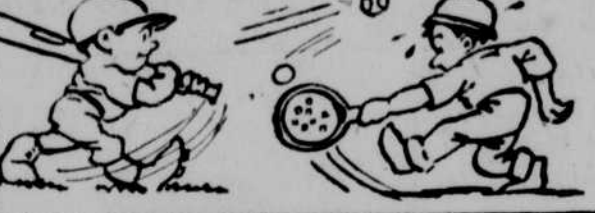




# Omaha Bee Sports



## FRIENDS OF LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP BELIEVE BENNY WILL MAKE ONE MORE FIGHT BEFORE RETIREMENT

Talk of \$200,000 Fistic Quarrel Starts Fight Bug to Buzzing in Leonard's Bonnet.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Benny Leonard has not fought his last fight, regardless of his signed statement in which he declared that he was retiring. He is expected to be seen in a local ring next summer for one last shot at the big, important money. The occasion, they say, would bring Leonard and Mickey Walker together in their long deferred battle for the welterweight title and that Benjamin would be recompensed thereby to the matter of \$200,000.

Parental objection to the sordid engagement, it is said, will be overcome by the size of the reward, although it is believed generally that the Leonard fortunes are not in immediate need of repair. Still, according to Benny's friends, he is not the rich man that popular fancy would have him. It is intimated that the Wall Street sharpshooters have scored several bulls-eyes and that Benjamin's roll has afforded an excellent target.

"Benny was entirely sincere when he retired from the lightweight title," one of his local intimates declared. "He knows he cannot make the weight and is strong. He knows also that his mother seriously objects to him continuing in the fighting game indefinitely. But, she can be won over. Benny has had to do it for other fights and he can do it again. There is entirely too much money for him in a Walker match to be left lying around idle," which is not without a modicum of truth. If Leonard can get \$200,000 for his end, and there is plenty of loose money which says he can, he will smooch of fistic hereafter for him to refuse. For less than an hour's activity in the ring, he can thus make more money than in a year and a half on the vaudeville stage, provided theatrical audiences continued to evince sufficient interest in his act.

## NEW LEADERS IN I. B. A. DOUBLES

Minneapolis, Feb. 19.—L. Mueller and C. Wolf of Minneapolis went into first place in the doubles event with 1,278 in the International Bowling Association's tournament today. F. Grody and John Miller of St. Paul, with a score of 1,277, went into third place, and L. Senla and R. Thompson of Minneapolis rolled into seventh place when they knocked over 1,265 pins.

## Iowa and Illinois Relay Teams to Race

Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 18.—The match between the mile relay teams of the Illinois Athletic club and the University of Iowa, in a special race on the Iowa track May 2, has been definitely scheduled, according to announcement of the university athletic department here. The event will be an added attraction of the annual invitation inter-scholastic track and field meet on the same day.

## TECH SECONDS TO PLAY IN BLUFFS

The Tech High second team will meet Thomas Jefferson High second team on the Tech floor Friday afternoon at 4.

The Tech squad ought to register up another easy victory. They have been working hard all week around and are in the best of condition.

Coach McCoy will start the following lineup: Houston and McDermont, forwards; Collins, center; Winston and A. Miller, guards.

## Eighteen Ball Players Answer Schneider's Call

Eighteen likely looking candidates reported to Emil Schneider's call for players for his Electric team at a meeting held at the electric works Wednesday night.

Schneider was more than pleased with the initial turnout and expects to have a faster team this season than that which represented the wiremen last year.

## Indoor Sports



## Winston Will Return to Tech

Charles Winston, center on the Tech High state championship football team last year, will return to school next year. Winston was to be graduated in June, but will remain to earn a few more credits, which will permit him to go to college.

Winston will probably be switched to the fullback position to fill up Holm's position. He played the fullback position on the Tech reserve team for two years before he was on the first squad.

Besides being a good man of football ability he is also a good basketball guard. At present he is playing a guard position on the Tech second team. When Swartz quit school he had a chance to fill his position, but he was declared ineligible.

## Jack Lacey, Marshalltown Baseball Manager, Suspended for Year by Sexton

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Two managers of Mississippi Valley league teams were suspended today for a year by M. H. Sexton, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, as punishment for entering into secret side agreements with players.



Jack Lacey, pilot of the Marshalltown (Iowa) club last season, President Sexton announced, was found guilty of paying a bonus to a player for signing, promising him a percentage of his sale or draft price and also secretly giving him release from reservation. Phillip Tanner, the player, was fined \$125.

The Marshalltown club was not involved. Cletus Dixon, manager of the Waterloo club, President Sexton said, was convicted of inducing Orville McCracken, who was fined \$100, to sign two contracts for the purpose of fraud and deception. It was charged McCracken received money in addition to the amount stipulated in his contract and was promised his release at the close of last season. The Waterloo club was fined \$500. McCracken was sold to Milwaukee and has ordered to report there. The suspensions are dated March 1.

## ORGANIZE SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE

The Omaha District Soccer association, at a meeting held at the city hall Wednesday evening, decided to organize a spring soccer league to play each Sunday afternoon at the Douglas Motor field.

Wednesday evening the D. B. Horaks and Vikings joined the spring league. The Caledonians, city champions; Walter G. Clark and Kickers have signified their intentions of joining the new league at the next meeting, which will be held Wednesday evening at the city hall.

The spring soccer league will start play early next March and end late in June. All games will be played at the Douglas Motor field.

Next Sunday the D. B. and the Horaks will play a practice game at 2:30 at Douglas field.

## VANCE, PENNOCK, FRISCH HOLDOUTS

New York, Feb. 19.—With the local major league clubs ready to send their first detachments to the south land tomorrow, the signed contracts of Frank Frisch, Giant star infielder; "Daddy" Vance, Brooklyn pitching ace; and Herb Pennock, the Yankees' great left-hander, were conspicuously missing today. Frisch is understood to be holding out for a \$20,000 contract and Vance for \$18,000. The size of Pennock's demands are not accurately known.

## PAT RAGAN TO MANAGE BALL CLUB

Pat Ragan, former major and Omaha Western league pitcher, has signed to coach the Martinsburg club of the Blue Ridge league, according to word received here last night.

Ragan was recommended to the Martinsburg club owner by Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics. Mack's son, Earl, managed the Martinsburg team last year. Earl Mack has been appointed captain of the Athletics for this season.

## CHAMP MUNN EASY VICTOR

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Wayne (Big) Munn, heavyweight wrestling champion, used the same tactics by which he took the title from Ed (Strangler) Lewis, to throw Mike Romano, Italian, twice last night.

The giant Nebraskan lifted his opponent high above his head with a switch-hon arena. Jack Nelson and hurled him to the mat, stunning him. The first fall came after six minutes and three seconds of wrestling and the second fall lasted 45 seconds.

## Kaplan Forced to Postpone Fight

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—Because Kid Kaplan, world's featherweight champion, bruised his hands so badly in his recent fight here with Bud Ridley of Seattle that he will be unfit for action in the ring for another three weeks, his bout with Johnny Fary, at Oakland, has been postponed until March 11. It was announced last night by Scotty Monteth, Kaplan's manager.

## "Dutch" Leonard Signs

Detroit, Feb. 18.—Hubert (Dutch) Leonard has signed his 1925 contract to pitch for the Detroit Tigers.

## Baseball Dope

Gordon Cochrane, catcher, bought from Portland, Ore., asked for some of the purchase money but signed up without getting any.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Players who break into the ranks of professional baseball under assumed names are not uncommon but it is unusual for two such men to appear on one club at the same time. The Cleveland Indians have this distinction, although each has taken his correct name.

They are Fred Spurgeon and Robert Knods. Spurgeon started his professional career under the name of "Jackson" while Knods had the college player's alias for two years.

Spurgeon broke in with Dubuque in the Mississippi valley league last season. After the 1923 season he was purchased by New Orleans and was signed by Cleveland last fall.

## GOLF

By HERBERT REED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Golf? Yes! One cannot get away from it. It has been tried, but without success. There is probably no way of checking up the number of clubs that have been broken and thrown away—no way of checking up the disgust that follows the poor round. Nor is there any way of checking up the number of a perfectly played shot. That shot may be right on the pin, or it may be a recovery. In either case one is unlikely to hear the last of it.

A while ago there was something said about the short holes, the pitch to the green, with preferably a single putt. More and more the golf architects are designing this sort of hole. The long holes, even with the "dog-leg" hasn't seemed to stop, or for that matter even to check, the smashing, long distance golfer, and it seems that these days the only chance the course architect has is to shut him down.

The simplest way, apparently, is to use a low green and a high tee, compelling the player to drop his shot with an iron and hold it on a small green. Most holes of this description have small, and sometimes rolling greens. The traps, usually, catch an over-approach, because that is the primary fault of the player. Playing short usually is not so heavily penalized because of the theory that "safety golf" is sound golf.

The controversy between those who believe the basic sport of the Scots can be played properly only on seaside courses where the breeze is in the whins and the furze; and those who prefer the inland going, doubtless will never end. The lies are a bit different, to be sure, the hillside complications are to be found more frequently on the seaside courses. There is even, perhaps, the opportunity to use a left-hand club in the furze and wood and iron that never yet was seen on land or sea. It was just such a situation that developed the baffle, a club with iron control and wood length, as one of its users put it.

It isn't however, always sound, for the chanceraker has his share of victories. Findlay Douglas was one of them, Herbert Harrison another. And the list is still in the making.

## WANTS HERMAN TO BOX JACKIE NICHOLS

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 19.—Efforts are being made to match Babe Herman, Pacific coast featherweight title contender, and Jackie Nichols of St. Paul, it was announced here today by Jack Reddy, fight promoter. Reddy wishes to have them box here March 2. Herman meets Bobby Garcia, in New York Friday night and then expects to go to the far west.

## GEORGE TOPORCER JOINS HOLDOUTS

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—Preparing to depart for the Stockton (Cal.) training camp tomorrow night, the St. Louis Cardinals have only one player on their list whom they declare is a known holdout.

He is George Toporcer, infielder, who, according to Manager Branch Rickey, returned his contract unsigned with the explanation that the terms were not satisfactory.

## WINNER OF MEET TO WRESTLE MUNN

Cleveland, O., Feb. 19.—Ed ("Strangler") Lewis meets Tom Draak, and Stanislaus Zbyzsko takes on William Demetrius here tonight to decide who will meet Wayne Munn, claimant of the heavyweight wrestling championship.

Munn has agreed to meet the one making the best showing in a match for the title here March 6.

## Plattsmouth Wins Over Deaf Team

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 19.—The Nebraska School for the Deaf basketball team lost to the Plattsmouth High quintet in an interesting game here last night by the score of 29 to 25. The score at the end of the first half was 17 to 13, in favor of the local team.

Because of the Plattsmouth bridge being down, the Nebraska Deaf players were forced to walk several blocks. They arrived in Plattsmouth late and tired.

Plattsmouth was forced to take long shots at the basket, being unable to get through the N. S. D. defense. Rogal and Buttery starred for the winners, while Flood with nine field goals and one free throw, and Captain Revers played the best game for the losers.

## Former Gridster Dies

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Andrew J. (Andy) Tooten, left end of the University of Southern California eleven of '19, 20 and '21, died yesterday in an Evanson hospital of typhoid fever. He was 26 years old and had practiced law in Evanson since graduation.

## With THE PUGS

Sammy Mandell, Rockford (Ill.) lightweight title holder, will be out of the ring for a month, according to Eddie Kane, his manager, because of a pulled muscle in his left shoulder. Mandell received the injury while boxing in California and is being treated in Chicago.

Czechoslovakian challenge for the Davis cup now held by America received by the United States Lawn Tennis association, is the eighth nation to enter the competition.

William T. Tilden II and Manuel Alonzo will share their indoor court rivalry in the third annual mid-winter invitation tournament of the Buffalo Tennis and Squash club which gets under way Saturday. Last year Alonzo massacred a professional which cost Tilden of the same court victory over Tilden.

## Creighton Prep Cagers Defeat Bluffs Quintet

Junior Bluejays Stage Hard Battle to Win 15-11 Contest; Bluffs Crew Weak on Basket Shooting.

CREIGHTON Prepsters had to wage a real battle to defeat Thomas Jefferson High school cagers, 15 to 11, on the Council Bluffs court Thursday afternoon.

Fighting pluckily all along the way, the Orange and Whiteners put up a determined front against the Omahans, and had Coach Thompson but a single man on the team who could cage the leather from beneath the hoop, the score would have been much different. The Junior Bluejays, like fish out of water, were plainly handicapped by the small gymnasium, and the passing perfection which has marked their play throughout the season could not swing into motion in the cramped quarters.

However, Halpine managed to find the range on a pair of side tosses, and adding to this five free tosses, the Hilltoppers contrived to keep to the front all the way.

Both teams played remarkable defensive ball. The barricading machines of both quintets were built around a pair of huskies, Sam Caniglia for Creighton and Acting Captain Cavett for Thomas Jefferson, and both men held their positions with Gibraltar-like firmness. While Creighton had few under basket shots, Thomas Jefferson had a great many, but the forwards were unable to cage the ball from under the net.

Fuxa tallied his regular long toss, while Cavett and Walker sank long ringers for Thomas Jefferson.

Leahy, Fuxa and Caniglia played good ball for Prep, while Cavett, Walker and Gordon starred for the losers.

## PRATT SCHOOL BEATS ST. CECILIA

In their first official basketball game of the season, the cagers from the Pratt School for Individual Instruction won an 18 to 14 game from the St. Cecilia Quintet Wednesday afternoon at the First Central Congregational gymnasium.

Marshall Magee, forward for the winners, was the bright light of the game. His floor work was good and his eagle eye found the hoop with the greatest of ease.

## Newsey The Sportlets

Australian doubles teams played a remarkable tennis match in the Victorian championship at Melbourne, yesterday when L. K. Baker and J. Clemenger of New South Wales defeated J. G. Anderson and R. E. Schiesing of Victoria by score of 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. The contest required four hours and 10 minutes and the final set of 11-11, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 after a battle which occupied virtually the entire afternoon.

Those who witnessed the Davis cup challenge round match in 1923 between William T. Tilden II and R. Norris Williams II, representing America, and J. G. Anderson and J. B. Hawkes of Australia, will recall the incident when Tilden and Williams played at Melbourne. Tilden and Williams defeated Anderson and Hawkes by scores of 11-10, 11-12, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 after a battle which occupied virtually the entire afternoon.

Babe Walthour, Jr., and Freddie Spencer, crack all-round riders, have been paired for the March six-day bicycle race in Madison Square garden. Walthour won the recent event in Chicago with Reginald Newman as a partner. The two pairs lost out of the amateurs will be together in the grand, Dick Schneider and Bill Penn.

Eighteen major and class "AA" minor league clubs will invade Florida for the spring training season. The list includes five clubs from the National and American Leagues, besides one Southern league club, four American associations and three international clubs.

Joe Ray will attempt to lower Jimmy Connolly's world record of 2:42 2-3 for two-thirds of a mile next Tuesday at the boxing meet at Madison Square for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Connolly will be on hand to defend his record laurels, while David Hahn, Leo Larriave and Willie Goodwin are also being sought as opponents.

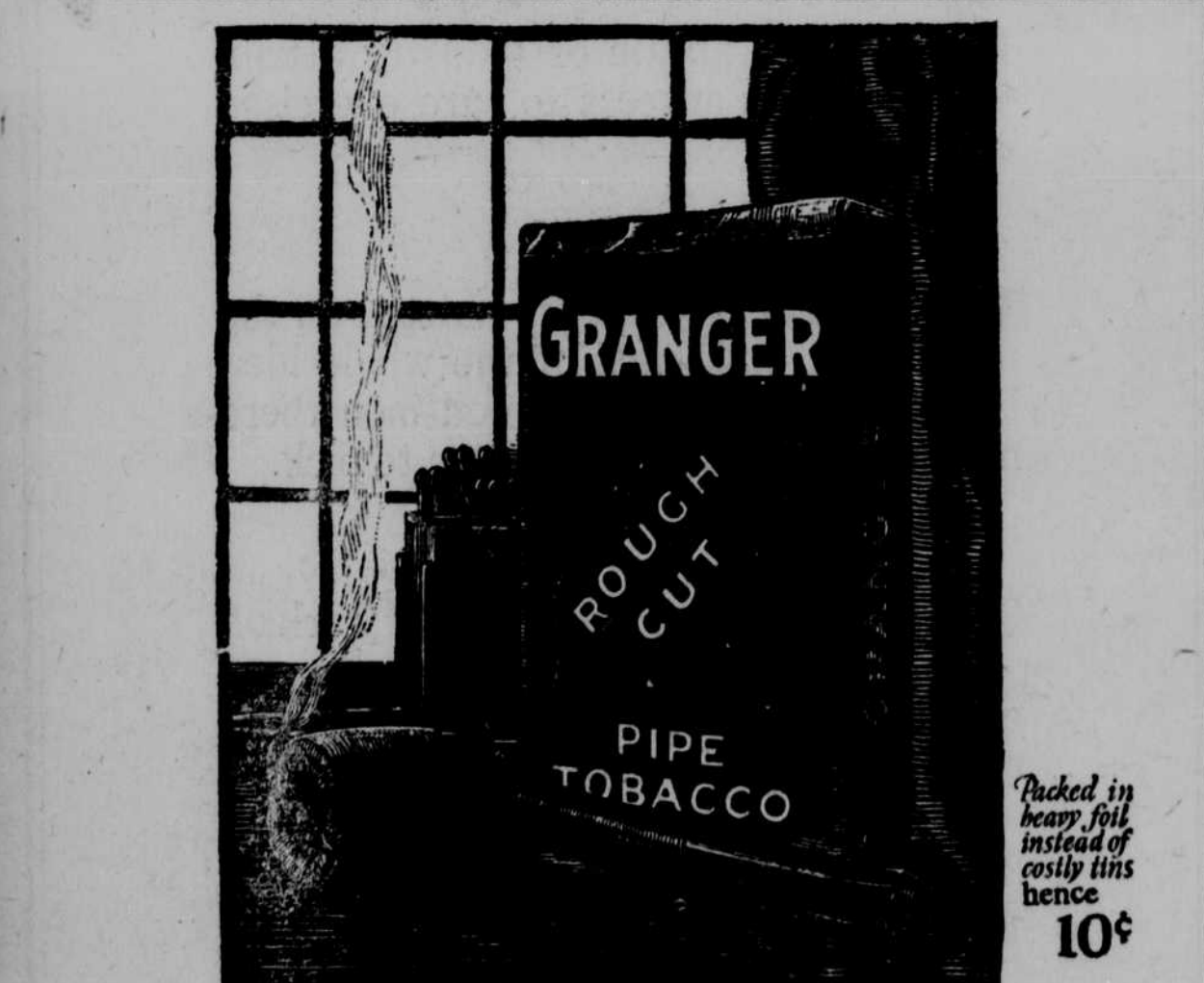
Sherwood Wager, rough and ready outdoor ball player, was named as the high class winter league performer after 23 years in professional baseball.

George Thayer, end of the University of Pennsylvania football team last season, who featured the team's leading rushing attack, was named as the leading rusher for the football team by Coach Butler, another football man named to name Thayer's back in the (Ill.)

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