international, national and state champions from five states, besides scattering entries from Canada, Norway and Sweden.

FORMER CHAMP LOSING SIGHT
Pete Herman, former bantamweight champion, has been slipping rapidly of late. An explanation which sheds some light upon the subject is that one of Herman's eyes has gone back upon him completely, and the other is not a great deal better. If that is true, the little scrapper is thru, for no fighter in the history of the ring has lasted long with but one eye to aim his slants.

WANDERERS SWAMP THE ECKART SIX
OUTCLASSING the Eckarts in every angle of the game, the Wanderers took the second game in the Amateur Hockey association league race last night, 8 to 1.

Lobley and Browne starred for the Wanderers, while Distel had the honor of scoring the only goal for the Eckarts.

The U. of W. and Wanderers teams are now tied for first place, with one win and no defeats each, while the Eckarts and American Legion squads have each dropped a tilt, and have yet to break into the win column.

SUMMARY
Wanderers.....Goal.....Eckarts
Lobley.....L. B.....Clarke
Anderson.....R. D.....White
H. Distel.....L. W.....Lohley
J. Denny.....R. W.....Lohley
G. Reppinow.....R. W.....McLeod

Scoring by Periods
Wanderers.....0 2 2 1
Eckarts.....0 0 1 1

Penalties
First period—None.
Second period—Lohley, 2 minutes.
Third period—None.

Substitutions
First period—Lohley for Browne, Seltzer for Lobley.
Second period—Seltzer for McLeod, Mulligan for Seltzer, Seltzer for Mulligan, Campbell for Anderson.
Third period—McNatt for Clark, Seltzer for McLeod.
Referee—Jim McDonald.

Pilots for Big League Squads All Signed Up

All of the big league managers for 1922 have been signed. They follow:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit—Ty Cobb.
Chicago—Kid Gleason.
Cleveland—Tris Speaker.
St. Louis—Lee Fohl.
Philadelphia—Connie Mack.
New York—Miller Huggins.
Washington—Clyde Milan.
Boston—Hugh Duffy.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago—Bill Killefer.
Cincinnati—Pat Moran.
Pittsburg—George Gibson.
St. Louis—Branch Rickey.
Philadelphia—Irving Wilhelms.
New York—John McGraw.
Brooklyn—Wilbert Robinson.
Boston—Fred Mitchell.

PURDUE COACH AFTER HANLEY
"Lone Star" Dietz, head football coach at Purdue, is believed to be behind an offer from that university to Dick Hanley, coach of the Pendleton high school team, of the post of an assistant football coach. Dietz formerly coached at W. S. C., where Hanley was a grid star in his undergraduate days.

RIDING REVIVAL ON
Horseshack riding enthusiasts have started a movement in the East to have the dying sport revived and instituted in the principal high schools and colleges throuout the country.

SHORT SHOTS

Three high school basketball games were being played this afternoon, Hallard entertaining Queen Anne in the first game of the day. Broadway was to play West Seattle at West Seattle and Franklin was to play Lincoln at Franklin.

The Dandy Baking Co. team defeated the Yeater A. C. squad at the Knights of Columbus Saturday night by a 26 to 2 count. Al Wasson leading the scoring with 14 points.

The Shamer & Wolff team can have a game with the Bothell high school five at Bothell Thursday. The Clothing manager should call the Bothell coach at the Bothell high school to complete arrangements.

Bruce Hosheth is shining as a particularly bright star of the University of Washington fresh team. He played center for the Lincoln high school team last year, but has been shifted to a forward position, and it seems to be his natural place, as he work has improved considerably.

A slight shift has been made in the Star league schedule for this week. The Collins Cubs will play the Wilson's Modern Business college five at the Collins playfield house tomorrow night at 8 p. m., and the Shamer & Wolff-Yeater A. C. originally booked for Collins tomorrow night will be held at the Kirk club at 8 p. m. Saturday night.

"Army" Bakewell, the husky center of the Hattery G team, is proving to be one of the real stars of the Star loop. He is rated as the best center in the league. The Hattery squad will play two Star league games this week, meeting the Mikados at Collins tomorrow night at 8:45 and playing the Imperials at the Artery Thursday night at 9:30.

EDMUNDSON'S MEN TO MEET AGGIE FIVE

TO OPEN against Oregon Aggies for the first game of the varsity trip tonight, Washington's basketball squad left at 11:15 last night for Corvallis. Nine men, Manager Matt Rice Springer and Coach Edmundson, are making the trip.

Washington coaches and managers give the Sun Dodgers no more than an even break against the Aggies on the Corvallis floor. Washington, O. A. C. and California are rated equally strong as the conference season opens on the Coast.

Playing two games with O. A. C., Washington will rest Thursday night and play a return series with Oregon Friday and Saturday. The Wolfpackers proved easy for Edmundson's men up here, and should be again defeated. Victories over O. A. C. and Oregon would give Washington a substantial lead in the Coast race.

CHAMP TOSSES OLIN
COLUMBIUS, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Stanislav Zbyzsko, heavyweight champion wrestler, threw John Olin, the giant Finn, after 30 minutes of grappling here last night.

HANLON OUTPOINTS BROWN
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Jimmy Hanlon of Denver outpointed Harry Brown of Philadelphia in eight rounds here last night. The men are lightweights.

WHITE BEATS DUNDEE
BOSTON, Jan. 17.—Charley White, Chicago, bested Johnny Dundee, New York, in a fast 10-round bout here last night.

SOCCER SHOTS

The complete schedule for The Star soccer league for Sunday, with the assignment of referees, follows:

SENIOR GAMES
Maple Leaf vs. Pacific, at Lincoln park, at 1 p. m. Referee, Bill Lennon.
West Seattle vs. Woodland Park, at Woodland park, at 2:15 p. m. Referee, Billy Bloomman.

JUNIOR GAMES
South Park vs. Cowan Clear, at 2:15, at Lincoln park. Referee, Billy Walker.
Ben Park Hilliards vs. Hawthorn Juniors, at Columbia, at 3 p. m. Referee, George Hoefling.
Falcon A. C. vs. Washington Park, at Washington park, at 3 p. m. Referee, Johnnie Rosen.

By far the biggest game in the Star league Sunday will be the Cowan Clear vs. South Park junior game at Lincoln park. Both of these clubs are among the leaders for the junior honors, and day's game is expected to go a long way toward deciding the title.

Bob Fergie, the new center forward star of the Maple Leaf, managed four goals in the game with Hawthorn club Sunday at Cowan Park. James Hannan scored two other goals.

Managers of all senior and junior teams are asked to send in their respective lineups for Sunday's game in writing, to the sporting editor of The Star not later than Thursday night, so they can be published for the soccer fans.

West Seattle used Tommy Barwick, one of the best forwards in the West, in the halfback line against Hawthorn last Sunday, and succeeded in disorganizing the West front line. Barwick is too good a player to be playing as a halfback.

The complete schedule for the Star Soccer league season will be ready for publication within a day or two.

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