

Western Circuit in Two Successive Years Breaks World's Record for Club Batting

League, as Whole, Slugs Its Way Into 300 Column

Tearney Loop Has Set Pace Last Decade for Heavy Hitting—Tulsa Establishes Mark in 1922.

OME WAY or other, folks seem to have overlooked the fact that the Western league has established a world's record in batting for club batting for the last two seasons. Slugging all-ways has been the forte of the Western. Seldom has there been a year in the last decade that it has not set the pace for heavy hitting; but everyone seems to have overlooked the fact that in 1922 it was the first league to produce a .300 batting record as a whole, and last season it boosted its own world's record. In 1922 the eight clubs went to bat 47,001 times and produced 14,172 hits. This was a percentage of .301. During 1923 the Western leaguers were more prone to wait out the pitchers and with several games prevented because of rain, their aggregate figures were not so large, but their aggregate percentage was even greater. In 46,085 trips to the plate without passes, Western league swatters pounded out 13,948 safeties, a league percentage of .302.

Baseball records fail to show any other league ever reaching the .300 mark. By rolling up a record of .323 in 1923, the Tulsa club established a world's record for a season's stick work and then last summer it shattered its own record by adding four more points and making the high mark .327. It is interesting to note the gradual advancement of batting in this circuit. Away back in 1903, the first year club batting records of the Western were compiled, Colorado Springs set the pace with .281. The tailenders of the Western this year batted .28.

The lowest figure that ever got over in front was .257 in 1907 when Denver set the pace. The entire field was so closely bunched that year that the lowest of the six clubs then in the league, was only eight points back of the leader with .249. This was not until 1914 that any club went over the .300 mark. Denver, which had been gradually improving in its slugging after taking the lead in 1912, finally pushed up to .304 in 1916. That fall this club was wrecked and it was not until 1921 and the lively ball that any club went over again. Then Wichita scored .319.

That year also was the first time more than a single club passed .300, Omaha pushing Wichita hard for the top with .314. Joplin tried hard to make the boat, too, but lacked one point, its final percentage being .299. This seemed to stimulate the whole league to slaughter the next year, for in 1922 every one of the first division clubs went over .300. Tulsa set the pace in batting in 1918, yet finished sixth in league standing. This year it was sixth in batting, yet won the pennant.

Incidentally, only five times has the club which led in batting been the pennant winner. Oklahoma City led the league in batting in 1918, yet finished sixth in league standing. This year it was sixth in batting, yet won the pennant.

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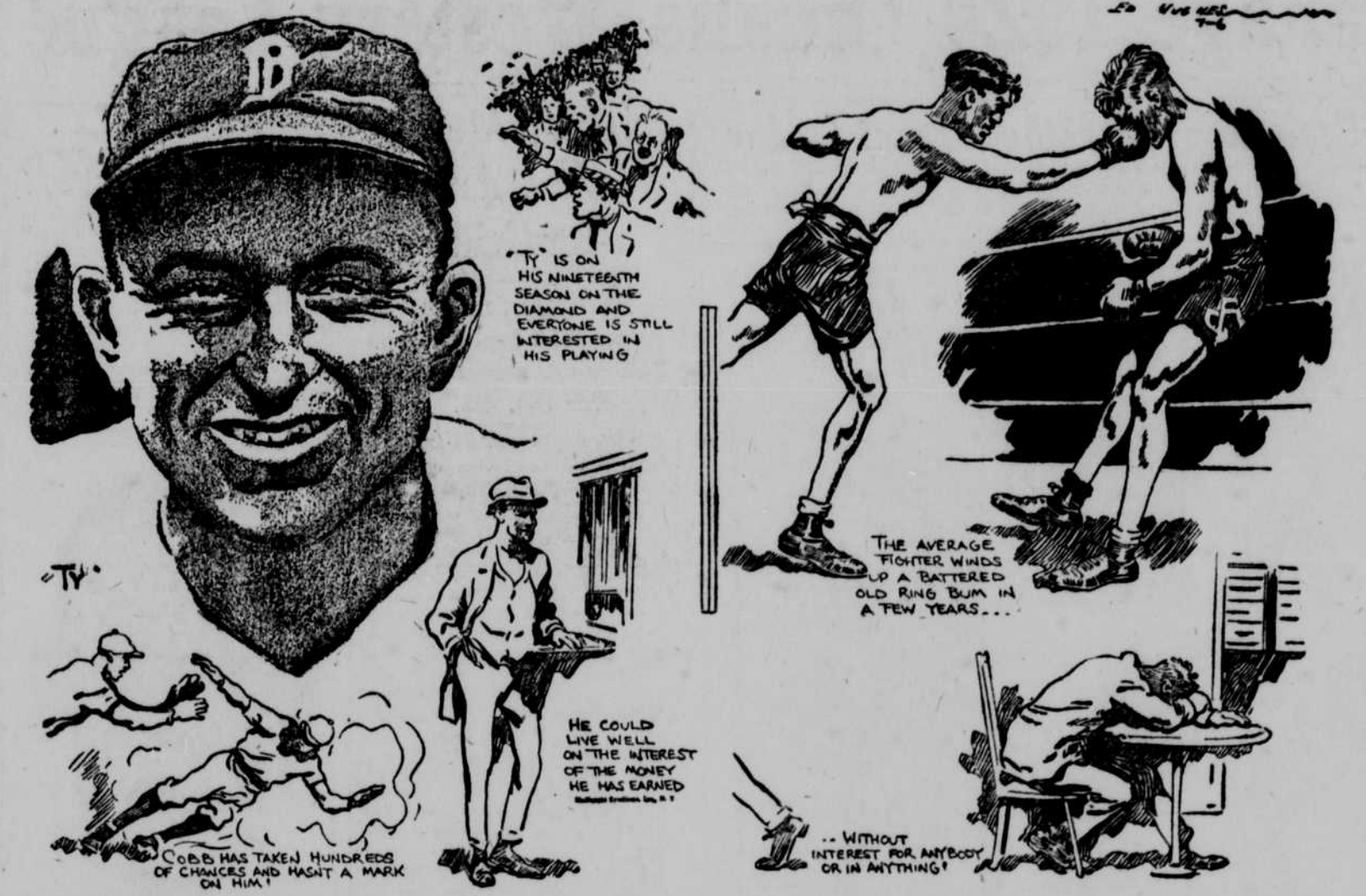
Morrie Schlaifer

AUDITORIUM 8:30 P. M.

GOOD PRELIMINARIES

Price \$3, \$2, \$1, plus tax

Young America, Stick to the Diamond



TY COBB, the greatest baseball player the diamond ever knew, occupied a ringside seat at a fight one night. At the conclusion of an afternoon's game with the Yankees the mighty Ty reflected that his playing soul needed a thrill, some spicy relaxation. He decided to attend the fight.

Ty, like most of the 23,000 gathered at the ringside, witnessed the slaughter with a heart that sobbed sympathy for poor little Wilde. Youth and a merciless determination to win hamstringing the heroism of Ypres and the Somme proved upon by impotent muscles held Cobb as one transfixed. Ty was one of those who saw the heartrending drama to the last curtain fall. He visited the battered, bleeding, blinded ghost of the once invincible Wilde in his dressing room.

He stayed but a moment. When the fresh night air had somewhat ventilated his brain of the fumes of aromatic spirits, iodine and tragedy, philosophy entered. And it spoke up. A boy in short trousers, evidently one of "the fancy" even at his tender age, scampered by. Cobb saw him, and seeing, published his philosophy.

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Lincoln Battler Given Decision Over Young Bige

Referee's Award Fails to Meet With Approval of Majority of Fans—Hudkins Defeats Harris.



FIGHT RESULTS
Joe Rodmann won four-round decision over Young Bige.
Kid Worley won decision over Rusty Evans at end of 10 rounds.
A. Hudkins knocked out Johnny Harris in eighth round of 10-round bout.
Young Strayer won 10-round decision over Erwin Bige.

By RALPH WAGNER.
FIGHTING before one of the largest crowds that has ever watched an athletic program in Cudahy Packing plant, club-room in South Omaha, Battling Strayer, hailed as the lightweight fist champ of Nebraska, won a 10-round decision over Erwin Bige, the Dundee grocery boy, in the main event Friday night.
The decision, the verdict of Paul Leidy, failed to meet with the approval of the majority of fans. Bige, making his first fight within a year, gave the Lincoln Lightweight a boxing lesson that will live in the memory of those who saw the bout. In justice to Strayer, however, we will make mention of the fact that he was the aggressor throughout the mill, pushing the go to the grocery peddler.

Chadron Normal Grid Season Was Large Success

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 15.—Financially, the recently concluded football season was a marked success for the Chadron State Normal school. Attendance at football games held in Chadron during the last year has shown an approximate increase of 50 per cent over football games of 1922, according to athletic authorities at the Normal. Total receipts for the football season, including student tickets, were \$3,102.70.

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Fairmont Victor in County Cage Meet

Geneva, Neb., Dec. 15.—Fairmont won the county high school basketball tournament which closed here Friday night, and was presented with a silver loving cup by the Geneva Community club. The score stood: Geneva 7, Fairmont 11.

Other games of the two-day tournament resulted as follows: Geneva won from Ollowa, 12 to 5. Exeter won from Milligan, 17 to 3. Geneva won from Exeter, 9 to 4. Fairmont won from Shickley, 9 to 5. Fairmont won from Grafton, 21 to 7. Ollowa won from Milligan, 14 to 3. Outstanding players of the contests were: Pricke (Fairmont), Maring (Geneva), Delaney (Exeter), and Humphrey (Ollowa). Hill of Exeter and Delaney of Geneva also put up a good game. The closest and most exciting game of the opening series was played by Fairmont and Shickley. Geneva and Exeter also played well. John Lawler of Lincoln refereed the games.

Army Loses First Cage Game in Two Seasons

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Columbia university's basketball five defeated the Army today, 37 to 20, and broke the Cadets' winning streak after it had reached 23 consecutive victories. It was the first defeat West Point has sustained since December 17, 1921, when Pennsylvania conquered the soldiers.

Valparaiso Teams Win

Valparaiso, Neb., Dec. 15.—Valparaiso High school boys' team won from the Mead team by a score of 17 to 15. The Valparaiso girls' team defeated the Mead girls' team, 20 to 10.

Tijuana Results

Yesterday's Results

First race, 5 furlongs: Nippon 26.20, 4:40 4:20, Frank 26.10 (Schiff), 4:40 4:20, Mizzanna 26.10 (Carter), 4:40 4:20, Dollar, Seneca, Curry Deba, Free Girl, 26.20.

Second race, 5 furlongs: Ledy 26.10 (Wells), 4:40 4:20, Ross, Alkin, 26.10 (Shapiro), 4:40 4:20, Lobelia 26.10 (Henderson), 4:40 4:20, Time: 1:01 4-5. Plurist, Ike, Millie, Blanche, Myrtle, Mrs. L. E. Laid, Gili, Santha C., Jolly Salore, Rocelle, 26.10.

Third race, 5 furlongs: Frank 26.10 (Wells), 4:40 4:20, Ginger, 26.10 (Connelly), 4:40 4:20, Mild Heat, 26.10 (Henderson), 4:40 4:20, Emma G., Deuterus, Phillippe, Logo, Juan, 26.10.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs: Deep Thought, 26.10 (Wells), 4:40 4:20, Program, 26.10 (Connelly), 4:40 4:20, Time: 1:01 4-5. Present, Jimson, Brandeis, 26.10. Chair, Blumoret, 26.10.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs: Billy Star, 26.10 (Bogankowski), 4:40 4:20, All Over, 26.10 (Martinez), 4:40 4:20, Mild Heat, 26.10 (Henderson), 4:40 4:20, Time: 1:01 4-5. Adonia, The Alimour, Treasurer, War Zone and Miss Fox 26.10.

Sixth race, 5 furlongs: Roger, 26.10 (Wells), 4:40 4:20, Roster, 26.10 (Wood), 4:40 4:20, Time: 1:01 4-5. Enroute, White Rose, Rannell, Firework, The Desert, Prairie and Madron, 26.10.

Seventh race, 1-1/8 miles: Corbett, 26.10 (Wells), 4:40 4:20, Cooper, Dalton, 26.10 (Lavin), 4:40 4:20, Time: 1:45 4-5. So It Goes, Crusader, The Winner, Sunny Land, Chiva, and Elias O. also ran.

Major and Minor Leagues Ready to Engineer Deals

Any Number of Trades and Sales Expected to Follow Restoration of Draft—Yanks Want Players

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Deals by a dozen, long held in abeyance are expected to follow the restoration of the draft in modified form, between the major leagues and two of the three Class AA minors, namely the Pacific Coast league and the American association. Some trades, abandoned a year ago when the minors declined to be a party to the draft, will be resurrected. Others, discussed informally at Chicago meetings, are to be brought to a boil—just add hot water and serve; six plates, 10 cents.

Such, at any rate, is the composite opinion of major and minor leagues, both of whom are anxious to do business immediately or even earlier.

The two New York clubs, which are pleased to claim that a boycott has been placed upon them in the major leagues, are expected to plunge into an orgy of bidding for class AA players. The Yankees already are angling for Outfielder Combs and Pitcher Dean of the Louisville club, and look for early developments. The Giants are on the trail of a live infielder and several pitchers, but are naming no names.

Scotia Cagers Win

Scotia, Neb., Dec. 15.—The Scotia Imperial basket ball team defeated the Farwell town team, 37 to 30, in a game played here Thursday night. The Imperials have not lost a game this season.

Man 74 Years Old Is "Rejuvenated" In 3 Weeks Without Gland Operation

Wonders of Science

Thomas J. Glascock, 74, well-known Kansas contractor, declares he has virtually been made young again by the recently discovered korex compound, which is pronounced superior to "gland treatments" as an invigorator and revitalizer.

"I feel like I did at 25," says Mr. Glascock, "and seem to be getting stronger every day. During my three weeks' use of the new discovery, pains and weaknesses of many years' standing disappeared almost magically. Today I am a vigorous and supple as I was in the prime of life. Furthermore, when I began using the compound, my memory was virtually gone and I was almost blind. Now my mind is clear and active and I can read the finest print without difficulty."

In order to find out whether the results were lasting, Mr. Glascock waited six months before reporting on his test of the discovery. On this point he says:

"Every passing day strengthens my conviction that my restoration is not only complete, but permanent. I can't express the happiness this great discovery has brought to me. It has made me 'young' again."

Similar reports are being made almost daily. For instance, D. W. Wood of New Orleans, past 60 years of age, says: "The compound has brought me back to as good, healthy physical condition as I enjoyed at 35. I am apparently as supple as at 25 and my eyesight is better than for years. I would not take \$5,000 for what the discovery has done for me."

The compound is a simple home treatment in tablet form, absolutely harmless, yet rated as the most powerful invigorator known. Acting directly on lower spinal nerve centers and blood vessels, it brings gratifying benefits in a few days, according to thousands who have tested it.

"It is wonderful," writes a resident of Hollister, Cal. "In less than 24 hours you can feel it does the work. It makes one feel young as a young man. I am more than happy and glad I tried it." Another California man says: "The compound is a world's wonder. I feel like I was about 25 and here I am nearly 60."