

Ray's Defeat by Watson Believed Turning Point in Career

Setback Seems to Have Slowed Up Great Flyer

Chicagoan Aspires to Lower Mile Record Set by Norman Taber in 1916 Before Retiring from Track.

By WALTER ECKERSALL.
Recent defeats of Joie Ray of the Illinois A. C., one of the greatest middle distance runners ever developed in this country, by Ray Watson, formerly of the Kansas Agricultural college, who is now competing for the Kansas City A. C., is believed by many to be the turning point in the great runner's career.

For the last decade Ray has been without a peer on the indoor and outdoor track over the mile route. It is true he has been defeated in handicap races and was not able to do himself justice in the last Olympic games held in Antwerp in 1920. Nevertheless he has never hesitated to travel any distance to meet one or more runners in match races.

During his brilliant career he has been a reliable point winner for his club in both sectional and national competition. His ability as a foot racer has been well known to all followers of the sport who know they would see a race if Joie was a contestant. Ray never failed to give all he had and some of his races are remarkable because of the fact he would travel for days, jump off a train and a few hours later step a mile in 4:20 or better.

Ambitious to Set Mark.
The great little runner has always had the ambition to set a world's record for the mile. On several occasions he has come within fractions of a second, but it now looks as if some other runner will have to set the mark of 4:12-3/5 made by Norman Taber in 1916. Ray however, has the honor of holding the world's indoor record for the distance. In 1919, the tri-city club set the distance in 4:14.35. This performance took place in the Coliseum, Chicago.

On February 13, 1917, in New York city, the Chicago flyer hung up a world's indoor record of 9:11-2/5 for two miles. This mark undoubtedly will withstand attacks of indoor runners for years because it was made at a time when Joie was running a better mile than he could step one mile.

Like every great athlete who stays in the game too long, Ray must resign himself to the fact that youth must be served. Joie has run so many grueling races that he cannot be expected to retain the speed and stamina which have made him one of America's greatest runners. In recent years Ray had a bad year when he could not turn his miles in 4:20 or better. Such performances, common as many as twice a week, are sure to take something out of a runner, and especially a distance performer.

Not a College Man.
Ray is not a product of the colleges. He is a made runner. He did his early running at the trotting track in Kankakee, Ill. In fact, it has always been Joie's ambition to be a boxer, and before he broke into athletic fame as a foot runner he was considered a fairly good amateur boxer. He took part in several tournaments in Kankakee, and at times acted in exhibitions when professional bouts were decided.

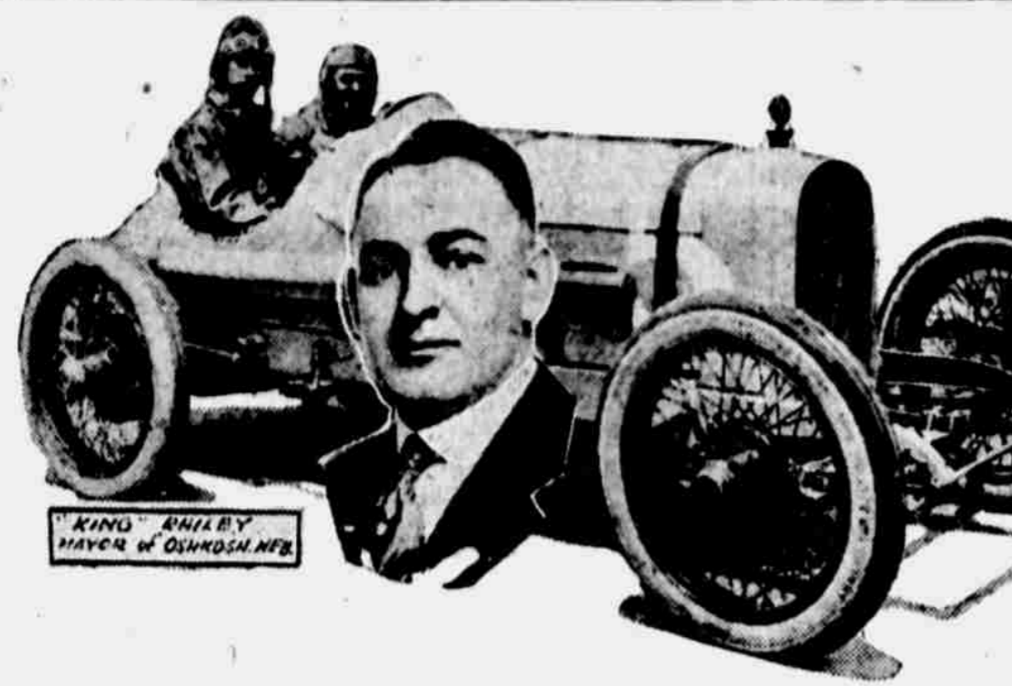
When he first broke into the public prints Ray had a wonderful amount of endurance. He could run most any distance, and it was hard to keep him out of Marathon races. Ten miles was nothing for him to run, while five miles was considered a hard workout. His ability to run long distances without apparent signs of fatigue attracted attention of athletic men in the middle west, and Joie finally joined the Illinois A. C.

His performances while a member of this organization's team are so well known that comment is not necessary. His work, however, was appreciated to the extent that he has been made a life member of the club, a splendid reward for his honest efforts.

Running Days Not Over.
Ray does not believe his running days are over and maintains he has several good races left, which he sincerely hopes he has. Nevertheless when one athlete gets another's number it is mighty hard for the runner who has been beaten to reverse the verdicts. Whether Joie will do this in future races is a matter of conjecture, but in justice to the great little runner it must be said he will always rank among America's premier middle distance performers.

Whether Ray Watson will be able to hold and maintain the position which Joie has occupied for so many years is problematical. Watson has the youth, speed and stamina. He has beaten Ray in three of their four match races and on each occasion came from behind to accomplish the trick, which plainly shows he has the racing courage. At any rate Watson is now a national athletic figure and his performances in future races will be watched with a deal of interest. If he takes proper care of himself and trains as any great athlete should, there is no reason why he should not rank among the country's leading mile runners.

King Rhiley Enters North Platte Races



North Platte, Neb., July 1.—(Special.)—With the arrival of eight of the nine drivers who will participate in the big auto races in this city July 4, interest throughout the west half of the state in this racing event has reached such a point that the American Legion post, which is staging the races, is confident that the attendance will not be less than 15,000.

Considering the past records made by six of these drivers, three of whom hold dirt track records in several states, two have been contestants in the Pikes Peak climb race, one the 1921 winner in that race, is a sufficient guarantee of the racing caliber of the entrants.

The drivers who are now on the ground tuning up their cars for next Tuesday and getting acquainted with the track are:

John Bell, Brooklyn, N. Y., driving a Daimler, who won 42 events last season on eastern tracks and took eighth place in the Indianapolis race May 29, 1922, winning \$1,667.

Albert Pretzner, North Platte, Dodge special, money winner in North Platte race, 1918, and 1919, and 1920, and 1921, and 1922, and 1923, and 1924, and 1925, and 1926, and 1927, and 1928, and 1929, and 1930, and 1931, and 1932, and 1933, and 1934, and 1935, and 1936, and 1937, and 1938, and 1939, and 1940, and 1941, and 1942, and 1943, and 1944, and 1945, and 1946, and 1947, and 1948, and 1949, and 1950, and 1951, and 1952, and 1953, and 1954, and 1955, and 1956, and 1957, and 1958, and 1959, and 1960, and 1961, and 1962, and 1963, and 1964, and 1965, and 1966, and 1967, and 1968, and 1969, and 1970, and 1971, and 1972, and 1973, and 1974, and 1975, and 1976, and 1977, and 1978, and 1979, and 1980, and 1981, and 1982, and 1983, and 1984, and 1985, and 1986, and 1987, and 1988, and 1989, and 1990, and 1991, and 1992, and 1993, and 1994, and 1995, and 1996, and 1997, and 1998, and 1999, and 2000.

Barred Black Sox Now Cavorting on Eastern Diamonds
Jackson, Weaver and Risberg, Ex-White Sox, Now Appearing in Semi-Pro Circles.

Newark, N. J., July 1.—Three of the Chicago White Sox players in the world circuit three years ago with the Cincinnati Reds, exiled from organized baseball following investigation and trial on charges that they conspired with gamblers and "threw" the series, have been "discovered" barnstorming in and near New York city, playing under fictitious names in games on which money is wagered and in which, more than that, they are showing their surpassing ability, can achieve victory.

Husker Trackers Hold Lion's Share Valley Records

Lincoln, Neb., July 1.—(Special.)—Nebraska athletes lowered and equalled more records at the annual Missouri valley track meet this year than any other entrants.

There are three records held by athletes who were wearing the colors of institutions not officially members of the conference, but at the time they set these records the conference meets were open to any school.

Coach Schulte's bulletin shows the following records:

One-Mile Relay—Illinois university, 3:19.4.
500-Yard Relay—Nebraska, 1922. E. Smith, W. Layton, D. Noble and L. Luken, 1:28.2.
100-Yard Dash—J. V. Scholtz, Missouri, 1922. 1:17.4.
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Important Net Meets Scheduled in July
New York, July 1.—This month will bring most of the traditional and important lawn tennis tournaments which each year attract the leaders of the game and it will mark the preparation for the Davis Cup matches. Also, it may be that the stars of other countries will be seen in action, for towards the end of July the Australian, French and probably the Spanish players are expected to be in this country and to take part in some of the events previous to the Davis Cup play.

Mrs. Ruth Says Babe Does Not Get Square Deal
Loyal Wife Blames Others for Bambino's Trouble and Declares He Isn't Getting Square Deal.

Mrs. Babe Ruth declares the public is not giving her husband a square deal. Babe has spent the past three or four days with his wife on their farm at Sudbury, near Worcester. The king of swat took advantage of his period of suspension to do a bit of painting and shingling around the place.

Two and Three Putting the Next One Over
Clothes don't make man. Clothes don't make woman. But clothes make em look alike.

Grey Lag's Winnings Top \$78,833 by Latest Victory
When Grey Lag added \$4,450 to the bank account of the Rancocas stable by his victory in the Queens County handicap, the total earnings of the fine racer reached the sum of \$78,833, surpassing the amount credited to the late lamented Old Rosebud, Kentucky Derby record holder, which won just short of \$78,000 during his useful life.

BASEBALL

National

Dodgers Blank Braves.
Boston, July 1.—Buster won his own game for Brooklyn against Boston today in the 16th inning when he doubled one left fielder scored Deberry, who had singled with the only run of the game. It was an even event between the two clubs and Watson with Ford playing sensationally at shortstop.

St. Louis, July 1.—(Special.)—The Cardinals defeated the Pirates today in the 16th inning when they scored three runs on a double play. The Cardinals won 4-1.

Chicago, July 1.—Chicago overcame a five-run lead obtained by Cincinnati in the first inning, when they won a driving out of the box, and scored the Reds 4-3 in the final game of the series, to 5-3. The Reds had a 4-2 lead in the 11th inning, but Chicago scored three runs in the 12th to win 5-3.

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Say, Wister!

Better Hurry and Get Your Tickets for "Nebraska's Own Championship Bout" MORRIE SCHLAFFER vs. BUDDIE LOGAN

To Page Golfers by Radiophone
The radio as a means of paging golf club members while out on the links is to be employed by the Winged Foot Golf club it tests show the plan to be practical.

English Girl Swimmer After U. S. Laurels
New York, N. Y., July 1.—Hilda James, of the Garston Swimming Club of Liverpool, Europe's greatest female swimmer, has booked passage from England for her first appearance in this country on July 15, accompanied by her coach, William R. Howcroft.

JACK JOSEPHS vs. AL TUTTLE (Minneapolis) 10 ROUNDS (Chicago)
BILLY ROLFE vs. SAILOR MOSS SIX ROUNDS
AND A GOOD FOUR-ROUND BOUT.

Tickets now on sale at the Auditorium, The Sportsman, Morris' Drug Store, Baseball Headquarters, Stock Exchange, F. & B. Cigar Store. Prices—\$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00 (Plus Tax)

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