OMAHA BEE SPORTS ARE BEST

Prospects Good for 1924 Cage Five at U. of N.

Six of Seven 1923 Players Will Return to Fold Next Season—Usher Captain.

LINCOLN, March 19.—(Special.)—"We're going up," or some similar motto probably will be adopted by the University of Nebraska basketball squad when it places a team of cagesters in the field for the 1924 race for the Missouri valley championship. The Huskers landed well down the list of valley teams during the 1923 battles, chalking up but five wins out of sixteen starts.

Six of the secen men who were awarded letters for work with the 1923 cage aggregation will again perform for the Cornhuskers during the 1924 season. They are Captain-Eelect "Billie" Usher, Klepser, Tipton, Riddlesbarger, Cozier and Volz. Five of these six saw their first season as Husker basketeers this year. Captain Warren is the only man who is lost to the 1924 team.

Captain-Elect Usher diminutive forward, is probably the shortest man who ever carried off an "N." He performs best when in the company of Klepser, another midget basket tosser. Klepser is a faster floor man than Usher but he does not register as many baskets as does the new captain, who landed tenth among the point makers of the valley during the season just closed. Cozier is the third forward who will report for the 1924 team. Tipton, Volz and Riddlesbarger, other letter men of this year, are guards. Tipton also performs creditably at the center position. He is regarded by Husker followers as the coming outstanding guard of the valley. Wyant, guard on this year's squad, will also report next year.

The center position is one which will have to be filled by new shoes. Captain Warren, high point man on the Husker squad, filled the position in great shape and the coach for the next year squad will have to work hard for a man to replace him. Goddson was the outstanding candidate for that position among the 1923 tossers.

The coach for the 1924 team has net yet been named. Owen Frank, this year's coach, is expected to devote his full time to coaching candidates for the football squad and a new basket ball mentor will probably be on the job with the start of cage practice next year.

Amateurs to Govern All Trap Shooters

New York, March 19.—After 30 years of control, fire arms and powder manufacturers have relinquished authority over amateur trap shooting in North America and henceforth the sport will be governed by amateurs who have formed the Amateur Trap Shooters' Association of North America to replace the American Trapshooting association.

Although the formal transfer was accomplished last Thursday, announcement of it was not made until tonight. The new organization will establish headquarters in Chicago within a week or 10 days, and the old association, while remaining in existence, will close its office and cease to function.

The president of the new organization is President Frank D. Stoop, Spokane, Wash.

The first formal meeting of officers and staff of the amateur trapshooting association of America, successor to the old American trapshooting association, will be held in Chicago, March 29.

Hebron Tourney Scores.

Hebron, Neb., March 19.—(Special.)—In a basket ball tournament scheduled here, the following scores resulted from the first day's play. Hebron High school, 26; Byron school, 15; Deshler High school, 34; Belvidere, 24; Chester High school, 15; Belleville, Kansas High school, 33; Hubbell school, 24; Narka, Kansas school, 20.

Art Schinner Wins.

St. Paul, Minn., March 19.—Art Schinner, national A. A. U. handball champion won his first match in the tournament which started here today, defeating the veteran George Sudheimmer of St. Paul, 21-9, 21-9.

Announce Opening Dates.

Kansas City, Mo., March 1.—The 1923 season in the Southwestern league will open April 26 and close September 9, according to an announcement today by President Moll.

Claud Jonnard, a new speedball artist, is expected to be a great help to the New York Giants in this year's pennant race.

Winner of Tiajuana Classic Nominee for Kentucky Derby

By GEORGE SCHILLING.

San Diego, Cal., March 19.—"Beat Blanc Seing in the Kentucky Derby and take the money," said William Daniels of Chicago, as he witnessed his Blanc Seing triumph in the Tiajuana Derby yesterday by half a length over Harry Payne Whitney's Spot Cash.

Before a crowd which filled the spacious Mexican course and then overflowed, these two colts fought it out tooth and nail almost throughout the mile and an eighth journey. The start was a splendid one with Knighthood first to show in front. He showed the way by a small margin to the half mile pole with Blanc Seing and Spot Cash closest in attendance. It was at this point that the Daniel youngster forged to the front with Spot Cash right at his throat latch.

Then the battle began. Head and head these two raced and when they entered the home stretch they were on even terms. It was then that Jockey F. Fator called on Spot Cash for the supreme effort, while Jockey Merimee on Blanc Seing sat down to ride as if his life depended on the result.

Thunderous was the vociferous encouragement that burst from throats of the spectators.

"Spot Cash wins," they shouted. A sixteenth out it appeared as if victory was his. However, Blanc Seing never faltered under the stinging lash of the whip, and, sticking to his guns like the great colt he is, he gradually drew away in the last 20 yards to win by a half length. Spot Cash found no contention for the place and he easily took these honors from Prince Tlitli, who, in turn, was third by a wide margin over Knighthood.

Blanc Seing drew down $6,325 for his victory. He is a 3-year-old chestnut colt by North Star III, and Bed of Roses, and has been nominated for the $50,000 Kentucky Derby.

Abadane clinched his title of champion all aged horse of the west when he picked up 130 pounds and ran a mile and a quarter to win by a length from John Paul Jones and Sunnyland.

In winning, he scored his ninth straight victory and ran the distance in 2:05 1-5, which equals the track record held by Breeze.

Davies Tells How to Loosen Up in Spring to Retain Form

By STANLEY DAVIES.
(Golf Instructor Field Club.)

AT THE beginning of the season it is quite natural for a golfer to be a little stiff from lack of practice.

I suggest that before going around for the first time that you take a box of practice balls, go to some quiet spot, and go through a loosening up process.

First practice footwork. Swing your club, but let your mind concentrate on the feet for five minutes. Then assume a slightly crouched position with the knees bent. This will give the proper relaxation.

On the back swing, raise the left heel so that the weight rests on the ball of the feet and not on the toes. The left ankle should turn inward on the backward swing, thus the knees will retain their position and the player will be less apt to straighten up.

It is incorrect footwork that produces two of the greatest faults in golf—loss of balance and straightening up.

After you have gone through the footwork for five minutes, turn your attention to the shoulders. Their action must be free, for a very common fault is trying to do too much with the wrists alone.

Take your position without a ball, place the left arm and club at right angles to the shoulders and bring the shoulders, left arm and club to the top of the swing, thus the left arm and the shoulders are at a relative position when you address the ball. Now swing back to the ball and through, the position of the shoulders and left arm remaining unchanged.

This form of practice will eliminate breaking of the wrists. In my opinion it is not how far you can swing back with the wrists, but how well you can keep your left arm and club at right angles with the shoulders while swinging both together.

When your footwork is correct and your stroke is a swing and not a chop, all your attention can be turned to the actual hitting of the ball and timing of the stroke.

Expect Large Entry List in Mitt Meet

The entry list for Nebraska's first annual Midwestern Amateur Athletic union boxing tournament, which will be held at the Omaha Athletic club March 27 and 28, is attracting entries from all sections of the state.

Eight Nebraska City boxers have entered the tourney. Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte and Columbus have written Physical Director Denny Ryan asking for entry blanks.

That the tournament scheduled for late this month will have a good entry list is already assured.

Tingle Wins Flyweight Honors of Far East

Manila, P. I., March 19.—"Billy" Tingle, Australian, won the flyweight championship of the far east today by defeating Blasco Concepcion, Filipino. Tingle received the referee's decision at the end of a 15-round bout.

"Bill" Brennan Improving

New York, March 18.—"Bill" Brennan, the veteran heavyweight who was removed to the Jewish Memorial hospital suffering from concussion of the brain after his defeat by Luis Firpo in Madison Square Garden, was permitted to sit up for the first time today. He was knocked out last Monday night and was taken to the hospital on Wednesd

Two Pin Meets on Tap Here

Two tournaments, and probably three, will be staged in Omaha before the bowling season closes the middle of May.

Women of the Metropolitan Ladies' league are trying to "smoke up" a classic to be conducted on plans similar to that of the city tournament for men.

The obstacle in the way of the meet is the refusal of Mrs. H. W. Huff, woman's city bowling champion, to jeopardize her crown in open competition.

Mrs. Huff won the title of city champion recently by defeating Mrs. T. R. Jameson and has expressed a desire to defend it in special matches for another year.

Some women advocate going over the champion's head and recognizing the winner of the classics as the legitimate champion.

The Gate City league will hold a tournament April 3 and 4. Twelve teams will compete for prizes aggregating $500. Every team, regardless of its score, will get a portion of the prize money.

Eighteen teams, 43 doubles and 86 singles, comprise the entry list in the Armour & Co. league, to be held April 24 and 25.

the Best Results.

Cincinnati Pin Tumbler Rolls High Score

M. Miller Bowls Games of 235, 193 and 245 for 673 Total at A. B. C.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 19.—Featuring today's play in the singles event of the American Bowling congress tournament, M. Miller of Cincinnati turned in big games of 235, 193 and 245, for a 673 total, taking second place in that event. His low second game kept him from taking the lead. R. Theisen of Mason City, Ia., rolled into fourth position when he totalled 668 pins.

Although almost 1,650 teams attempted to oust the leaders in the doubles event, none succeeded in amassing a total that would put them among the first five leaders.

FIVE-MAN TEAMS.
Petersen Parkway, Chicago, 2,961.
Wiener Petersen, Chicago, 2,889.
Portage Parks, Chicago, 2,867.
Rainbow Recreations, Chicago, 2,854.
First Consul, Chicago, 2,847.

DOUBLES.
J. Freer and E. Zajac, Chicago, 1,250.
J. Larson and C. Zeran, Chicago, 1,240.
F. Brautigan and W. Voelz, Chicago, 1,232.
T. Sharkey and W. Messick, South Bend, 1,232.
E. Fristache and W. Sievert, Milwaukee, 1,228.

SINGLES.
E. Lee, Milwaukee, 693.
W. Miller, Cincinnati, 673.
P. Wehrmiester, Chicago, 672.
R. Theisen, Mason City, Ia., 668.
P. Mitchell, Chicago, 663.

Young Talent Being Infused Into Giants

By SAM CRANE.
(International News Service Special Correspondent.)

San Antonio, March 19.—Day by day, in every way, it becomes apparent that John McGraw has been most fortunate in his selection of young players with which he can and will fortify his team for the future.

This year he has gathered around him the most promising bunch of rookies he has ever had in his long career.

If a team is only as strong as its substitutes, the present Giants are better now than ever before. They are splendidly fortified in every position and this infusion of young blood is bound to bear fruit for several years.

While the leader of the world's champions has frequently bought players in mid-season to strengthen his teams, thereby holding them up to the class needed to give strong battle for pennants, he also looks further ahead than any other manager in his endeavor to improve his chances for the future. That he has succeeded this spring, I am convinced. For the next three years, he will have teams that will be in the fight for the championship from start to finish.

Pitchers in Shape.

Although the club has enjoyed only a comparative few days of training here, the pitchers worked out at Marlin for a week. Weather conditions there were unfavorable, yet Cosey Dolan brought the moundsmen to San Antonio in surprisingly good form.

The most promising of the rookie pitchers are Guy Morrison, who is a graduate of West Virginia; Clinton Blume of Colgate; George Walberg, and Earl Webb from the Portland, Ore., club, and Mike Cvengros, from the Little Rock, Ark., club. All are big rangy felows, with the exception of Cvengros and they have afforded evidence of ability worthy of consideration, although none of them has been attempting to use much stuff on the ball.

The regular boxmen, with the exception of Jack Scott and Bill Ryan, who were late in reporting, are in good condition, no lame wings having materialized as yet.

O'Connell Comes Through.

The pitching staff as a whole appears to be much further advanced in condition than at a corresponding date last spring and the prospects that at the start of the championship season, April 17, McGraw will be exceedingly well provided with mound artists.

The catchers, Frank Snyder and Alexander Gaston, are throwing to base in mid-season form and Earl Smith, who reported late, is also rounding to nicety.

Travis Jackson, who was with the Little Rock club of the Southern association last year, has made a big hit with McGraw with his work around the short field.

Jim O'Conell, the $75,000 Pacific coast prize, has come up to expectations as a walloper, but is stil a bit shy on defensive finesse.

Rawlings May Be Traded.

New York, March 19.—(I. N. S.)—Johnny Rawlings, character man with the New York Giants for several years and undisputed hero of the 1921 world's series, to to be wafted away on a trade wind, if reports around these particular parts are to be credited. John is still quite a ballplayer and might prove as handy as a spare tire to the Giants this season, but McGraw is said to have other plans.

He is quite enamored of the ability of a young shortstop named Travis Jackson and it is claimed that, if it comes to a showdown between Travis and John, the latter will draw a one-way ticket elsewhere.

In support of this belief, rumor mongers say Rawlings has been named to accompany the Giant second team on a harrowing tour of southern hamlets, and Jackson elected to ride the cushions with the first team.

Boom McTigue-Tunney Bout.

New York, March 19.—(I. N. S.)—Tex Rickard declared today that he intended to cable an offer to Mike McTigue, new light-heavyweight champion, to meet Gene Tunney, the American champion, in a bout to a decision during the impending outdoor season

Boxing Experts Say Siki Still Champ

London, March 19.—The boxing experts of Sporting Life and the Sportsman say "Battling" Siki's title of light heavyweight champion of the world was not affected by Saturday night's fight in Dublin because Siki did not weigh in.

Sporting Life asserts that the contract did not specify that Siki must weigh in, and that he fought at catch weights and consequently still holds his title. The Sportsman says apparently neither combatant got on the scales before battle.

Harvey Snodgrass Beats Johnston

Los Angeles, Cal., March 19.—Harvey Snodgrass of Los Angeles today defeated William M. Johnston of San Francisco, formerly national tennis champion, 6-4, 3-6, 8-6, in the finals of the men's singles in an invitational tennis tournament here.

The defeat of Johnston, who is second on the national ranking list of tennis players, by Snodgrass, who has never ranked and who has never competed outside of California, was the "great upset" of the tournament.

While Snodgrass played great tennis Johnston plainly was not in good form, seeming tired and somewhat affected by the unusually warm weather.

The men's doubles concluded with the Kinsey brothers, Robert and Howard of San Francisco, defeating Johnston and Clarence J. (Peck) Griffin, also of San Francisco, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 1-6, 6-2.

McTigue May Battle Georges

New York, March 19.—"Mike" McTigue, Irish-American boxer, who won the world's light heavyweight championship Saturday in Dublin by defeating "Battling" Siki, probably will defend his newly won laurels against George Carpentier, it was revealed tonight, after announcement by Tex Rickard that he had obtained an option on McTigue's services.

The promoter's option was secured through McTigue's manager, Joe Jacobs, who is in this country. Negotiations would be started at once, Rickard said, to bring Siki's conqueror and Carpentier together this summer. He plans to stage the contest in Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, or the Yankee stadium, probably in June.

Rube Benton Signs Cincinnati Cotract

St. Paul, Minn., March 19.JRube Benton, former pitcher with the St. Paul American association club, today signed a contract with the Cincinnati Nationals, according to a telegram received by the local club from President Garry Herrmann.

Former Tiger May Manage Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., March 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Ed Willets, formerly a pitcher with the Detroit Tigers, is here conferring with the directors of the Beatrice Basebal lassociation relative to taking over the management of the state league ball club the coming season.

Indians Play Reds.

Cleveland—The Cleveland Indians meet the Cincinnati Reds at Lakeland today in the first of five games scheduled with National league clubs for this week.

Short Shots of Sports

Brennan Recovering.

New York—The condition of Bill Brennan, Chicago heavyweight, was much improved today. Brennan has been confined to a hospital since his knockout by Luis Firpo last Monday night.

Golfers Organize.

Fairbury—The golf clubs of southern Nebraska and northern Kansas are organizing for a series of games to be played this season. There may be 16 teams represented. It is probable that the first tournament will be held here.

McInnis Pushed for Job.

Boston—Uncertainty prevails in the St. Petersburg, Fla., training camp of the Boston Braves as to who will make up the regular infield, according to word reaching here today. Even Stuffy McInnis, peerless first sacker, has opposition in Fred Henry.

Phillies Injured.

Philadelphia—An epidemic of injuries has hit the training camp of the Philadelphia Nationals at Leesburg, Fla. Clifford Lee, who was hit by a pitched ball in the game with Brooklyn Saturday, is the most seriously injured. Seven other players are on the injured list.

New Pilot Undaunted.

Washington—Undismayed by the 24 to 21 drubbing handed his charges in their weird exhibition game with the Boston Braves at Tampa, Fla., Saturday, Owen Bush, Washington American league club manager, was reforming his lines today for an assault on the Brooklyn Dodgers at Clearwater.

Tank Contest at O. A. C.

With a view of promoting interest in swimming at the Omaha Athletic club, Pete Wendell, aquatic instructor, has arranged a "one-thousan point" contest, with prizes for the winner.

Contestants will be required to swim distances ranging from 50 yards to a mile using various strokes; plunge, and accomplish diving feats.

A Unique Contest.

Wellington, England.—A golfer has defeated an angler at golf here. Rupert May, using golf clubs and a ball, coped against Mr. Mackinlay, who made casts with a two and one-half ounce weight. The golfer won with a score of 87 against the angler's 102. The latter's best cast was 106 yards.

Babe Hitless.

New York—Yankee supporters were pleased over the pitching in yesterday's game in New Orleans, where Carl Mays and Bullet Joe Bush, aided by the bats of Wally Pipp, and Bob Meusel, tamed the New Orleans Pelicans, 4 to 2. Bush and Mays allowed but five hits. Babe Ruth failed to connect.

"Rusty" Evans Resumes Training

York, Neb., March 19.—(Special Telegram.)—"Rusty" Evans, York featherweight boxer who recently broke his hand in a bout, has resumed training and is preparing for his next fight, which will be held at York, April 18, with Ace Hudkins.

Evans injured his mittin a bout at Central City. The little York featherweight expects to tack the ol' kayoe sing on Hudkins and then head for Omaha.

RACING ENTRIES

Today's Entries

TIAJUANA.

First Race—Claiming, 2-year-olds, half mile:
Virginia Holland ... 107 Lady Zelma ... 110
... 107 Mollie R. ... 107
Wiki Jack ... 113 Balefull ... 112
xGold Seth ... 115 Seth's Flower ... 110
xA. Lester ... 118
Second Race—Three-year-olds and up; claiming; five-eighths mile:
Cedric ... 103 Roger Jr. ... 111
Scraps ... 103 Silverton ... 108
Contriot ... 114 Runkie ... 108
Piutrel ... 111 Skookum ... 111
Dr. Cunard ... 111 Maude Harvey ... 106
Mae Seth ... 101 Tuttle Girl ... 115
Regular Girl ... 108
Third Race—Claiming, 2-year-olds and up; five-eighths mile:
Tonilee ... 108 Olive D. ... 106
Mr. Krater ... 108 Napan ... 113
Gadling ... 113 Hermosa Negra ... 105
Sweep Up H ... 113 Hand Sweep ... 108
Joxenia ... 111 Sky Lark ... 107
Pokey Jane ... 111 Alice Richmond ... 107
Black Prince ... 112 Veteran ... 115
Fourth Race—Claiming; 4-year-olds and up; mile:
Joe Campbell ... 109 Meteor ... 109
Wool Day ... 111 Clearfield ... 111
Belle Flower ... 111 Miss Frankland ... 107
Trinket ... 112 Malsayena ... 107
Fifth Race—Claiming; 3-year-olds and up; three-quarters of a mile.
Stylish Miss ... 98 Nisam ... 115
Carl Roberts ... 111 George Mushiebach ... 110
Virge ... 113 ... 110
Mollian ... 113 Cicely Kay ... 112
Tom Craven ... 108 Evely Harrigan ... 113
Joly Fly ... 108 Baiss ... 113
Rafferty ... 115 Red Man ... 115
F. G. Corley ... 115
Sixth Race—Claiming; 3-year-olds and up; five and a half furlongs:
Coca-Cola ... 105 Brilliant Ray ... 112
Coffield ... 109 Joella J. ... 86
Jack Hare ... 98 Mount Dale ... 100
Seventh Race—Claiming; 3-year-olds and up; one and one-eighth miles.
Johnny Dundee ... 102 Mannikin II ... 109
Fair Orient ... 111 Yukon ... 112
Black Thong ... 103 Holsterer ... 111
Eighth Race—One and one-sixteenth miles; claiming; 3-year-olds and up:
Power ... 82 ... 107
Frank Fogarty ... 114 Sundial II ... 109
Black Batte ... 104 Bill Head ... 114
Woods Montgomery ... Hossaen House ... 106
Ninth Race—Claiming; three-quarters mile; 3-year-olds and up:
El Roble ... 100 Non Suit ... 110
Col. Snider ... 115 Fond Hope ... 108
May Manleby ... 113 Kimono ... 106
No Wonder ... 110 Poker B. ... 118
Bir ... 113 Cuba ... 115
Delancey ... 115 Neg ... 115
Emma Williams ... 106 Lewis B. ... 115
xApprentice allowance claimed.
Weather, clear; track, fast.

HAVANA.

First Race—Purse, $500; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; six furlongs:
Who Can Tell ... 107 Machine Gunner ... 113
Jack Hagin ... 112 Simile ... 116
Magic Mask ... 111 After Night ... 113
Good Enough ... 114 Kathleen M. ... 119
Adelante ... 115 Little Niece ... 116
Tobin Rose ... 115 Clark M. ... 115
Second Race—Purse, $500; 4-year-olds and up; claiming; six furlongs
Mumbo Jumbo ... 107 Salamander ... 105
War Map ... 107 Black Top ... 107
Get 'Em ... 107 Stoda ... 104
McLane ... 113 Semproonia ... 99
Deer Trail ... 103 San Diego ... 103
Chincoteague ... 107 Equator ... 107
Col. Murphy ... 112
Third Race—Purse, $500; 3-year-olds; five and a half furlongs:
Mountain Lassie ... 107 Jack S. ... 104
Susanna ... 99 Wild Cat ... 104
Pony Express ... 110 Havana Electric ... 104
Fourth Race—Purse, $500; 3-year-olds and up; claiming; one mile:
Forewarn ... 84 Hallo ... 106
Joe the Mark ... 105 Warren ... 112
Golden Red ... 110 Lotta Speed ... 102
Sir Jack ... 105
Fifth Race—Purse, $500; 3-year-olds and up; claiming; one mile and fifty yards.
Bloomington ... 105 ... 103
Crump Ball ... 104 Frank Shannon ... 116
Bob Giles ... 105 Chevalier ... 116
Hemlock ... 105 Paula V. ... 107
Yakamene ... 105 T. P. McMahon ... 110
Proceeds ... 96 Mrs. Grundy ... 102
Guardsman ... 110
Sixth Race—Purse, $500; 3-year-olds and up; claiming; one mile and fifty yards.
Herron ... 117 The Way ... 100
Uncle Sonny ... 109 Abe Sablatsky ... 88
Drapery ... 108 Huon ... 108
Judge O'Connell ... 104 Job Chaser ... 104
Weather clear; track fast.

MOBILE.

First Race—About five furlongs; for 3-year-olds and up; $500; claiming.
Miss Em ... 105 Fringe ... 114
Fiace ... 111 Sandalwood ... 120
Midnight Star's ... 121 Van Sylvia ... 110
Arrow Point ... 114 Mickey Moore ... 120
Babylonian ... 121 Tricks ... 121
Second Race—About five furlongs; for 3-year-olds and up; $500; claiming.
Kitty Carpenter ... 104 Gypsy Light ... 11
Fast Trial ... 111 C. A. Conkiley ... 111
Rochambeau ... 121 Nyorac ... 104
Amanda ... 116 St. Just ... 121
Wireless ... 121 Little Patsey ... 121
Third Race—About five furlongs; for 3-year-olds and up; purse, $500; claiming.
Pat Hampton ... 110 Win All ... 114
Not Yet ... 116 Grandee ... 121
Hot Feet ... 116 Dahinda ... 114
High Value ... 121 Miss Laviets ... 116
Lancelot ... 121 Jimmy O'Brien ... 121
Fourth Race—One mile and 70 yards; for 4-year-olds and up; purse, $500.
Top Mast ... 110 Magician ... 118
Last Effort ... 110 Grass Tree ... 114
Fifth Race—About six and one-half furlongs; for 4-year-olds and up; purse, $500; claiming.
Viva Cuba ... 112 Verdi Loon ... 112
Musito ... 117 Amuse ... 117
Mary G. ... 112 Sandy H. ... 117
Ardito ... 117 Grayson ... 117
Sixth Race—About six furlongs; for 4-year-olds and up; purse, $500; claiming.
Jocobina ... 107 Tokalon March ... 112
St. Judge ... 117 Navajo ... 117
Hughson ... 110 Berkeley ... 112
A. N. Aloe ... 111 Tom McFeeney ... 117
Weather rainy; track heavy.

Former Sparring Partner for Jess to Beat Floyd Johnson When Two Meet in Their Big Elimination Bout

Jim Savage Predicts That Willard Will Stick His Left Mitt Into Iowan's Map So Often That Floyd Will Take the Fatal Count Before the Tenth Round.

Scrambled Sports by Wag

"BATTLING" SIKI has tumbled from the top of the pugilistic ladder of Europe. McTigue's victory over the man who beat Handsome Georges Carpentier put a sudden step to Siki's climb.

Eastern promoters were preparing to bring Siki to America so that he might try his ebony fists on the sluggers of the Brotherhood of Heavyweight Cauliflowers, but now these promoters have changed their minds.

Probably it's best Siki isn't coming over here. Should, he, by any chance, get matches over here, he will find himself greatly handicapped in training.

He has stated and stated proudly, according to press dispatches, that there are three vital elements in his training program—whisky, cognac and brandy—and he'd find these mighty hard to get over here.

However, Siki won't be missed if he doesn't come. It's a cinch he can't train on wine, women and song and expect to stick among the top of the country's leading figures.

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MAJOR league club owners evidently believe that the public demands abnormal batting, rather than clean-cut, scientific stick work, because nothing has been done to curb the slugging which has robbed baseball of many brilliant plays.

In the wild scramble for gate receipts the magnates believe that by giving the fans plenty slugging this season the returns at the box office will be more.

Baseball fans like to see slugging and at the same time delight in seeing scientific stick work. No fault can be found with legitimate home run drives that carry the ball far beiond the reach of the outfielders, but it's these little infield flies that players bobble and allow the batter to circle the bases that the fans don't like to see.

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IF "Kid" Schlaifer can turn the tables on Johnny Karr at the Auditorium March 29, when they meet in a 10-round bout, the Omaha welter will be in line for a few bouts in cities other than Omaha.

Karr is a Cleveland boy and a tough one at that. Jimmy Dunn's welter has never been knocked down and has won every fight he's engaged in since joining Dunn's stable. He is a slugger and a boxer combined, his style of ring warfare being similar to that of Billy Wells.

The Cleveland welter has beat Jock Malone. Malone recently knocked out Mike O'Dowd in round one. Jack Perry, Dennis O'Keefe, Anthony Downey and Pete Latso have went down to defeat before Karr's left hand. These victories stamp Karr as dangerous.

Schlaifer lost to Karr in Davenport and, according to the reports, lost every round except the tenth. The "Kid's" game and there is no getting around it. Schlaifer seems to be willing to take a chance—a chance that he might get over that ol' knockout wallop. If he does, Karr will go down for the first time in his career.

FRANK G. MENKE.
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It'll be "lights out" for Floyd Johnsen when the youthful heavyweight finds himself confronted with the aged and corpulent Jess Willard—if you care to take the word of Jim Savage for it.

Savage picks Willard to win "without extending himself."

And the surprising thing about the statement is the fact that once upon a time, Savage, although once a sparring partner for Willard, never at any time thought Willard much of a fighter, and at the present moment, he thinks he is infinitely worse than he ever was at any time during his fistic career.

These conclusions of Savage, therefore, can be construed as thoughts on his part that the highly-touted, marvelously press-agented gladiator from California's sunny clime is fearfully overrated.

Savage Warbles.

This is what Savage had to say:

"Willard never was a great fighter. The best thing he had was size and bulk and the strength of a bullock. In his particular case, it was a question of remaining champion until such time as a terrific hitting small man would come along. That man came along in the person of Jack Dempsey—and Willard went down to defeat.

"Johnson has not demonstrated that he has a real knockout power in either hand when thrown into the same ring with anything better than a fifth-rate heavyweight. Certainly, if Johnson couldn't drop Bob Martin and couldn't drop "Bill" Brennan, who are about 60 to 75 pounds lighter than Willard, and a half a foot shorter, it is practically a cinch that he isn't going to flatten Jess, no matter how badly Willard has slipped.

Johnson Beat Dubs.

"Johnson won his fights with the dubs, and also his mixups with Martin and Brennan, because he kept rushing in and stabbing with his left hand. That is his style of fighting and he can't get away from it. It is a good style when Johnson meets a man around his own size and bulk. But when he goes against Willard, it will be exactly the style which I feel will kill all his chances of victory.

"If Johnson attempts any jabbing with Willard, he is going to be mighty sorry for it. For Jess will have it on him something like six inches in reach and Johnson's every lead with the left will find him getting the worst of it. Willard, even though he never was a great fighter, has a fast left stab—and he carries great power in it.

"I have real reason to know about that left hand of Willard's. He used to poke it into my face often enough. He always would pack more power into it than most men in the heavyweight ranks can put into a right hand swing. I'll always believe that if Jess could have sent home that jab against Dempsey before Jack cracked him under the heart, Jack would have had a whole lot harder job to win than he did.

Says Floyd Hasn't Chance.

"Now, what do you think is going to happen to Johnson after Willard pushes that left hand into Johnson's face—with about 265 or 270 pounds of meat and bone back of it?

"Willard is old and Willard certainly will never get back to the condition that he knew in Havana, nor even the shape he was in while in Toledo. But ancient as he is, I think he is still a fairly good fighting machine. For nature was mighty kind to him and has made it possible for him to retain his strength and his agility and his power in hitting far beyond the time that is allotted to the average athlete.

"Johnson probably will figure that youth and speed can win for him. But I don't think that he has a chance against Willard, unless the present appearance of Jess and my knowledge of him is all wrong. For I think that Jess is still good enough to travel along with a light hitting heavyweight, such as is Johnson, and still has enough power in either hand to first shake, then to render groggy, and finally to finish the heavyweight from California long before the 10th round is reached."

Sioux City Cagers Cop Northwest Iowa Title

Sioux City, Ia., March 18.—The Sioux City high school cagers won the class A championship by defeating Missouri Valley quintet, 25 to 17, in the final game of the Northwest Iowa basket ball tourney.

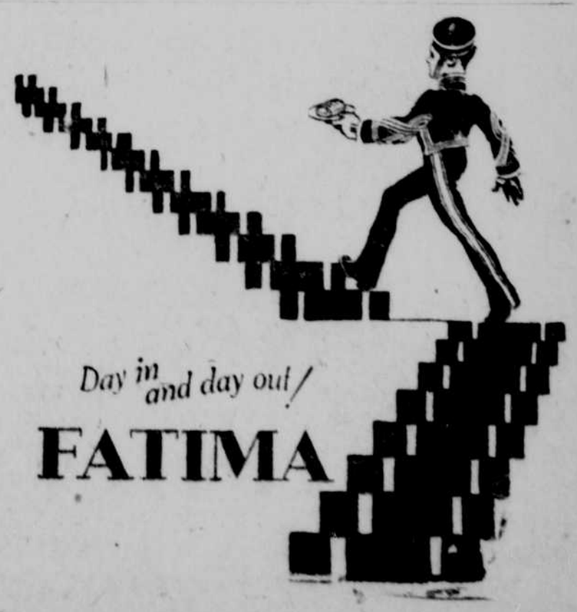
Urban Shocker Injured.

Mobile, Ala., March 19.—Urban Shocker, one of the leading pitchers of the St. Louis Browns in training here, is suffering from the effects of a blow in the groin rceived by a wild pitched ball. Shocker had to retire from the game and may be out of training for several days.

Cold Weather Halts Practice.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 19.—The coldest March weather in years halted fielt practice of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Boston Red Sox today and the major leaguers contented themselves with mountain hikes.

Will Permit Steel-Shafted Golf Clubs on Coast

Seattle, Wash., March 19.—Steel shafted club will be permitted in all matches sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest Golf association.

Dr. O. B. Ford of this city, secretary of the association, announced today that a referendum vote had decided for the steel shaft which was banned by the United States Golf association for national championships.