# Coach Kline Is Appointed to All-Year Position at University of Nebraska

## Husker Mentor Will Have Complete Charge of Basket Ball and Baseball Teams; Will Assist in Grid Coaching

### With Announcement of Signing of Contract Scarlet and Cream Diamond Stars Begin Limbering Up.

**LINCOLN, NEB., March 11.—Coach W. G. Kline is now a member of the University of Nebraska coaching staff on an all-year basis. Announcement was made by Athletic Director Fred Dawson Tuesday that Coach Kline had signed a contract which places him in full charge of the basket ball and baseball teams. In the fall he will assist in directing the efforts of the football team.**

Coach Kline first jumped into prominence with his Nebraska Wesleyan basket ball team, using the five-man defense for the first time in the history of the cage sport. He coached at Nebraska a year and after that was athletic director at the University of Florida. He was forced to give up that position because of illness of one of his young sons.

An optimist whose teams have never yet been beaten, Coach Kline's indomitable spirit is contagious. A team of his may get the short end of the score but it is never whipped.

With announcement of the appointment Coach Kline, baseball practice at the university will start in earnest.

**Captain Harland Peterson and about 30 candidates have been limbering up in the armory for the past several days. As soon as the weather will permit, the diamond pastimers will get outdoors. There are nine veterans from last year's team available for the club this season.**

**Vern Lewellen, who will get a chance with the Pittsburgh Pirates as a pitcher this season, is in the list.**

Pool and Mubka will try for the position behind the bat left vacant by graduation of Jeff Petty. Veterans in the outfield include Janda and Collins while the infield includes Smaha, Gibbs and Volz. Byron Arries, third baseman last year, will be unable to try for a place this season on account of a war wound which has impaired his back.

The tentative schedule begins with a trip to the far south where the Huskers will engage the Southern Methodist university at Dallas, Tex., March 31 and April 1. On April 2 the Nebraskans meet University of Dallas.

**Coming north the Nebraskans stop at Stillwater, Okl., for a game with Oklahoma A. & M. on April 3 and for two games with University of Oklahoma at Stillwater, April 4 and 5. April 7 and 8 the Huskers play the University of Missouri at Columbia.**

**Other games have not been dated. There will be a series of four games with the Kansas Aggies, two here and two at Manhattan and the same arrangement will be worked out with Kansas. Oklahoma will play two games here and the University of Meiji nine, a Japanese team from Tokio, will stop here for at least one game.**

The southern trip for the team comes during spring vacation.

### Platte County Skat Tourney Opens Sunday

Columbus, Neb., March 11.—Sunday, March 16, is the date definitely set for the first annual Platte county skat tournament to be held at Maennerchor hall throughout the afternoon and evening of that day. County Treasurer Will Boettcher and Keith Perkins, members of the committee in charge, announce that the prize money will be divided four ways, $40, $30, $20 and $10.

Every player is to pay an entrance fee of $2 and is to play 125 games in the afternoon and 100 in the evening, the entire tournament being run off in the one day. Anybody who knows enough about the game to chuck two iron men into the treasury for an entry fee is eligible to compete for the prizes.

### Columbus Bowlers Break Even With Grand Island

Columbus, Neb., March 11.—In a return series of tenpin matches on the Grand Island alleys yesterday, Columbus bowlers broke even with the Grand Island pin sharks in both the team events and doubles.

Columbus took the first team match, 2,680 to 2,581, Eddie Graf setting the pace with 609. In the second match Grand Island copped the honors by the narrow margin of 2,699 to 2,681. In the doubles, Kavanaugh and Speck defeated the Pepper brothers, while Graf and Trofholz went down to defeat before the Nielsen brothers.

### *Olympic Net Rules Bar William Tilden*

Philadelphia, March 11.—William T. Tilden II, national tennis champion, said today that the rules adopted by the American Olympic committee barring members of the Olympic team from writing for newspapers while abroad, automatically bar him from competing in the games.

Tilden said this is interpretation of the action recently taken as he is under contract to write two articles a week during the present year.

### Musser Reports at Wichita.

Paul Musser, veteran right-handed hurler of the Wichita club of the Western league, is the first player to report for the 1924 season at the Witches' camp.

Howard Gregory, veteran pitcher, manager of the Wichita club, will leave the west coast March 14 with a carload of ball players bound for Wichita. The initial spring practice for the Witches is scheduled to be held next Monday. The Wichita club will train on its own home lot.

After spending a week in the hospital, Jack Dempsey now knows how Firpo felt after getting socked on the chin last fall.

## Goullet, Bike Champ, High Salaried Rider

**New York, March 11.—Alfred Goullet, six-day bicycle racing champion, earned $35,000 during the last year, it became known today, when he received $6,500 for placing fourth in the spring race at Madison Square Garden. Maurice Brocco of the winning team, is credited with $25,000 within the year. Both amounts are said to exceed all baseball salaries except those of John McGraw and Babe Ruth.**

## Maroons Sart Preparing for Track Season

### Coach Adams to Revive Outdoor Sport at University of Omaha This Summer.

THE state conference track and field meet set for May 10, is keeping Coach Adams of the University of Omaha busy planning on building a track team in time to participate in the meet.

Track has been neglected at the university the last three years, due to the difficulty in scheduling meets outside of the conference, and Adams will have a job turning out a world beating team.

On the other hand, there is plenty of raw material, and some that is not so raw. Jim Atkinson, formerly of Creighton, and Phil Holmberg, yearling miler at the University of Minnesota last year, constitute the best prospects for the distances, while Margolin, Wood, Thompson, Anderson, Sterner and Fried are middle distance and sprint men. Thompson and Slater show up as the most promising hurlers.

In the field events are Meek, Nielan, Bolzendahl, Fried, Mead and Slater. Borcherding, Robel, Meek, Nielan and Slater are available for the jumps, and Slater and Holmberg appear the mostly likely aspirants for the pole vault.

Coach Adams is trying to arrange a number of meets with conference schools before the state meet. He believes the squad will be ready to take the outdoors about the first of April. The Red and Black tracksters are handicapped by the lack of an indoor track, but intend to make up for it in intense work when the weather permits.

### De Palma to Race Haugdahl

Los Angeles, March 11.—Ralph De Palma, veteran automobile racing pilot, has agreed to meet Sig Haugdahl, Norwegian driver, in a match race at Ascot speedway here next Sunday, it was announced.

De Palma will race Haugdahl on condition that Haugdahl use a car of not more than 300 cubic inches displacement. De Palma will use a racer with displacement of 122 cubic inches.

Haugdahl recently made 180 miles per hour at Daytona Beach, Fla.

### State Cage Meet Success.

Lincoln, March 11.— Nebraska's 1924 High school basket ball tournament was not only the largest in the history but was the best tourney from a financial standpoint during the 14 years of competition.

The total gate receipts of the 1924 tournament amounted to $10,093.25, according to John Selleck, chairman of the finance committee. After expenses are deducted, the money will be pro-rated to the high schools.

### German to Meet C Opponents

San Francisco, March 11.—Richard Schikat, billed as the heavyweight champion wrestler of Germany, will attempt to throw three opponents in two hours, under catch-as-catch-can rules, here tonight. The three are Cliff Lewis of Idaho, Nick Miller, a Slavonian, and a masked Russian.

Ad Santel, light-heavyweight, will meet Demetrius Martinoff, 330-pound Russian, in a one-hour match.

### Skupa to Join Richmond Club

Stanley Skupa, former Omaha sandlotter, leaves soon for Richmond, Va., where he will try out with the club of that city.

Skupa played in the South Dakota league in 1920 and 1921. He was with Waterloo, Ia., in 1922 and last season played with Newark, N. J. He was given his release from the Newark club.

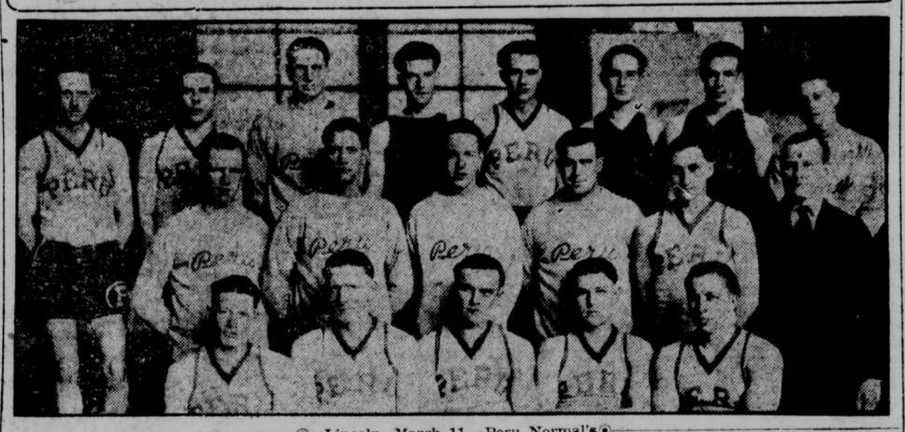
## Man's "Shape" Is All Wrong, Science Finds

London, March 11.—Mankind is the weakest and most imperfect of animals, and is prevented from doing useful work because of his shape, according to Prof. F. W. Burstall, dean of the faculty of science at Birmingham university.

"If I were to design the men and women of the future, I should make them spherical and provide them with wings and feathers," said the professor in a recent speech.

"A spherical configuration would enable men to establish a four-hour working day and do as much work as present-day men can do in eight hours," he added.

## State Conference Champions



## Bluffs Athlete Leads Mo. Valley

Art Benz, Council Bluffs boy, member of the 1924 Grinnell college basket ball team, is the leading scorer in the Missouri Valley cage race which closed last week. Benz finished the season by scoring 152 points, having chalked up 38 field goals and 76 free throws.

The final standings of the Missouri Valley race place Kansas at the top, then Oklahoma university and Nebraska.

The final standings and the ten leading scorers of the Valley follow:

**FINAL VALLEY STANDINGS.**

| | W. | L. | PCT. | PTS. | OP. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas | 15 | 1 | .938 | 429 | 283 |
| Oklahoma | 13 | 3 | .813 | 490 | 377 |
| Nebraska | 10 | 6 | .625 | 392 | 306 |
| Drake | 8 | 8 | .500 | 399 | 414 |
| Washington | 8 | 8 | .500 | 411 | 433 |
| Kansas Aggies | 8 | 8 | .500 | 356 | 400 |
| Grinnell | 4 | 12 | .250 | 340 | 443 |
| Missouri | 4 | 12 | .250 | 334 | 387 |
| Ames | 2 | 14 | .125 | 295 | 402 |

**FIFTEEN LEADING SCORERS.**

| | B. | FT. | MFT | PF. | PT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Benz, Grinnell | 38 | 76 | 24 | 23 | 152 |
| Boelter, Drake | 49 | 50 | 34 | 27 | 148 |
| McBride, Oklahoma | 60 | 26 | 22 | 30 | 146 |
| Askerman, Kas. Ag. | 57 | 27 | 15 | 18 | 141 |
| Kunker, Kas. Ag. | 42 | 26 | 17 | 21 | 121 |
| Wallace, Okla. | 51 | 16 | 11 | 25 | 118 |
| Minner, Wash. | 43 | 30 | 18 | 21 | 116 |
| Everett, Drake | 51 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 115 |
| Seago, Wash. | 50 | 12 | 12 | 23 | 112 |
| Tebow, Kas. Ag. | 40 | 26 | 17 | 21 | 106 |

## Scrambled Sports by "WAG"

**First Base for Managers**

THE signing of Art Griggs to manage and play first base for the Omaha Buffaloes this season instead of following out his original intention of handling his club himself from the bench again makes the Western league heavy at first with managers.

**Griggs is the third manager who will play at the initial station. Jack Lelivelt of Tulsa and Fred Luderus of Olkahoma City being the others.**

By the way, these three teams look like the strongest combinations in the league at the present.

**Wichita has a pitcher-manager in Howard Gregory. "Red" Corriden, outfielder, will manage Des' Moines and Joe Berger will manage the Denver Bears from his shortstop position. Lincoln and St. Joseph will be handled from the bench.**

Baseball fans who have followed Western league ball for several seasons and who have seen Luderus and Lelivelt play in this circuit and who have also seen Griggs play, are of the opinion that the Buffalo manager will outshine all other first basemen in Tearney's loop when it comes to hitting.

**Firpo Has Change of Heart.**

HAS Luis Angel Firpo suffered a change of heart of something?

**Recently Firpo, so the reports said, signed to fight for a new New York syndicate. The other day we read where Firpo had passed up the new syndicate and went back to Tex Rickard.**

If Firpo had stuck to the new syndicate and had given Rickard the bye-bye one would certainly say the senor has a curious sense of gratitude.

No one will blame Firpo for taking a contract where he can get the most money, for the boxing game is a dog-eat-dog affair. However, Tex Rickard was pretty nice to the South American last year. He took Luis when the latter was unknown and just about penniless, and gave him work. Rickard was one of the few men who believed in Firpo.

**When Firpo and Dempsey were matched the South American was generally ridiculed as an opponent for the champ, but Rickard was one of the few who still believed in the "wild bull." The promoter went through with the match in the face of the widespread criticism and it was a big success. The fight "made" Firpo and was responsible for the South American becoming considerable richer than he was before the fight.**

Senor Firpo surely has a curious sense of gratitude if he throws Rickard over after all the world's greatest promoter has done for him in this country.

**Philadelphia—Ray Mitchell, Philadelphia, won the judges' decision over "Sailor" Friedman of Boston in 10 rounds.**

**Pittsburgh, Pa.—A scheduled 10-round fight between Mickey Walker, welterweight champion, and Mike Dempsey of Rochester, N. Y., was stopped in the fifth round by the referee, who awarded a technical knockout to Walker on a charge that Dempsey was stalling.**

**Toronto, Ont.—Jack Reddick, Moose Jaw, Sask., knocked out Bert Kenny, New York, in the sixth round of a 10-round bout.**

Lincoln, March 11.—Peru Normal's basket ball five closed the 1922 cage season with a record of 27 straight conference victories. The Bobcats copped the 1924 conference title; tied with Nebraska Wesleyan for the 1923 honors and finished first back in 1922. Altogether Coach Graf's men have won 32 consecutive college battles. The Blue and Red quint has piled up 941 points to their opponents' 427 counters. The personnel of the champion five includes Captain Weimer, center; Frary and Gilkeson, forward; Buettzenbach, Delzell and Milam, guards. The 1924 Peru record: Peru, 20; Grand Island, 13; Peru, 35; Grand Island, 7; Peru, 54; Doane, 8; Peru, 16; Cotner, 13; Peru, 17; Wesleyan, 16; Peru, 29; Doane, 23; Peru, 38; Wesleyan, 16; Peru, 33; Chadron, 17; Peru, 27; Cotner, 20.

## Buffalo Team Heads A. B. C. Meet

Chicago, March 11.—The People's Ice Cream company of Chicago went into ninth place of the five-man team event of the American Bowling congress here last night when they hit the maples for 2,878 count. Following are the high 10 standings at 11 o'clock:

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| Pollock Caruns, Buffalo | 2,999 |
| Durkee Motors, Kansas City | 2,972 |
| Dandy Firsts, Chicago | 2,956 |
| Western Electrics No. 1, Chicago | 2,946 |
| Woodward Nonpareils, Detroit | 2,927 |
| Moynihans, Chicago | 2,910 |
| Toepfers Brothers, Cincinnati | 2,888 |
| Metropolitans, New York | 2,882 |
| People's Ice Cream Co., Chicago | 2,878 |
| Witter Rass, St. Louis | 2,873 |

### Merz to Report to Memphis

Otto Merz, former Sioux City hurler of the Western league, is en route to Memphis, Tenn., where he will report to the Memphis club of the Southern association for spring practice.

Merz was with the Des Moines and Sioux City clubs two years ago and was sold to the Memphis aggregation. Last year he was with the Corning Independents, having been given a temporary release by Memphis because of illness in his family.

### Navy Awarded Big Tank Meet

Minneapolis, March 11.—The Annapolis naval academy was awarded the first national intercollegiate swimming meet designated by the American Olympic committee as official preliminary tryouts for the United States swimming team, it was announced by Fred W. Luehring of the University of Minnesota, chairman of the national swimming rules committee.

### Dempsey, Kearns in Michigan

Elkhart, Ind., March 11.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, accompanied by his manager, Jack Kearns, and Floyd Fitzsimmons, fight promoter of Benton Harbor, Mich., arrived here today from New York. They went to Benton Harbor in an automobile. They made no statement.

## Pacific Coast Bowlers High

Chicago, March 11.—Invaders from the west, the San Jose, Cal., Daum Candies, champions of the Pacific coast, who found themselves today among the first ten, won the plaudits of American Bowling congress fans, and what is more tangible, a slice of the prize money, when they rolled a total of 2,922 last night.

After a moderate start of 916, they added 1,002 and 1,004 and took sixth place in the five-man event. It was the first time in 12 years that a California team has been in the big pin tourney.

Five man and other standings were not badly mussed. Marx-Schumaker, a Buffalo duo, rolled into the doubles, with 1,275. Otto Stein, jr., of St. Louis, took the same place in the all-events with 1,900.

## WHAT THE AMATEURS SAY-

CLIX WAGNER, former president of the American league, tells about the first game that Crease Kemmy, former amateur ball player and now a member of Johnny Dennison's staff of "bottle dodgers," ever umpired.

**The game was played at Elmwood park and Kemmy was working the game alone from behind the pitchers' box. A couple of class B teams were playing a close game and in one of the final innings Kemmy was called upon to give a close decision at home plate.**

Crease, whose right name is Chris, came tearing in towards home with one hand in a position that would indicate that the runner was out and the other hand showed that the runner was safe.

**The contesting teams not knowing which way Kemmy had called the decision, crowded around him for a decision and Chris, after much deliberation finally called the runner out thus pulling himself out of a bad hole. Just as luck would have it for Kemmy the runner and his teammates said nothing.**

We saw Kemmy work the last part of the season and he looked pretty good as an indicator handler, but his friends haven't forgotten this incident and Kemmy's latest nickname is "Close Decisions" Kemmy.

### Villa May Box in Oakland.

Los Angeles, March 11.—Pancho Villa, holder of the world's flyweight championship, is here to await the arrival of his wife from the Philippines. His manager asserted Villa may box in Oakland, Cal.

## RACING-RESULTS

### *Yesterday's Results.*

**TIAJUANA.**

First race: ¼ mile: Frances Victoria, (Wood) ..5.40 2.40 2.40; Ann Grogan, (Collins) ..4.20 2.20; Super Lady, (Ralls) ..3.00. Time: :49. Pacifist, Intake, Miss Alessi, Guinea Girl, Elda also ran.

Second race: ¾ mile: Athana, (Roberts) ..4.00 4.20 3.00; Rosa Atkin (Wilson) ..7.40 4.80; Hasten On (Ralls) ..5.40. Time: ——. Lady Maree, Princess Myrtle, Emden, Lady Moore, Stanley H., Good Hope, Mythology, Jack Fountain, Cock O' the Roost and Stone Bell also ran.

Third race: ¾ mile: Darn Dollar (Ralls) ..12.20 4.80 3.20; Boomerang (Francisco) ..4.40 2.80; Contribution (Wood) ..3.40. Time: 1:07 2-5. Bell Evans, Midnight Bell, Lamstedt, Vibrator, Lucky Dollar, America G., Mary Contrary and Spirea also ran.

Fourth race: Mile and 70 yards: Temptress (Hoagland) ..65.80 20.80 8.00; Sweet and Low (Smith) ..7.20 4.20; Billy Doe (Wilson) ..3.00. Time: 1:47 1-5. Hobey Baker, Ag Revolt, Madson, Poor Pus, Lady Leonid, Ike Mills, Gold Flush, George Muehlebach and Tough and Tight also ran.

Fifth race, five furlongs: Caveat Emptor, 112 (Wood) ..5.20 2.60 2.20; Finis Gloriosus, 94 (Frey) ..11.20 5.40; Dan Logan, 115 (Hoagland) ..2.80. Time: 1:01 3-5. King Belle, Hobby Allen, Wild Thoughts, Zillah, Dr. Johnson also ran.

Sixth race, mile and 70 yards: Seth's Memory, 92 (Hoagland) ..13.00 5.20 2.60; Cypreme, 102 (A. Collins) ..4.40 2.20; Taxation, 92 (Cooper) ..5.80. Time: 1:45. Whiff, Ida Frances, Settee, Praiseworthy also ran.

Seventh race, one and one-sixteenth miles: Zealot, 110 (Connelly) ..8.10 5.20 2.60; Lady Lillian, 111 (Doyle) ..4.80 3.00; Fair Orient, 110 (A. Collins) ..2.40. Time: 1:47 2-5. Salvo, Mannikin II, Just Right also ran.

Eighth race, 6 furlongs: The Araucanian 113 (Wood) 4.20 2.60 2.20; Dr. Corbett, 110 (Connelly) ..3.00 2.40; Wild Heather, 113 (Ellis) ..2.20. Time: :113. Doubtful, Joella J., Haleakala, also ran.

Ninth race, one and one-sixteenth miles: Frank Fogarty, 111 (Cooper) 5.40 4.20 2.80; By Right, 106 (Melter) ..7.00 3.80; Flycast, 111 (Horn) ..6.20. Time: 1:47 2-5. Brian Kent, Spectroman, Renwell, Summer Sigh, El Roble also ran.

**NEW ORLEANS.**

First race: ½ mile: Little Jimmy, (Martin) ..2.1 4-5 2-5; Honest Mose, (Wallace) ..2¾-1 2-5; Black Dinah, (Lilley) ..5-2. Time: :49. Hole Card, Huey, Doc McMahon, Eunice K., My Buddy, Rockomar, Mr. Irish Colleen, Tarrayce, C. Neff, Fast Fourpence, Dr. Huff, Dora Luis also ran.

Second race: ¾ mile: Avispa (Martin) ..4.07-1 3-5 4-5; Poor Sport, (Parke) ..even 1-2; Daydue, (McDermott) ..2½-1. Time: 1:14 1-5. Times Up, Centimeter, Good Time, Rork, Arrowhead, Carnarvon, Venizelos, Tulane, Same Reh, Goldmark also ran.

Third race: 1 1-16 miles: Llewellyn, (Mergler) ..2.50 even 2-5; Tableau d'Honneur, (Romanelli) ..even 2-5; Loscies, (Sharpe) ..1-2. Time: 1:45¾. Lily M., and Alard also ran.

Fourth race: ¾ mile: Centimeter, (Parke) ..45c-1 out out; Traffico, (Sharpe) ..6-1 2-1; John Finn, (Wallace) ..even. Time: 1:13 1-5. Frankman, Best Pal, Barracuda also ran.

Fifth race: 1 1-16 miles: Our Star, (Partington) ..35-1 15-1 6-1; Juno, (B. Bruening) ..15-1 6-1; Three Square, (Wallace) ..2-1. Time: 1:49 4-5. Jou Jou, Escarpolette, Simplicity, Theo, Sunny Ducrow, also ran.

Sixth race: Mile and 1-16th: Westwood (Wallace) ..5.50-1 2-1 even; Little Annie (Walls) ..5-1 2½-1; Taylor Hix (McDermott) ..1-2. Time: 1:50. Dark Hill, Bowsprit, Water Girl, The Clockmaker, Jock Scot, Jake Feld, Atta Boy II, Bright Trash, Valdespa, Sea Wrack and May Girl also ran.

**HAVANA.**

First race, ½ mile: Dextrose ..8-5 1-2 1-4; Grace F. ..2½-1 6-5; Irish Lace ..1-4. Time: :49. May Baxter, Great Waters, June Day, also ran.

Second race, 5½ furlongs: Scotford ..5.1 8-5 7-10; Aunt Deda ..3-5 1-4; Patsie S. ..2-1. Time: 1:09. Charles A. Byrne, Northern Star, Mt. Healthy, Bird Shot, Irish Dawn, also ran.

Third race, 5½ furlongs: Okeechobee ..3-1 even 1-2; Gray Girl ..2½-1 6-5; Stunk ..even. Time: 1:07 4-5. Phoebe, Solomon's Kilts, Remily, Yakima, Ranger, Emily, Mabel Everest, Effie Cecile, Maintain, also ran.

Fourth race: 5½ furlongs: Similkameen Boy ..10-1 4-1 2-1; Lustre ..4-1 2-1; Scott Punkins ..4-5. Time: 1:07 4-5. Lady Reihi, The Girl, Humorist, uiet, Sovereign II, Patsy B., Volima, Glory of the Seas II, Malasetto also ran.

Fifth race: Mile and 50 yards: Biddiedee ..6-1 2-1 even; Superior ..4-5 2-5; Lady ..even. Time: 1:42. Approval, Tomahoi, Zanatos, Spring Vale, Acosta, Awning, Marie Augusta, Miss Liberty also ran.

Sixth race: Mile and 50 yards: Amelia S. ..2½-1 4-5 2-4; Halu ..6-5 3-5; Jack Frost ..even. Time: 1:43 4-5. Lottie Loraine, Hillman, C. Conundrum also ran.

Seventh race: ¾ mile: Loan Dare ..3-1 even 2-5; Asa Jewell ..8-1 2½-1 1-4; Fenton ..even. Time: 1:12 4-5. Glealiyet, Rapid Stride, Elizabeth Jewell Shade and Busy Bee also ran.

## Damon Runyon's Column

**New York, March 11.—There is much talk of Erminio Spalla, Italian heavyweight, who lasted until the 14th round against Luis Angel Firpo.**

**Spalla was brought to America about three years ago by Nick Kline, brother and former manager of Patsy Kline of Newark, a real good featherweight of 15 years ago.**

**Nick Kline's attention was attracted to Spalla by the fact that Spalla had won the interallied light heavyweight title, and was the first boxer of prominence developed in Italy—not the first Italian boxer, the reader will understand, but the first developed in his homeland.**

**There are many Italian boxers of note—Johnny Dundee, Johnny Wilson, Sammy Mandell, Paul Doyle, Carl Duane, Pal Moran, Frankie Genaro, Rocky Kansas among them. They are American born, developed here.**

Nick Kline thought Spalla would be a great attraction here.

He failed to take into consideration the possibility that Spalla might be a poor fighter, which proved the case.

Poor fighters are never great attractions, can rarely be made attractions.

Spalla was strong, tough, that was all. His knowledge of boxing was limited. Kline started him off against one Frank Hagney in Newark. Spalla stopped Hagney in a punch. Then Kline, encouraged, matched Spalla against Italian Jack Herman, in Newark.

Young Mr. "Jersey" Jones, authority on boxing in his home state, says the fight was a terrible thing. Herman was disqualified in the ninth round for not fighting. It is a way they have in Jersey.

**Then Spalla met young Bob Fitzsimmons, who easily outboxed him, though he could not knock out the Italian.**

**Another bout in Newark presented Spalla against Joe McGann. This was "atrocious," says Jones—"a bum draw would have been giving them both the best of it."**

**Finally, Spalla met Jim Coffey, the once formidable 'Roscommon Giant," at Coney Island Coffey was then a pugilistic wreck, yet he won the decision over Spalla.**

**Nick Kline, somewhat disgusted, commenced to think Spalla would never learn to fight. Perhaps he intimated this thought to Spalla. At all events Spalla packed up his belongings and returned to Italy.**

Spalla began fighting again back home, where perhaps the critics are not as knowing, or as cautious as in America.

He won quite a number of bouts with European opponents, most of them by decision. No doubt he has improved. They say it is not conceivable that he could have gotten any worse.

Nick Kline has resurrected his old contract with Spalla, dusted it off, found it still binding in America. He will endeavor to induce Spalla to return here. Many persons will pay money to see the Italian who went fourteen rounds with the "Wild Bull of the Pampas."

Perhaps it will be found that Spalla's showing was no great fluke; that he has indeed improved.

**Firpo, apparently, is standing still in pugilistic style.**

**The stories of his fight with Spalla show him relying on wild righthand swings from the fifth round to the finish.**

**This style is destructive to slow men who do not know how to box. It is self-destructive against real boxers.**

**Also it seems certain that the "Wild Bull of the Pampas", now a rich man of the Argentine, is paying little attention to his physical condition.**

**It is doubtful if he will ever again be a championship contender. It is doubtful if he will ever again be the pugilistic attraction he was a few short months ago.**

### *"Dempsey Not Anxious to Meet Gibbons—Kane*

**St. Paul, Minn., March 11.—"Jack Dempsey is not anxious to meet Tommy Gibbons in a return match, because he does not want to take a chance of losing his title," declared Eddie Kane, Gibbon's manager, in a statement tonight.**

**Gibbons is scheduled to box Jack Moore Friday night at Winnipeg.**

**Gibbons has not been given "a fair break" for championship honors, according to Kane, who charged that Dempsey was avoiding American fighters in favor of foreign "setups."**

### Prize Fighter Ordered Held.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 11.—Tom Marvin, heavyweight pugilist and partner of Jack Dempsey during the champion's recent exhibition tour, was in the custody of Coroner J. P. Randolph here today pending an investigation of the death of Marvin's estranged wife who was found dead in her room at a hotel.

### Frazee and Bride in N. Y.

New York, March 11.—Harry Frazee, former owner of the Boston Red Sox and theater producer, is in New York with his bride, the former Miss Margaret Boyd, to whom, it was learned today, he has been married four months. The couple have been on a honeymoon.

## Bluejays Stage First Grid Workout

**Spring football practice started in the Bluejay camp Monday night under the direction of Coach Chet Wynne. Things look promising for a successful gridiron squad for next fall as there was a turnout of 35 men seeking gridiron work. The first evening's squad was made up mostly of freshmen who will be elligible for the varsity next fall and it is expected that upward of 70 or 78 men will be in uniform by the end of the week. Practice last night consisted of exercises to loosen up muscles and tendons grown stiff after several months rest and ball passing**

## JACK DEMPSEY WILL BATTLE TOM AND LUIS IN BIG HEAVYWEIGHT BOUTS THIS SUMMER, SAYS WALSH

### Champion and Manager Find No Place on Their Program for Harry Wills, Colored Challenger---Firpo-Wills Bout Would Be Just the Thing for a Title Scrap Between Jack and the "Wild Bull."

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

NEW YORK, March 11.—From a pot pourri of affirmations and denials in circulation today on matters of heavyweight business, it was declared on the plumb-bob level to be fact and not fancy that there would be only two heavyweight championship bouts held this summer, to wit:

Jack Dempsey against Tommy Gibbons in New York, during the early part of June; Jack Dempsey against Luis Firpo in Jersey City early in September.

**The rest of the chatter is so much malarkey, according to a tip so straight that it can be passed through a pea shooter without touching the sides.**

Harry Wills, the sepia tinted specimen, will be avoided like a creditor, according to the program outlined. He is not so much feared for his fighting ability as for the consequences of his fighting at all. Jack Kearns admitted today that he had declined an offer of $500,000 from Cumberland, R. I., promoters for a Dempsey-Wills bout, but did not give his real reason for so doing.

Kearns knows that there can be no Dempsey-Wills fight anywhere in the United States, assurances from Cumberland to the contrary.

**Billy McCarney, acting for Firpo, also gazed pensively into space when approached by the Cumberland outfit for a Wills-Firpo center. He is just a yes-man and his trick is to look pleasant until Wills and Firpo get ready to fight for Rickard, an offer having been advanced by the latter within the last 24 hours. His proposition was $150,000 to Wills and Paddy Mullins has taken it under advisement while claiming that Wills is entitled to the same money as Firpo.**

Much faith is placed in the latter's ability by those in the Dempsey and Rickard camps. They fully expect him to ride right over Wills, who is alleged to have the hands of a perfect lady. This transaction would not only rid Dempsey of a chronic annoyance, but would make the second Dempsey-Firpo frolic go over like a ship launching.

The Gibbons bout is regarded by all concerned except Gibbons, as a stake event that will contrive the hastening of the wolf to a point some distance from the champion's portico. The St. Paul entry is regarded as a 100 to 1 shot on the possibility of scoring a knockout over Dempsey,, but his speed may carry him through 15 rounds as it did at Shelby. The only factor holding up this transaction is a modicum of doubt as to whether it will draw in the style to which Dempsey is accustomed.

## Walter Johnson to Quit Majors to Become Minor League Manager

**HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 11.—The end of the 1924 season probably will witness the passing of Walter Johnson, star pitcher of the Washington American league baseball club, provided his plans go through as he anticipates.**

**Johnson, in an interview with International News Service, said: "I am now planning to purchase a Pacific Coast league team at the end of the approaching season, and, if I am successful, I shall settle down in one of the western cities where I can give my children the best educational advantages. Mrs. Johnson's relatives reside in the west, and that is the principal reason why I prefer the coast league."**

**Bucky Harris, newly elected manager of the Washington club, received high praise from Johnson. He declared that all members of the team liked Harris and were going to do their best to help him finish first in the 1924 season race.**

**Johnson said he was in the best physical condition and anticipates a great season.**

**All members of the Washington team now at Hot Springs leave soon to report at the training headquarters at Tampa, Fla., Johnson said.....**

## Oklahoma Indian Woman Will Make Big Bid for Kentucky Derby

Mrs. R. M. Hoots, an Indian woman from far off Oklahoma, aims to make a bold bid for national turf fame this year. Her ambition is to win the Kentucky Derby and, despite the vast number of millionaire-owned animals nominated for this classic, few will say that she hasn't a chance to achieve that goal. Mrs. Hoots' bid for Kentucky's blue ribbon will be made through the colt Black Gold, a sterling son of Black Toney and Useeit.

**Mrs. Hoots bred and reared her color bearer which undoubtedly has inherited that wonderful burst of early speed from his dam, Useeit, which in her day and time sure could "step on it" at least for about five to five and one-half furlongs. From his daddy Black Gold gets stamina and bulldog courage, for Black Tony was one of the gamest horses that ever carried the green and white silks of Col. Edward R. Bradley, in proof of which it is only necessary to point to his victory in the Independence Handicap of 1923 when, with 115 pounds on his back, he negotiated one mile and three sixteenths over the Latonia track in the excellent time of 1:57 3-5.**

Of Black Gold the records show that he has a decided preference for the Churchill Downs track, over which the Kentucky Derby is annually decided. His victory in the Bashford Manor Stakes there last season proved that point conclusively. Behind the Hoots colt on that occasion raced T. S. Jordan and Digit while the time for the race, 53 seconds, had but twice before been equalled, once by Little Nephew and then by that good racer of days gone by, Luke.

**Black Gold faced the barrier nineteen times as a two-year-old, winning nine times, finishing second five times, third twice and being outside the money but twice. His total purse-earnings amounted to $19,163. At the present time he again is at New Orleans where he is undergoing preparation for the forthcoming Jefferson Derby, a classic that seemingly is at his mercy.**

## Baseball Dope

**Winterhaven, Fla., March 11.**—Bib Falk has taken unkindly to the decision of outfielding. He says he won't pitch. Johnny Evers has been given he decision as to availability to White Sox recruits.

**Avalon, Catalina Isuands, Cal., March 11.**—Examination has proved that nothing is wrong with Vic Keen's arm and its stiffness is passing. Bill Killifer, Cub manager, was cheered by the report.

**Lakeland, Fla., March 11.—Three** veteran pitchers, Stan Coveleskie, George Uhle and Sherry Smith, of the Cleveland Indians staff showed good condition in the first practice at training camp here.

**Tampa Fla., March 11.—Misfortune** has robbed little "Chick" Cagnon, former Holy Cross star, of his opportunity to land a regular berth in the majors. He probably will be one of the first rookies cut adrift as a result of an injury to an old football knee.

**Augusta, Ga., March 11.—Having** frozen out of the first game of the year yesterday, the game is on for today between the Tiger regulars and Yannigans.

**Paso Robles, Cal., March 11.—The** Pirates, out of respect for Pat Moran, whose funeral is today, will cease all activities in training.

**Leesburg, Fla., March 11.—Manager** Fletcher devided his squad of Phillies into two groups today—regulars and rookies. The rookies will be given the acid test from now on.

**New Orleans, La., March 11.—It was** announced by Miller Huggins today that Babe Ruth would be allowed to work out for a few minutes with the rest of the Yankees late this afternoon. Ruth is convalescent from a recent attack of influenza and weighs 218 pounds, his lowest figure at this time in many years.

**San Antonio, Texas, March 11.—The** first cut in the Boston Red Sox training list came today when Manager Fohl released five rookies. They were Strap, Schillings, Massey, Ryan and Turner.

## Important Boxing Bouts This Week

**March 11—Jack Ruddy against Joe Quinn, 10 rounds in Appleton, Wis.**
**March 11—Jack Zivic against Al Shubert, 12 rounds in Hartford, Conn.**
**March 12—Ted Moore against Jimmy O'Hagen, 12 rounds in Syracuse.**
**March 13—Billy DeFoe against Billy Fitzsimmons, 12 rounds in New York.**
**March 14—Johnny Dundee against Pal Moran, 15 rounds in New York.**
**March 15—Luis Angel Firpo against Al Reich, 15 rounds in Buenos Aires.**

## Race Entries

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**NEW ORLEANS.**

First race: $700, allowances, 2-year-olds, four furlongs:

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| San Mengel | 122 | Fearnaught | 109 |
| Parole II | 122 | Compact | 106 |
| Alex Woodliffe | 122 | Warratah | 106 |
| Little Gipsy | 119 | Pardner | 106 |
| George Ole Mar | 117 | Jewell | 106 |
| Louis Rubstein | 117 | Trigger | 109 |
| Quell | 117 | Mary M. Carr | 109 |
| Malacha | 114 | Belle H. | 109 |
| Fay de Courcy | 114 | Flavia | 109 |
| Next Girl | 114 | Wr C. Wheed | 112 |
| Lotto | 114 | | |

Second race, $700, allowances, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs:

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| Astro | 118 | Barleycorn | 105 |
| Chief Curry | 115 | Everglade | 105 |
| Demos | 115 | Shine On | 105 |
| Beverwyck | 115 | Q'en Charming | 100 |
| Tamping | 110 | Privileges | 100 |
| Hermidale | 105 | Dandybrush | 105 |
| Byron | 105 | Ormleigh | 110 |
| Dreamer | 105 | Swagger | 115 |
| Leonard G. | 105 | Julia M. | 100 |
| Stake Me | 105 | Moonwinks | 110 |

Third race: $700, claiming, 2-year-olds, mile and sixteenth:

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| Aggravating | | Dobson | 104 |
| Papa | 110 | Idle Thoughts | 102 |
| Herberous | 110 | Waukilla | 102 |
| Seth's Flower | 109 | | |

Fourth race: $1,000, 2-year-olds and up, mile and 70 yards:

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| Rinkey | 102 | Best Pal | 114 |
| Colored Boy | 102 | Barracuda | 113 |
| King O'Neill II | 102 | Rama | 102 |
| Brunell | 99 | O. Henry | 107 |
| Invictus | 92 | | |

Fifth race: $700, claiming, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs:

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