

LATEST SPORTING EVENTS OF THE DAY

KAFORA WILL JOIN MUDRO GRILL TEAM

Baseball Player and Twice the Chicago Champion in Bowling.

Frank Kafora, signed to play with the Butte ball club during the coming season, will come to Butte in a few weeks to join the Mudro Grill bowling team, according to a letter received by Joe Mudro yesterday. Kafora has long been considered the best bowler in Chicago. For two years he won the city championship by sensational rolling. This year he was crowded into second place by a margin of two pins.

With Kafora bowling, the Mudro Grill team will be one of the best in the United States. Frank Crook, a member of the outfit, won the international championship last year for national honors in the Minneapolis meet. Joe Mudro, captain and manager of the team, is a consistent 199 bowler, and his brother, Charlie, is just a little better than Joe. Carey Smith, another member of the team, has rolled in dozens of national tournaments and Earl Tucker has not yet found the man in Butte, outside of his team mates, who can beat him.

When Kafora arrives the team will start practice immediately. The first contest will be in Anacosta during the state meet. If the local bowlers have any luck at all they are slated to clean up that tournament.

Entrance Fees Paid.

In April the five will go to Portland to enter the coast tournament. Manager Mudro has already sent in the necessary entrance fees and all details have been arranged for the team.

"Kafora, in my opinion, is the best bowler in the United States," declared Joe Mudro today. "If he rolls less than 200 you can bet he's got two or three splits. I have never seen him miss a spare nor have I ever seen him miss the head pin."

"In his letter to me he says he has signed the contract for his place on the Butte baseball team. Many Butte fans will remember Kafora, who has played with Butte a few years ago. He is even a little better now than he was at that time, and Butte is fortunate in landing him."

In his letter to Mudro, Kafora says he will consider the opening of a high-class bowling and billiard establishment in Butte. He is now proprietor of a billiard room in Chicago. He is now completing a deal to sell his business so as to be free for his trip to Butte.

SPORT GOSSIP

Jack Dillon, the Hoosier man, will, it is said, be shortly being posted from the state militia. Last night he suffered another defeat when Billy Minko, the St. Paul fighter, beat him by a score of 10-round out at New York. Minko showed more speed than his more experienced opponent and was also better at fighting.

The University of Illinois defeated the University of Chicago at basketball last night by the score of 20 to 15.

Pitcher Dubue of the Detroit Tigers has been released to the salt Lake club in the Coast league. It was first stated that he had been turned over to the Chattanooga team. Two years ago Dubue was Detroit's best twirler. He became noted for three styles of delivery. He had a slow ball that was a wonder. Then there was another one a little slower. His third was even still slower. During the latter part of last season he used the last delivery so often that he deluged the game and now he is pushed out of the league.

The Oregon Aggies had an easy time with the University of Oregon basketball players yesterday and won by the score of 41 to 8.

But here is another name that was even worse than that. At Jamestown, N. D., the University of North Dakota five met and slugged the Jamestown college. The score was 41 to 1.

President Dave Fultz of the National Baseball Players' fraternity has set Feb. 13 as the date for the proposed strike to become effective.

The major league baseball season will open April 11, according to an announcement made yesterday after a meeting of the schedule committee in New York.

The idea of a bout with Mike Gibbons seems to be as popular with Les Larcy as going to the trenches.

Mysterious Billy Smith is the latest to talk about a comeback. If Billy tries that he will stop being mysterious.

After announcing that he doesn't care to play early games with minor league teams, George Stallings goes out and signs up for a series with the Athletics.

HUH!

"I see that some of our Congressmen are kicking about appropriating so much money for our 1st Infantry Corps," said the Old Fogey.

"Huh," commented the Grouch. "I suppose they will claim that we have too much overhead expense."

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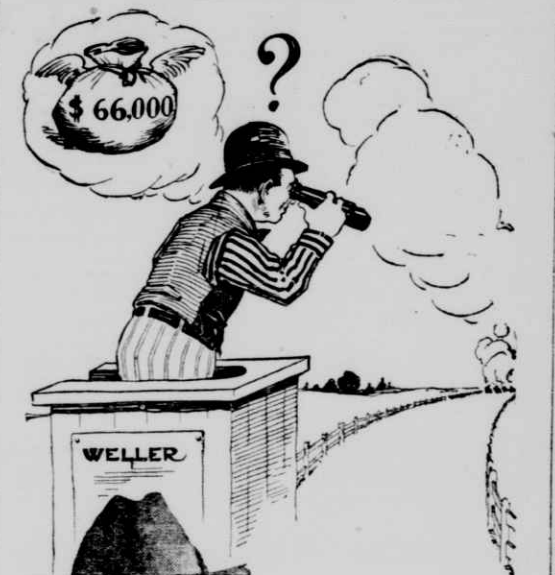
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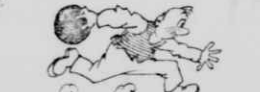
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TWO OUT OF THREE WON BY WESTERN CASUALTY



The Western Life Casualty bowling team won two out of three games from the clubs of the city league last night on the Marquette alley. B. Bagley made the high score with 200, also making the high average for the evening. The score:

Club	W. L. C.	W. L. C.	W. L. C.
Fisher	118	154	152
Cassidy	151	149	164
Quick	159	109	136
Uppel	178	141	136
Porter	190	139	136
W. L. C.	819	747	808

LIKENED TO OLD RUBE.

American league batsmen say that Pitcher Harry Harper of the Washington Americans has a very deceptive curve ball, one that is nearly as good as that of Pitcher Waideell some years ago. Harper showed a big improvement in his work last season over that of the previous one, and it is predicted that he will develop into one of the best left-handed pitchers the American league has ever produced.

BODIE DEMANDS \$4,000.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Ping Bodie and Connie Mack have come to the parting of the ways. The Cow Hollow fence buster who was sold to the Philadelphia Athletics, announced he would positively refuse to accept a salary of \$3,000 offered to him by Mack. He insists that unless he gets \$4,000 he will stay out of professional ball.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



PASKERT SAYS MACHINE WILL HELP BATTING EYE

Would Permit Player to Train on Balls He Usually Misses at the Plate.

Dode Paskert, Phillie outfielder, will try to interest managers in a baseball pitching apparatus perfected by him and which he has used to advantage in keeping his batting eye during the long winter season.

The Paskert machine is different from most now on the market, in that it throws a ball from about the same height of an average pitcher and can be controlled.

A system of levers permits the pitching to be right for a left or right handed batter and either a high or low ball may be thrown at any speed from the slowest of slow ball deliveries to the speediest of shoots.

Paskert declares the machine permits a man to train on the balls he is weakest on and is bound to improve any batter's style.

Another advantage of the machine, if taken up by big league managers, would be that it would release pitchers who are usually used in batting practice and give them a chance to bat themselves.

Paskert also believes the machine could be used to advantage in colleges which train in gymnasium cages during the early spring.

MANY ENTRIES FOR SKATING CARNIVAL

Contestants numbering nearly 100 have entered in the skating carnival to be held at the municipal rink at the Clark playgrounds on the flat Sunday afternoon. Some of the fastest ice performers in Butte have entered the races, which promise to be of the best held in Butte this year. Sam Kinville, who has charge of the municipal rink, says that the entry blanks will be closed Thursday night.

MITCHELL HAS BEST OF WELSH ALL THE WAY

Milwaukee, Jan. 17.—Champion Freddy Welsh's ability for his miserable showing last night against Richte Mitchell is that he was suffering from a severe cold when he entered the ring. Welsh and Mitchell boxed 10 rounds and sport writers credit Mitchell with nine of them and say the other was a draw.

Welsh's tactics of stalling and hanging on brought rounds of hisses from the crowd and the champion was warned by Chairman Lagner of the Wisconsin boxing commission that unless he boxed he would be liable to a penalty. After that Welsh picked up a little but was not equal to the clever work of his opponent. Welsh weighed 146 pounds when he entered the ring and Mitchell tipped the scales at 153 1/2.

MULLIN TO PILOT FORT SMITH TEAM



George Mullin, former Detroit star pitcher, will manage the Fort Smith team in the Western association next year, having recently accepted the berth.

It was Mullin's old battery mate, "Dutch" Schmidt, now catcher at Memphis, and a resident of Fort Smith, who secured the berth for Mullin.

MICHIGAN AGGIES WANT OLD COACH TO RETURN

East Lansing, Mich., Jan. 17.—Coach Chester L. Brewer of the University of Missouri is favorably considering an offer to take charge of athletics at the Michigan Agricultural college again. The M. A. C. officials have been looking for a favorable coach and general director of athletics since Frank Sommer resigned at the close of the football season. Brewer, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, went to Missouri after he made a remarkable record here.

DOG TEAMS WILL RACE 476 MILES

St. Paul, Jan. 17.—In connection with the St. Paul outdoor sports carnival Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, a race of dog teams will be run from Winnipeg to this city, over a route of 476 miles, it was announced today.

MAGNATES SEEM TO WELCOME A GLASH

Appears Probable That Players Will Refuse to Jeopardize Jobs.

New York, Jan. 17.—Though President Dave Fultz announces that there will be few major league teams that will need training camps in the spring unless the players' fraternity demands are granted by the minor leagues, club owners do not appear to be perturbed and a calm view of the outlook shows they probably have no great reason for trembling.

In the first place, the major league athletes who have no real grievance, are being asked to go on strike for the benefit of their brethren in the smaller circuits. It may be that the Big Show performers will give up stipends ranging from \$350 to \$1,000 a month for six months in order to help the so-called "bushers," but is it probable?

Next, players in the association are being asked to strike to obtain formal recognition of what most of them already enjoy. Several of the clubs in the association pay traveling expenses to training camps and give their players money for subsistence en route. Players disabled in the course of their duties are never "doctored," and often they are kept on the pay roll when disabled from causes entirely unconnected with baseball. Whether or not they will consider the sum total of their grievances worth risking a season of idleness remains to be seen, but the balance of probability is strongly in favor of their deciding to gambol daily on the green rather than risk the uncertainties of independent baseball and the much smaller remunerations they can derive from working at something else.

Magnate to Blame.

The magnates are to blame for present conditions. For years so much stress has been placed on the monetary side of baseball that players now have it on the brain.

In the major leagues most of the reigning luminaries are tied up with long-term contracts and they will not run the risk of cancelling their engagements by going out on strike, facing the danger of being forced to return to baseball later on at greatly reduced stipends. The rank and file of players in the majors have nothing to gain by striking because the conditions they desire already obtain, and they run great risks of suffering reductions in their income.

In the minor circuits club owners profess to be fairly itching for a good excuse to employ cheaper talent, and they may be sincere when they say they welcome a strike.

As a union, the fraternity is in no position to conduct an expensive strike. It has no huge war chest. Players who refuse to work must shift for themselves as best they can and there will be no strike allowances doled out to them.

President John W. Norton said the news of the threatened strike seems almost too good to be true. A strike would be the best possible means of curing baseball of most of the evils with which it is now afflicted, he believes.

BRINKER TO COACH WASHINGTON TEAM

Dode Brinker, former Spokane pitcher and outfielder and last year captain of the Vancouver club in the Northwestern league, will act as baseball coach at the University of Washington again this spring. Brinker worked in a like capacity last season and turned out a fast aggregation at the Seattle institution.

Brinker has secured permission from Bob Brown to report late to the Beaver squad, as the big outfielder will get into condition chasing around with the college boys and will be ready to jump into the harness when he does report.

The U. of W. baseball coach is a graduate of the institution and was one of the best varsity pitchers ever turned out at Seattle. Brinker is now a practicing lawyer in Seattle.

KUMAGAE WILL NOT PLAY IN U. S. AGAIN

Ichiya Kumagai, fifth ranking tennis player of the country on the basis of last year's records, may never again compete here, according to a letter received from Hachiro Mikami, with whom he invaded the United States during the last summer. Kumagai, he says, could not make the trip to Manila to defend his title as champion of the Orient because of having arranged to take a position in a bank in Tokio, and his business engagements will keep him from returning to this country for play during the coming season. Mikami says he hopes some other player will make the trip to the United States, but does not say that he will come this year.

HUH!

"It says here that fish makes brains," remarked the Old Fogey, as he laid down his newspaper.

"Well, if that is a fact, I know some fellows who ought to eat a whole for breakfast every morning," commented the Grouch.



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FANS ABOUT CIRCUIT ARE TALKING ABOUT A PENNANT

Aroused by first rumors of spring training camps and pending practice for the 1917 pennant struggle, baseball throughout the northwest is rubbing its eyes and beginning to perk up after its long winter sleep. With the first signs of diamond activity fans around the circuit are beginning to show interest in the possibilities of the race and in the makeup of the various teams, says the Seattle Times.

So far as the Seattle club is concerned things are still in a very chaotic state. Bill Leard, the new manager, has not put in an appearance since his return from the Hawaiian Islands, where he played with the Swain All-Star team this winter, but is supposed to be scouting for talent in the wilds of California. Several promising players already have been signed.

A lot of interest is being manifested in Vernon Avau, the Chinese shortstop who will come from Honolulu for a try-out with the Seattle club. Avau is reported to be a bear of a baseball player and if he makes good he will be the first Oriental to hold down a job in organized baseball in this country.

Veterans to Return.

Of the men who were with the Seattle club last year, Charles Schmutz, Pat Eastley, W. Frank and McVoy, pitchers, probably will be back. Hap Morse probably will be the only infielder of last year's club to return and, unless Hunky Shaw is taken on again, Bill Cunningham is expected to be the only veteran outfielder. The catching staff has not been picked, but Tom Cunningham probably will be given a chance to handle the big mitt.

Dugdale has not sent contracts to any of his players but will wait until Manager Leard turns in his list of men he intends to try out.

In Tacoma, Russ Hall, with the help of Tenley Raymond, former Seattle manager who will pilot the Tigers next season, is lining up a strong club. A banquet was held in Tacoma at which Tenley made one of his justly-famous speeches and enthusiasm over the 1917 outlook was turned loose in large bunches.

Nick Williams was pretty well cleaned out of his veterans by the Coast League clubs this winter and will have to build a new team for Spokane. Sheely, Rube Evans, Gislason, Mensor, Coltrin and Ken Williams will be missing from the Indians' lineup this year. Nick has a faculty of picking up good ball players, however, and is certain to give Spokane a strong team. Howard Mundorf, formerly in this league and later in the coast circuit, may be with Spokane in 1917.

Bob Brown is counting on winning the pennant this year. He has a bunch of good youngsters coming along and will balance his team with a few veterans of last year's club. Bob Brown, at second base; Hamilton, at third; Dode Brinker in the outfield; Cheek, behind the bat; with Follman for utility, are some of the men Brown is counting on for the nucleus of a strong Vancouver team.

Montana Towns Busy.

Over in Butte and Great Falls, the two Montana towns in the circuit, there is a scarcity of baseball gossip, but McGinnis is known to be signing a bunch of players for Butte. He will have a fine bunch of veterans back and if he can pick up a good youngster or two he will be ready to give the other teams a battle for the old flag. Hester is expected to present a few new players and several of his best

show the balance between the offense and defensive sides of baseball is destroyed and the batting game is losing out.

Some managers are recognizing and would willingly listen to a change the rules to restore the balance. If the advantage which the pitcher holds over the batter is continued, 300 hitters may disappear from the game in half a decade, leaving the leagues has fallen 21 per cent, a serious drop when it is considered that ballplayer in both leagues is expected to be the only veteran out-

The composite batting average of leagues in 1916 was a fine 236 compared to 255 in 1915 and 250 earlier. This means that less than the man in four who faces the pitcher safely.

What has destroyed the balance between the offensive and defensive of the game?

Different managers advance reasons and advocate different solutions. Bunting hat about reached 100 in 1912.

In that year 41 men batted 15 of whom reached 100. The 1916 batted 350 or better, three added and one passed the almost impossible figure.

Since then pitching has greatly improved. Managers have had a wonderful defense and last year 18 players beat 300. Five others 325, two reached 350 and only more than 375.

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