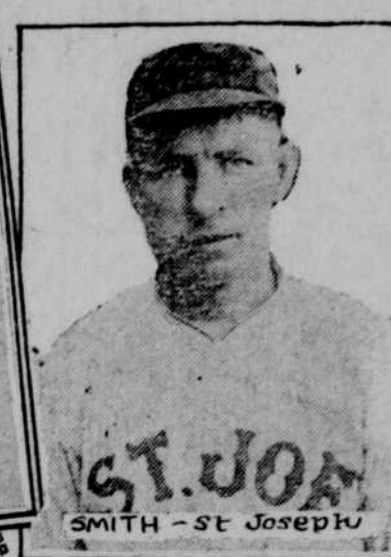
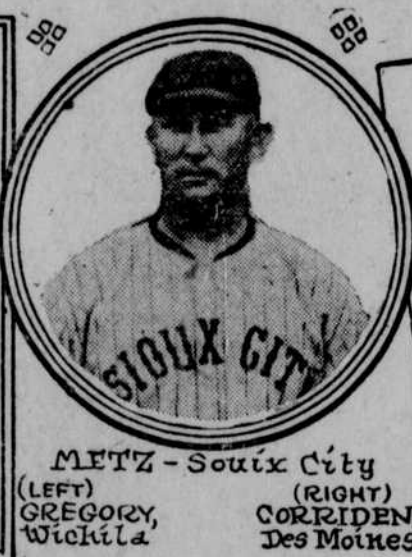


# These Eight Western League Pilots Will Steer Clubs in 1923 Pennant Race



MEYER - Sioux City  
(LEFT) GEORGY, Wickliffe (RIGHT) CORRIDEN, Des Moines

LELIVELT - Tulsa  
(LEFT) Ed KONETCHY, Omaha (RIGHT) Gilbert DENVER

ST. JOSEPH  
SMITH - St. Joseph

FRED LUDERUS - Oklahoma City

## Billy Ryan Loses on Foul to Schlaifer

### Cincinnati Welter Hits Opponent Low Three Times in Third Round—Curry Wins.

By RALPH WAGNER.

WHETHER it was the well-known Friday, the 13th "jinx" or just plain intention that caused "Billy" Ryan to foul Schlaifer in the third round of their 10-round bout at the Auditorium last night, remains to be decided, but there is no getting round the fact that the Omaha welter was on the receiving end of three awful foul blows.

For this act, the state boxing commission held a meeting immediately following the bout, suspended Mister Ryan for a period of six months and decided to give his purse, which amounts to \$1,000 to charity.

Ryan, his manager, Eddie Shelvin, Commissioners Doyle, Kavan, Hopkins, Kilmartin and Dr. "Jap" Tamisias attended meeting together with Secretary Antles of the state welfare board.

The Cincinnati boxer fractured his right hand in the second round and was attended by Dr. Tamisias immediately after the bout.

The bout, which was down on the program of the Spanish-American War Veterans' show as the main event, was a slow affair until the third round, when all of a sudden, like a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky, Ryan shot over three right-hand blows that landed below the belt. The first time this happened the Cincinnati boxer was cautioned by Referee Ulrich, the second time the mix was held up for a short time, while the third foul cost Ryan the fight.

Has Good Record.

Just what caused the Cincinnati visitor to strike low, is a question. Ryan has been fighting since 1915 and has met all the topnotchers in the welter ranks. Not once has he fouled an opponent. To our eyes—and we were the scribes—the final foul blow executed by Ryan, was for a purpose. It came after Schlaifer and Ryan came out of a tight mix on the ropes and the "Kid" cracked his opponent a stiff jolt on the jaw.

Until the third round the bout was slow. In the first round both fought cautiously. Just before the bell for round one Ryan shot over three good lefts. One of these lefts hit the "Kid" in the pit of the stomach, while the remaining two caught Schlaifer on the eye.

The second round was about even. Schlaifer got in a couple of good blows on Ryan's jaw. The Buckeye kept "playing" for Schlaifer's stomach. It was in this round that Referee Ulrich warned both fighters. Several blows were landed in this round and several were stopped before they had been spent.

Just before the start of the fatal round, Ulrich again warned both fighters, instructing them to fight. The instructions from the third man in the ring seemed to take effect, for it was in this round that the spectators were treated to some real action.

Lands With Left.

Ryan started the stanza by landing in the stomach and sticking his left into Schlaifer's already half-closed glimmer. Schlaifer then connected with a left on Ryan's jaw that shook the Cincinnati fighter from his head to feet. Following this blow of foul, Ryan came Ryan's first foul. He was warned. Then again he fouled. His right hit Schlaifer's protector and it was this blow that fractured Ryan's right hand.

After the second foul Referee Ulrich stopped the fight. Schlaifer was instructed to go and be examined. Ryan crawled out of the ring. When Schlaifer refused to quit, the bout was resumed. More fireworks, Ryan rushed Schlaifer to the ropes, landing lefts to the stomach and jaw. The "Kid" came off the ropes sort of wobbly, but game as he is, stuck up his bulks and started milling, much to the surprise of Ryan, again he fouled. Schlaifer then planted his left on Ryan's jaw. This blow made the easterner blink his eyes. It was a clean, straight left from Schlaifer's shoulder. What followed is history. Ryan rushed the "Kid" with his right, fouled the Omaha welter and lost the match.

Was Leading Schlaifer.

It might be said "light here that Ryan did not have any cause to hit low, if he did it intentionally or

not. He was leading his opponent and his left found no difficulty in pecking away at Schlaifer's eye.

Schlaifer's a tough guy and can take a good beating. Perhaps Ryan became disgusted when he saw Schlaifer stand up under his blows.

In the semi-windup, Connie Curry, clever little bantamweight from Sioux City, won a 10-round referendum decision over the veteran, Earl Puryear of Omaha.

The Sioux City fighter copped the first four rounds by pretty good margin. His left and rights found many a landing, place and his fast footwork made the "Gentleman" of the ring miss quite often.

In the second round, Curry dropped Puryear to his knees for a short count. Again in the ninth Curry had his opponent in a bad way, but the veteran was able to weather the storm.

Puryear's best round came in the seventh when he got in some good body blows. The Iowa bantam showed best out in the open, while Puryear worked best in close quarters.

Howard Beats Gartin.

As a rough and tumble fighter Ted Gartin, Lincoln welterweight, no doubt is a past master, but the Marquis of Queensbury's 24-foot domain he isn't near so good. "Kid" Howard of the same stable as Ryan, was awarded the decision over him.

Gartin had the edge on Howard all the way, and in the second and third rounds had him on the canvas taking the count.

Gartin hit coming out of the breaks and used his mitt in the clinches in a manner that is objectionable to lovers of clean sport. It was his tactics, undoubtedly, that caused Howard to be awarded the verdict.

"Bad News" Murphy, fighting his first professional fight, was the decision over "Red" Dice in the four-round opener, which proved a sidesplitting comedy.

## Paddock May Return to Coast

Los Angeles, April 14.—Charles W. Paddock, world's champion sprinter of the University of Southern California, will not run in the international intercollegiate track and field championships at the University of Paris, May 1 to 6, if the recent ruling of the American branch of the International Athletic Federation is reversed, according to Robert S. Weaver, formerly president of the Amateur Athletic Union, present president of the Southern Pacific association of the A. A. U.

Paddock is on the way to New York, where he planned to embark for France. It is said he will return to the Pacific coast immediately if he is refused permission to compete in the meet at Paris.

"It is an international athletic federation ruling that a foreigner cannot compete without the sanction of officials of his own country," said Weaver. "Paddock can go to Paris if he likes, but if the French allow him to run, they will be breaking the ruling, which I do not believe they will do."

"I have noticed that Paddock has said he will throw his shoes in the Seine after running at Paris. I think this is a mistake. His country will need him in the Olympic games next year, and he should consider it his duty to represent the United States at that time."

"It would be a great honor for him to win the 100-meter race in two Olympics."

## Roper Wants Bout.

Chicago, April 14.—Captain Bob Roper wants to meet Tom Gibbons at the American Legion boxing show at Shelby, Mont., in case Jack Dempsey, the champion, cannot be obtained, it was announced yesterday.

A telegram to Mike Collins, representing the Shelby legion, and other supporters of the fight, and Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager, who are conferring today in Salt Lake with Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, was sent by Larny Lichtenstein, Roper's manager, offering to fill Dempsey's place in case the champion could not appear.

Roper, Lichtenstein said, will accept any financial arrangement which Collins and Kane may agree upon.

## Landis Sees Big Year Ahead

Chicago, April 14.—Optimistic about his own year, Judge Landis, baseball's high commissioner, said baseball is going to have a grand year. Witness the following statement issued from his office here today:

"For 1923 there is every indication of a most excellent season. Apparently in most leagues there will be a broadening of the field of clubs that are up in the race. Very generally the results of spring training are highly satisfactory, and I look for a great year for the fans."

## New York Giants Twenty-Five Per Cent Stronger Than Last Season, Says John J. McGraw

By JOHN J. MCGRAW.

Manager World's Champion Giants, EW YORK Giants are twenty-five per cent stronger than last season, I have not more than two pitchers who could not go into the "Big Show" if called on. Several of the pitching staff have been slower than others in rounding out but they are not so very backward.

Of course I shall rely on my older pitchers who are in the best form for some time to come. It has always been my plan of campaign every spring to get the jump on the other fellows and I think I will this year. Surely I never brought back a team in any better shape to further my plans.

I will have Arthur Nehf, Jack Scott, Hugh McQuillan, Jess Barnes and Claude Jonnard, Verenas, yes and Virgil Barnes, all of whom I feel confident will have winning records to their credit. That will give me time to spend in the development of Earl Webb, Clinton Blume, "Lefty" Walburg and Lucas. I shall have until June 15, this year, to get fully settled.

My infield is going along splendidly. Henry Groh was never better. His all-around play has been little short of phenomenal. Frank Frisch, to whom was lost to me by accident for nearly six weeks last spring, is in great physical form. While Baneroff and Kelly are the same old standbys, Ross Young is hitting and fielding up to his best form, and "Irish" Muesel is batting in his last season's timely way. Jim O'Connell is showing improvement. I still have faith in his ability to make good.

My catchers are in good condition and form. I shall call Earl Smith back to the regulars.

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## Frank Maritsas, Former Central Athlete, Shows Up Well on Track Team at University of California

Frank Maritsas, former Central high school track star, is making good on the cinder path this spring at the University of Southern California. He recently represented the upper freshmen in five events at the Sacramento junior college track and field meet. Through the efforts of the Purple star the upper greenmen were aided in coping the honors of the meet with 45 points; sophomores were second the meet with 32 tallies, and the lower freshmen third with 24.

Maritsas was a member of the Central high school track team for two seasons and during that time Frank accounted for many of the Purple tallies at the state meet, where Central won high honors. He placed in the broad jump two years in succession at Lincoln and took the city meet in that event last year. Maritsas made 11 of the southerners' points during the recent meet, winning the low hurdles, broad jump and taking

## Jimmy Murphy Enters Big Race

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 14.—Jimmy Murphy, international racing marvel, has entered the 500-mile race to be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as usual, on Decoration day, May 30.

Murphy, winner of last year's classic in the world's record breaking average speed of 94.48 miles an hour, is nominated to pilot a Durant, although there has been some rumor that he will leave the Durant fold and go it as a lone wolf. However, it appears now as though the Irish son of speed would remain under the banner of Cliff Durant, millionaire sportsman, who has entered four cars in the Indianapolis race.

From a standpoint of dollars grabbed at the finish wire of racing events Murphy has unquestionably been the outstanding figure in motor racing. He won the first big race in which he competed, the 250-mile championship at Los Angeles, Thanksgiving day, 1919. It fell to Murphy's lot to be the only American to ever win a French grand prix. He turned the trick in 1921 over generalizing the foreigners in their own backyard. Last season he not only won the Indianapolis classic, but was the leader in the points championship contest conducted by the American Automobile association, the governing body of racing.

## A. B. C. Tournery Big Success

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 14.—The 1923 tournament of the American Bowling congress was the greatest classic in the tenpin world, both in the number of bowlers competing and in the record-breaking scores hung up. The monotonous regularity with which new records were made has caused many fans to ask for the underlying reasons. Was the equipment used in this tournament better than formerly? Is there such a thing as a lively ball in bowling as well as in baseball, or are our bowlers getting better and better day by day?

W. M. "Billy" Lee, bowling expert for the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company, stated that it was his belief that the bowling ball was responsible for the high scores. "All through the tournament," said Mr. Lee, "the weather was cold and dry and an even temperature prevailed at all times in the auditorium where the alleys were laid. Conditions were better during this tournament than at any which ever attended, and with such a large number competing it was surprising that more new records were not hung up for future generations to shoot at."

## Buckeye Cage Coach Signs Contract

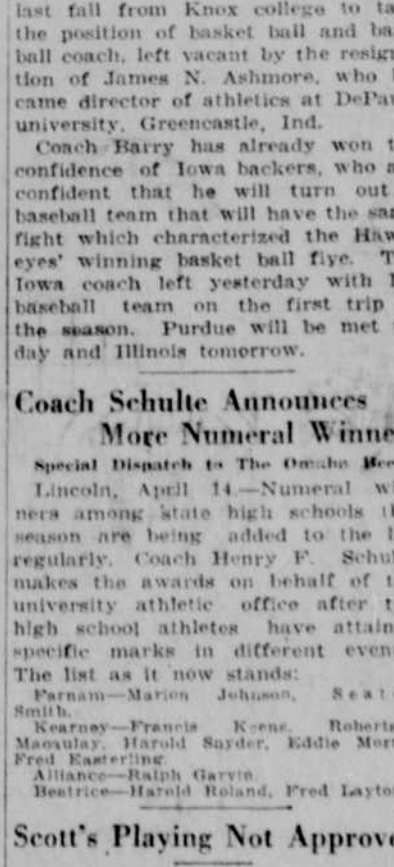
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Iowa City, Ia., April 14.—Coach James M. Barry, who entered out a champion basketball team in his first year at the university, has agreed to a five-year contract at Iowa.

The Hawkeye mentor came here last fall from Knox college to take the position of basketball and baseball coach, left vacant by the resignation of James N. Ashmore, who became director of athletics at DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind.

Coach Barry has already won the confidence of Iowa backers, who are confident that he will turn out a basketball team that will have the same fight which characterized the Hawkeyes' winning basketball ball. The Iowa coach left yesterday with his baseball team on the first trip of the season. Purdue will be met today and Illinois tomorrow.

## Central High's Girl Hockey Team



Here's the Central High school girls' field hockey team, the first to be organized at the Hilltop school in Omaha. Miss Platt, the gymnasium instructor at Central, introduced the outdoor sport last fall and when the call for girls interested in the pellet knocking game was sounded, 40 of the fair sex responded. Miss Platt was assisted by Misses McDougal and Black of the Y. W. C. A., both former club wielders, and by the time ice skating was started a fairly good team had been organized.

The bloomer girls could be seen most any Friday or Saturday at Miller park and two fast teams competed for school honors each week. The teams were piloted by Eudora Jones and Virginia Hafer, the former captaining the Blues, and the latter the Orange pellets. Anne Perley, who held the rover position on the Blues, rounded into one of the best high school club artists, being able to cover the field well and size up plays.

The Central lassies are planning on starting spring field hockey within the next few weeks and any girl gymnast, attending the Hilltop school will be allowed to try out and receive the instruction under

## Damon Runyon's Large Entry List in Annual Kansas Relay

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NEW YORK, April 10.—The argot of the prize ring is peculiar. "Palooka" is a new word, much used lately to describe what was formerly called a "hitout," a "setup," a "sucker," a "bohunk," a pushover.

All of these words mean a very poor fighter.

The origin of "palooka" is unknown, the derivation not clear. Like many slang words, it has no apparent sense.

JERRY LAVADIS, called "Jerry the Greek oldtime wrestler," who is now a trainer of boxers, tells the writer that the smartest ringman he ever knew was Irish Patsy Cline.

Cline was a lightweight, at his best a few short years ago. He fought all the good men in his class, including Benny Leonard.

"Cline had a little notebook," says "Jerry the Greek." "After a fight he would make careful notes in the book of everything he had seen of his opponent, of his own mistakes. He would study these notes constantly."

"He had more boxing intelligence in the ring, with the knack of execution, beyond any boxer of my experience."

## Spot Writers of the Olden Days

Spot writers of the olden days were not without humor. "Deaf" Burke, the first of the English champion heavyweights to fight in America, once paid a visit to France. A correspondent there, writing to his paper in London of the distinguished visitor said:

"In a visit to the Jardin des Plantes Burke thought he recognized a younger brother, but on closer inspection he discovered it was only a chimpanzee."

READING the life of Burke, which was the dubious occupation of this writer the other evening, we learned that the champion about a champion holding his 90 years old.

When Tommy Burns demanded and received \$300,000 for permitting Jack Johnson to smack him around in Australia, citizens spoke querulously of the high cost of prize-fighting. They thought the limit had been reached when Willard got \$100,000 at Toledo. Then Jack Dempsey established a new mark with \$300,000 for his brief appearance in Jersey City.

## Lincoln High Completes Baseball Card for 1923

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, April 14.—Lincoln High school has completed its baseball schedule. Omaha Tech and Central appear twice on it. The schedule:

April 21—Western at Western.  
April 22—Omaha Tech at Omaha.  
April 23—Omaha Central at Omaha.  
April 24—Omaha Tech at Omaha.  
May 3—Adams at Adams.  
May 4—Omaha Tech at Lincoln.  
May 12—York at York (evening).  
May 13—Sutton at Sutton.  
May 14—York at York.  
May 21—Omaha Central at Lincoln.  
May 22—Omaha Tech at Lincoln.

Lewis Defeats Turner.

Denver.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis retained his heavyweight wrestling championship by throwing Jack Turner, North Dakota champion, in two straight falls, the first in 45 minutes and the second in 12 minutes and 41 seconds.

## Busy Season Ahead for Central High Track and Field Squad

Central high school's track and field artists will have a full season of competition this year and Coach Schmidt announces that the annual interclass meet is but a week off. The track team will likely be picked from the showing of the candidates in this meet and as several trips for the crew are in store competition, is expected to be strong.

The Interclass meet will probably be held at Crestview field either Friday or Saturday, April 20 or 21. The week following Central will enter the quadrangular meet at Fremont in which Central, Fremont, Lincoln and Wahoo will tangle for honors. Central won this event last year and is expected to repeat the performance this season with another well balanced outfit.

Following the Fremont meet comes the City carnival and since Tech has dropped out of the running for City honors the Purple mentor may decide to journey to the Hastings field meet May 3, should the City meet be postponed. May 11 is the annual state track championships at Lincoln. The Hilltoppers won this classic last season and will again make a strong bid for the Class II banner.

The Purple mentor has been spending most of the time in the field events where Central looks weakest and from the early results he need not lose much sleep over the jumps and weight work. The sprinters are thoroughly worked out each night at the hilltop practice grounds and when the first real competition starts some good time is expected in the track event and some fair distance should be obtained in the field.