

Nebraska Tiremen Threaten to Displace Murphys From Top Berth in Metropolitan League Race

Gibbons Earns Hand-Carved Medal When It Comes to Hand-Shaking



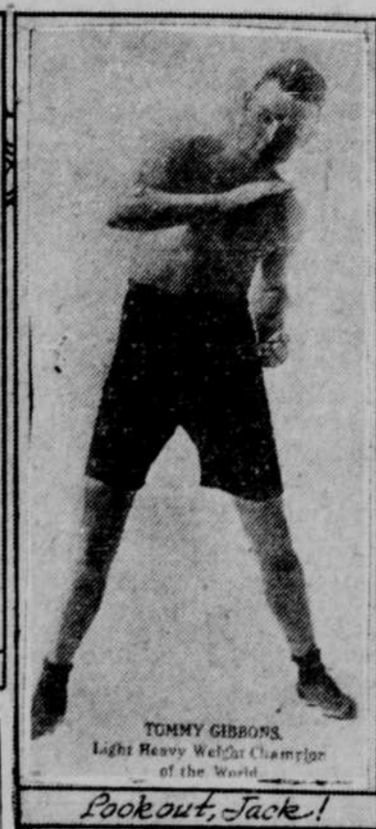
Challenger poses for camera.



Jack Dempsey ready for action.



Tommy and party arrive in Shelby



Tommy Gibbons, Light Heavy Weight Champion of the World.



Tom starts his hand-shaking tour

Eddie Collins Still King of Keystone Guardians in Majors

CHICAGO, June 9.—Eddie Collins, veteran second baseman of the White Sox is still king of the Keystone Guardians in the American League. Collins has set a new record for the position, leading off the batting order and leading the batting average for the position. He has stolen 19 bases, just one less than he pilfered for the entire season last year. By cracking out eleven hits in his last six games Collins boosted his average from .349 to .379 and is pressing the leaders, who have participated in 39 or more games. He now is fourth, Harry Hellmuth, of the Tigers, continues to top the regulars with .426, with "Muddy" Ruel, of Washington, the runner-up with .382. Dick Reichle, the former University of Illinois star, with the Red Sox is trailing Ruel with .375. Collins is also pressing Wamby of the Indians for the honors in sacrifice hits. Wamby is leading with 16, and Collins has 14.

"Babe" Ruth added one to his string of homers during the past week, and now has twelve. He also leads in total bases with 197 and in runs scored with 42.

Other leading batters: Burns, Boston .378; Jameson, Cleveland .364; Cobb, Detroit .348; Myatt, Cleveland .342; Rupp, New York .347; Rice, Washington .342; Tobin, St. Louis .339; Miller, Philadelphia .338; Seaver, St. Louis .321; Henry, Detroit .326; Williams, St. Louis. In the National League, Mullanbach of the Phillies is challenging the leaders in the National League for the batting honors, and along with Jimmy Bottomley, of the St. Louis Cardinals, are giving Zach Wheat of Brooklyn and Charley Grimm of the Pirates an interesting race. Mullanbach has a lead over Wheat and Bottomley during the past week and Bottomley is hitting .383 compared with 376 a week ago. The veteran Wheat suffered a batting slump and dropped from .424 to .405, but still maintains the leadership, with Grimm the runner-up with .392.

Cy Williams, of the Phillies cracked out a brace of homers and ran his string to 16, and brought his total base record to 145, which besides his four baggers includes 11 doubles and three triples.

Benforc of the Giants is the best run getter with 45, and Sammy Holme, of the Reds is showing the way to the base stealers with a dozen thefts.

Other leading batters: Young, New York .382; Southworth, Boston .364; Frisch, New York .358; Williams, Philadelphia .357; Jones, Boston .345; Bosh, Cincinnati .332; Neale, Brooklyn .324; Barnhart, Pittsburgh .322.

Trainers Gather at North Randall

Cleveland, June 9.—Although the Grand Circuit harness racing season does not open until July 2, stables are still filling at North Randall, where trainers are working their charges. While most of the horse men will await the Grand Circuit's inaugural, some will try their luck on the half mile tracks. The harness racing season opened June 4 with a week's meeting at the new Brooklyn track near here.

Among the first arrivals at North Randall was "Pop" Geers, the "father of the drivers." "Pop" arrived with his string of trotters and pacers two weeks earlier than is his custom.

The veteran teamster brought with him Sanardo, 1:59 1/2; Lillian Silkwood, 2:03 1/4; My Rose Bud, and Eastern Morn, 2:17 1/4. Besides these, Mr. Geers has under his charge the Frank G. Jones stable, consisting of 12 head, mostly colts.

Trainers already at North Randall include Fred Egan, Speck Erskine, Marvin Childs, Nat Ray and a host of others.

Frank Gowdy, veteran catcher, and Hank Watson, pitcher, who were traded by the Braves to the Giants, left to join their new mates.

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Marvin Childs Has Dandy String of Harness "Critters" Ready at North Randall Track

hal Mahone, Owned by George Brandeis, Pride of Marvin's String of "Buggy Pullers."

vin will get her to the races in good shape this summer and make her a useful racing proposition.

Bingenwood, Jr., 2:04 1/2, also eats oats in this barn. Bingenwood, who will recall, was the central figure in a wee bit of excitement at one Randall meeting last summer when a switch in drivers was made. He's a real good racer and one whose name it will pay you to remember.

Others in the menageries are Liberty Silk, 2:08 1/4; Donna Mae, 2:13 1/4; Ribbon Crane, 2:13 1/4; Charley Watts, 2:19 1/4; Grace Harvester and Lockspur, 2:09 1/2; Gold King, Friderick K., 2:09 1/4; Edith Carter, 2:06 1/2, and Dr. Douglas, 2:08 1/4.

Omaha Driver One of Youngest in the Harness Horse Profession Today

A good many years ago, in fact, so long ago now that we have forgotten the exact year, a young man from the wild and one-time woolly west, who was in no sense a Lochinvar, went over the mountains and hit the grand circuit at North Randall one July with a famous pacer whose name, we believe, was Hal Boy.

What the starters, older teamsters and others did to this boy was a shame. He was given the worst of all the starts, the "rough riders" took him, sent him the overland route and did every other unethical thing that the lad had courage, was not to be denied, and made the big timers eventually like him and his horse.

Then came the big conflict "over there" and this same boy forsook the light harness horse world, giving up harness, sulkies, whips, boots and handgags, for shells, straw, gold fish, mud, fifth and desolation. He served his country with honor, was in the army of occupation and then returned to be honorably discharged.

This was the spring of 1919, and as was predicted, he returned to his old love, the light harness horse, got him self a good stable and has since done

Ray Fails to Set New Mile Mark

Cambridge, Mass., June 9.—Jole Ray failed today in his attempt to break the world's mark for the mile on the track where Norman S. Tabor established the mark in 1915. The track was heavy from the rains of last night and this morning a few drops fell during the race. Ray's time was 4:27.35, as compared with the record of 4:13.35, W. L. Chapin and J. N. Watters of the Harvard A. A., both heavily handicapped, finished well ahead of Ray.

"Itchy" Kumagae's Retirement Mark Close of Interesting Net Career on United States Courts

By VINCENT RICHARDS. National Indoor Tennis Champion. Universal Service Staff, Correspondent.

New York, June 9.—The recent announcement made from Tokio that Ichiya Kumagae, former first 19 player and winner of a score of our national tournaments, had decided to retire from international competition, is a sad blow to the fans of this country.

Kumagae ranked from 1916 to 1921 among the best we had in this country. He is the first court star from the orient to flash into international prominence. He ranked fifth on the American list in 1916, seventh in 1918, third in 1919, fourth in 1920 and seventh in 1921.

Through the sensational playing of Kumagae and his compatriot, Zenzo Shimidzu, Japan won her way to the challenge round for the Davis cup in 1921, defeating Australia in the final round, but losing to the United States in the challenge match.

Had One Weakness.

The famous little "Itchy" lacked in only one department of the tennis game in order to be the world's title holder. That was his inability to get up to the net position and volley. Few, if any, of the first 19 in America could hold their own with the little oriental sensation from the back of the court. But if one drew "Itchy" into the net for a volley he would invariably win the point.

Kumagae used the peculiar oriental grip. This forced him to change his grip every time he hit the ball from anywhere in the court other than his backhand.

His retirement from international tennis will be regretted by players, officials and fans alike. At any rate the tennis game seems to have a worthy successor to "Itchy" in the person of the new Japanese sensation, M. Fukuda. This little star himself to the tennis public of this country from the orient has already endeared himself to the fans of the American association.

Amateur Games May Be Stopped Again by Rain

THE Murphy-Didit baseball team will meet one of its real tests of the season today at Fontenelle park when Ike Mahoney's outfit is scheduled to oppose the Nebraska Tire nine in a double-header, the result of which may displace the automobile team from the top rung of the Metropolitan league.

Continued rain throughout the week again threatened to stop all of Sunday's scheduled amateur games. All of the Class A teams remained idle last week and the condition of the diamonds Saturday seemed to indicate that no games would be played today.

Two Double-Headers.

There are two double-headers scheduled for the Metropolitan league. The Murphy-Tireman game will attract the majority of attention because of the close position these two teams enjoy in the pennant chase. The other double-header will see the Knights of Columbus and U. P. Engineers engaging at Carter Park.

The Murphy enter today's contest without having lost a single game, while the Tiremen have defeated all other teams in the league with the exception of the leaders, Manager Britton will send Probart in to stop Mahoney and his outfit during the opening clash, and Jones, his other hurling ace, will perform during the second encounter.

In the American league Deuce Bedford's undefeated Paxton Billiards will tackle the Carter Lake club outfit on the clubmen's diamond.

Many other interesting encounters are booked for the different amateur diamonds this afternoon.

Short Shots Sports

Advances Sale Good.

Mike Collins, promoter, announced seat sales for the Dempsey-Gibbons championship boxing contest at Shelby, Mont., amount to \$450,000 to date.

Wolgast to Meet Lynch.

Bobby Wolgast, Philadelphia flyweight, has been matched to box Joe Lynch, bantamweight champion, at the Philadelphia National league baseball park July 9.

Postpone Bout.

The 12-round bout between Johnny Dundee of New York and Joe Tiptitz of Philadelphia, set for June 12, in this city, has been postponed until June 20.

Billy Edwards Wins.

Billy Edwards of Kansas City won his wrestling match at Portland last night from Ted Thye of Portland by taking one fall in an hour and 29 minutes. He gained the fall with a headlock.

Lipton Donates Cup.

A perpetual challenge cup for annual competitions in an open class of canoes has been donated by Sir Thomas Lipton, English yachtman, according to a cable received.

Mrs. Mallory Loses.

Stamford, Hill, England, June 9.—Mrs. Molla Mallory, American champion, was beaten in the semi-final round of the open tennis tournament here today by Mrs. Clayton, 6-3 and 6-3.

Gambling Ring Reigns Openly at Philly Park

Money Bet in Large Sums on Every Play, Charges Sport Writer.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

NEW YORK, June 9.—If the good Kenesaw Mountain Landis can arrange to have an afternoon to himself, even at the sacrifice of his golf, he might do well to buy a quiet, unostentatious seat in the center field bleachers at the Philadelphia National league park, he will see something of interest.

In fact, so interesting will be the activities in and around him that it is hardly possible the judge will experience some difficulty in keeping his attention on the ball game.

Nearly every afternoon for upward of five years, a knot of gamblers has operated there during the home games of the Phillies. These men haven't the slightest interest in baseball as a sport; only in the matter of whether the batter roach first base or fails to do so. They bet, openly and sometimes loudly, on every play.

This much the writer knows from personal observation. The rest is hearsay but it comes from a source so reliable as to be worthy of the judge's immediate and painstaking attention. Baseball pools, condemned by the judge as an innocent parlor pastime compared with conditions said to exist in Philadelphia.

Gamblers Know Players.

The players for example are alleged by our informant to have more than a nodding acquaintance with the bleacher gamblers. They know them sufficiently well to pass the time of day in conversation, a highly reprehensible practice, if only for the sake of appearances.

"The betting ring," declares the man who advanced the information, "is second only to 'downstairs' at Mullock or some other track. I often sit in the bleachers at Philadelphia and can swear to conditions. At a recent game with Pittsburgh, I was only a few feet away from the gamblers. There are usually about 50 men in this ring and they fit in a little knot in center field. They have big rolls of money in the hands all through the game and bet on every batter's chance of getting to first. They exchanged money on the spot and call for takers loud enough to be heard all over the park. From their conversation with some of the players on the field, I have reason to believe that they are personally acquainted with the ball players.

"Three policemen sitting against the bleacher wall on the playing field occasionally take a glance at the gamblers but that is as far as they go."

The SPORTLIGHT

(A Quaker, 1923.)

Here is a queer side of golf for the consideration of those who dote upon the bizarre:

It concerns international golf—our fruitless amateur invasions of Great Britain—our fruitless amateur invasions of the United States.

And, then, the entirely differing showing the professionals make.

All in all, it forms one of the most unusual of all stories of competitive sport.

For fairly steady intervals through 19 years we keep sending our best to British shores and they can't win. We include in this list great golfers—long lines of champions who have proved their fitness—but they can't win.

In turn, among others, Great Britain sends Roger Wethered to the United States.

Wethered was good enough to tie Jack Hutchinson for the British open at St. Andrews.

He was good enough to win the British amateur championship by a superb display of golf.

But over here Wethered can't even qualify.

He failed at the Engineers' in 1920. He failed at Brookline in 1922. On each occasion he was well out, unable to find a place among the first 32.

A Few Wherefores.

It is largely climatic, strange courses and strange conditions," we have heard it said on many occasions. "Our golfers are at a big disadvantage over there. Their golfers are at a big disadvantage over here. It is not a fair test."

What, then, about the professional? Climatic and course conditions that apply to the best amateurs should also apply to the pros.

Harry Vardon has made three trips over. He won in 1900, finished second in 1913 and second again in 1920. On no occasion was he more than one stroke out.

Ted Ray comes over twice. He finished in a tie for first place in 1913 and won in 1920.

J. H. Taylor comes over once and finishes second, just back of Vardon. Then take the other side.

In 1921 Kerck Hutchinson wins and Tommy Kieck, a young homebred, finishes two strokes out in third place.

In 1922 Hazen Vines, Barnes is tied for second and Hutchinson is only a stroke behind—three Americans out of the first four—the winner a homebred.

A Few Reasons.

Apparently climatic conditions and strange courses don't seem to affect the pros. They do as well in one country as they do in another. In fact,

May Not Credit Brookins' Marks

Chicago, June 9.—Charles Brookins of Iowa, who has twice beaten the world's record for the 220-yard hurdles this spring, is not yet credited officially with either record, and it is probable that only the slower of the two performances will be accepted as a record.

The fastest time was in a dual meet with Northwestern at Iowa City, May 12, 23 seconds flat. The Iowa officials did not put in a claim for a record on this event because Brookins appeared to beat the gun a trifle and had a wind at his back.

The slower time, 23 1/2 seconds, was made at Ann Arbor, June 12, at the Big Ten conference meet, where all conditions, so far as now known, were acceptable for recording new records. Among the timers and officials at the meet were 35 A. A. U. officials.

Tilden Defeats Vince Richards

Forest Hills, N. Y., June 9.—William T. Tilden of Philadelphia, national champion, vanquished Vincent Richards, youthful New York star, in a brilliantly fought three-set match, featuring the title series for the church cup between Quaker City and Gotham teams at the West Side Tennis club today. The match was a base line driving duel, punctuated by spectacular rallies in which the champion's greater steadiness gave him victory after an uphill battle. Richards took the first set, 7-5, and gave Tilden a close brush in each of the other two, both of which the titleholder won by 6-4.

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Tax Experts on Leonard Bout

By Associated Press.

Chicago, June 9.—Two government tax experts will arrive in Chicago next week to investigate the recent Leonard-Mitchell boxing match and other pugilistic encounters held here recently under the guise of charitable benefits, by which they claimed exemption from paying the federal amusement tax, it was learned today. The tax experts who investigate the situation here, will proceed to Shelby, Mont., to look over the government's chances for revenue for the Dempsey-Gibbons fight there on July 4.

Iowan Heads Team.

St. Paul, Minn., June 9.—Election of Eddie Adair of Sioux City Ia., as captain of the baseball team; Leroy Klaus of Farmington, Minn., as captain of the track team, and Merton Oltman of St. Paul Park, Minn., as captain of the tennis team, was announced today at Hamline university here.

GAMES TODAY

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Omaha at Oklahoma City.

Lawrence at Denver.

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W. L. Chapin	Harvard	.413	2	25	27
Eddie Collins	White Sox	.379	12	28	27
Harry Hellmuth	Tigers	.426	12	28	27
Tommy Kieck	Brooklyn	.375	12	28	27
Wheat	Brooklyn	.375	12	28	27
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With the KNIGHTS of the GLOVES

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Phoenix, Ariz.—"Bills" Alger of Safford, Ariz., got the referee's decision over Jimmie Musso of San Bernardino after 10 rounds of fighting here last night. They are lightweight.

Paris—"Battling" Siki, who is said to have received an offer of a match from Tex Rickard, will go to the United States after his fight with Morrice on June 15, according to a report here. It is said the Senegalese fighter will train at Manhasset, L. I., under the management of Robert Eudeline, who has Eugene Criqui in charge, and that he will return to France in September.

Brooklyn—Jack Sharkey, New York, got the decision over Mickey Brown, New York, 12 rounds.

Long Branch, N. J.—Jimmy Mars, Long Island City, won the popular decision over Dutch Brandt, Brooklyn, 12 rounds.