

WELSH'S SUN IS SETTING

With White and Leonard Looming Up, This Looks Like Last Year for Champion.

WILLARD STARTS HIS TOUR

By RINGSIDE. NEW YORK, April 29.—Here is a prediction: Freddy Welsh, the well known disciple of Terpsichore, will not be light-weight champion of the world after this year.

Welsh has reached the tether of his ring prowess; and no one knows it better, or realizes it more, than Freddy himself. He is soon to drop into pugilistic oblivion, and his retirement will not be voluntary. It will be induced by either a left hook from Charley White, or by a right hook from Benny Leonard.

Leonard, evidently, commands more respect from Welsh than does the Chicago knockout king. This is made apparent by the schedule Welsh has outlined for his remaining days in the ring. Freddy is not averse to taking White on for twenty rounds any time the Windy City lad murmurs the word. But as for tackling Leonard, that's another matter. Benjamin will have to bide his time, says Freddy.

The new lightweight champion probably will be crowned in New Orleans, either on Independence day or Labor day. In any event, it will be the occasion of one of our holidays, so that the passing of Freddy Welsh may easily be recalled.

White will get the first chance at Welsh over a route. That is assured, for Freddy and his manager, the pugilistic dithyramb 'Arry Pollack, consider White a safer name. Just why this should be so, inasmuch as White is an infinitely harder hitter than Leonard, is hard to understand. It may be that Welsh can handle White with less qualms, as he has fought him three times, and has not even been felled by the dangerous hitter.

To Give Benny Chance. Welsh is quite satisfied to give Leonard a chance, providing the champion disposes of White without any harm to his coveted title. Already negotiations are under way for a Welsh-White tilt in New Orleans the end of next month. Should this match materialize, Leonard may get his opportunity sooner than anticipated. For he and Welsh would make an ideal July Fourth card at any club conducting the bout.

However, should Welsh and White keep apart until July 4, then Leonard will have to wait until Labor day. Then Freddy will be ready to take a fond farewell to his title. Freddy is tired of training for bouts, and with his remuneration for the bouts with White and Leonard he would have quite a tidy fortune to keep the wolves from the fire-side.

Any way things eventuate, Harry Pollack will be well provided for. The loss incurred by Welsh's dethroning would be more than compensated should Leonard be the fortunate individual to unseat Welsh. Pollack will see that he is not forgotten by Leonard and his manager in future matches of youthful Benny as a champion. Otherwise Pollack would never consent to a Welsh-Leonard match.

Johnny Dundee must be left out of the calculations when figuring on a twenty-round fight with Welsh. In reality Dundee would prove tougher than either White or Leonard over the route, and for that reason Welsh has deemed it proper to ignore the Scotch-Wop. Dundee has fought quite a number of twenty-round battles, and knows how to conduct himself across the distance. Leonard, on the other hand, has never gone more than twelve rounds, if that many, and may find it hard to regulate his speed so as to endure the distance.

Peculiar as it may seem, Welsh thinks he can make a better showing against Leonard over twenty rounds than he can in ten. He could hardly do any worse than when he first confronted Leonard at the Garden several weeks ago. Welsh has given the whipping of his career in the ten rounds. He does not think Benny can repeat over a stretch.

That prediction of the first paragraph holds, for Welsh is sure to face White and Leonard during the course of the year. With a decision attached, Freddy will have a hard time retaining his title.

Willard Starts Tour. Jess Willard, our heavyweight champion, today starts on a circus tour which should net him \$100,000 more during the thirty weeks his contract calls for. Big Jess does not object to exhibiting himself before the small-town populace, but he shows a marked aversion to appearing in the ring, with a man in the other corner.

Willard cannot be blamed for this attitude. He has enough of the worldly goods to retire right now. But as champion he must remain in the public eye; and Jess certainly does detest the glare of prominence.

Certain it is that Willard will make a neat little speech at the end of each performance to the effect that he will continue fighting in the ring until it is relieved of his championship. But it is a question whether he will return to the ring for more than one battle. He will be content to rest on this laurels after that.

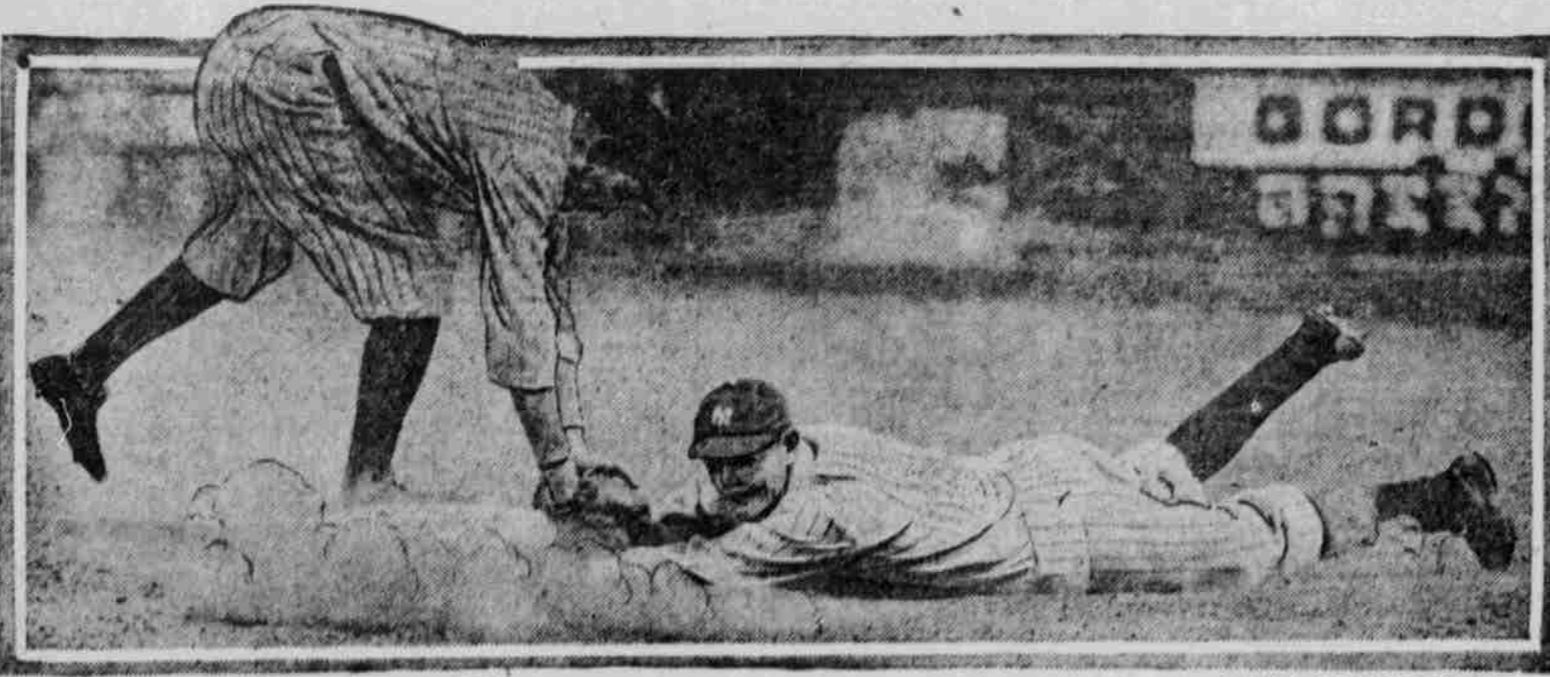
Beatrice Will Have Races July Fourth

BEATRICE, Neb., April 29.—(Special.)—The members of the Beatrice Driving club held a meeting last evening and arranged to hold a race meeting here on July 4 and 5. They will co-operate with the Beatrice business in giving the program on the Fourth, and it is planned to hold an old-fashioned celebration. These officers were elected: President, G. T. Reynolds; treasurer, Roy Mansfield; secretary, J. C. Emory; board of directors, R. D. Kipatrick, E. M. Marvin, H. V. Blasen, B. H. Conley, C. C. Curry, J. A. Hill, P. W. Mansfield, C. A. Murray, J. H. Isaac, H. R. Kye, C. P. Paul, J. L. Mohney, C. G. Baker, W. A. Penner and W. W. Scott. The prizes for the races have been placed at \$500, which are the largest ever offered at any race meeting in Beatrice.

BADGER POLE VAULTER HURT IN A KID STUNT

MADISON, Wis., April 29.—Wisconsin's best pole vaulter in the outdoor Badger meets and the conference games here today were held through the announcement that the injury to "Stinky" Huston, the star pole vaulter, which he suffered in a fall from a beam, probably will keep him out of all events. Huston had been practicing a "stunt" for the conference show and demonstration showed his safety was broken.

Gedeon a Close Second to Cobb in Sliding for Bases



JOE GEDEON HITTING THE DIRT.

MAGNATES PULL OLD BONE

Despite Experiences of Former Years, Big Leagues Open Season in Cold and Snow.

COLLINS BETTER THAN SPEAKER

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Will the money-mad base ball magnates ever absorb the sad lesson concerning early openings? Year after year they have defied the elements and pried off the base ball lid in mid-April. And year after year they have run into weather of the kind that has forced many postponements. Year after year only half of the games scheduled during the early part of April have been played, because rain, snow, sleet, cold weather and soggy fields have made the staging of diamond combats impossible.

And yet, in face of what has happened in other years, the magnates still insist upon defying the elements. Aren't they ever going to learn—and use that knowledge—that an early opening is folly? The magnates insist that a list-same schedule is what the fans want. That's doubtful. If the question were put to a vote of the fans throughout the big leagues, it is likely that the vote would result in favor of 150 or 155-game schedules.

If the magnates opened the season the first of May and closed it September 30, they would have a schedule calling for 150 or 155 games. Such a season would mean few, if any, postponements in the spring and that in the fall the base ballers wouldn't run afoul of the foot ball folks.

But no, gentle reader, the magnates won't do that. They want to base ball the folks to death. They insist upon feeding them base ball before the folks have cultivated a real appetite for it. They'd start the base ball season on Washington's birthday and end it on Christmas day if they thought they could get away with it.

Collins vs. Speaker. Ever since I expressed the opinion that the new Cleveland owners fooled somewhat by paying out \$50,000 for this Speaker, some folks from the old home town (Cleveland) have written us letters taking exceptions. "You say that Eddie Collins was worth \$50,000 to the White Sox, but that Speaker is worth \$50,000 to the Indians," writes one loyal "Sixth City" fan. "Well, Speaker is just as valuable as is Collins."

In he? Well, let us "give a look" at the records. Collins joined the Athletics in 1901, but didn't become a regular until 1907. Speaker signed a Red Sox contract in 1908, but it wasn't until 1909 that he became an outfield fixture. So let us compare the batting and base running records of both from 1909 on until the close of the 1915 race.

Table comparing batting and base running records of Collins and Speaker from 1909 to 1915.

The above figures show that Collins, over the sweep of seven campaigns, leads Speaker in the offensive departments of the game. True, his margin over Speaker in a batting way is slight—but, nevertheless, Collins must be given the top position.

In base running Speaker must yield to his fitter foe. Collins averaged 279 bases in seven seasons—an average of 47 per year—while Speaker's total is 254—an average of a fraction beyond 47.

In five of the seven years involved Collins has topped Speaker in run scoring. The two had a great race in 1912, but Collins won out, scoring 137 times against 128 for the "Spoke." Collins has scored 779 runs in seven years—an average of 111—while the best Speaker could do was 681, which averages about 97 per season.

Each Wonderful on Defense.

Speaker undoubtedly is the greatest fielding outfielder in the game. His equal does not exist—not even existed. But has he any noticeable bulge on Collins? The White Sox star is one of the greatest fielders that ever puffed on a bat.

Pa Rourke Believes Jim Brown Will Become a Second Bender

Jim Brown, tackle extraordinary. That's the title that has been long on Pa Rourke's rookery pitching program. Brown was signed by Rourke last fall after a recommendation by Cy Forester. Cy believed about him when he went out to Pa Rourke after the 1915 season closed and he immediately wrote Rourke that Brown was a center. Rourke took the hint and signed Brown.

Joe Gedeon, the new Yankee second baseman, keeps the opposing base guards guessing as to how he is going to get to the base. His manner of sliding into bases differs entirely from practically every major leaguer now in the game. His usual method is to get to the bag in a dive for it, hooking it with one hand and curving his body as far as possible from the baseman. Occasionally, just to fool the fellow who expects to nail Joe coming into the base, Gedeon slides to it in the regular "diamond" manner. In "sliding the dirt" hand foremost the runner takes the risk of a spiked hand, but avoids the danger of wrenched, strained or broken ankles. Gedeon's phenomenal batting and fielding bids fair to make him the "base ball find" of the season.

Western League Averages

Table showing Western League averages for club batting.

Table showing Western League averages for individual batting.

Detroit Athlete Figures Wife Is Worth Half Dollar

Sam Crawford of the Detroit team has a teammate who is decidedly absent-minded and is apt to become absorbed in anything he is reading at the time. According to a yarn that is credited to Crawford, this teammate was poring over some illustrated papers in the lobby of their hotel last season, when he was approached by one of the young women who are endeavoring to arouse interest in the woman's suffrage movement.

The teammate listened politely, but it was evident he was more interested in the illustrations of the daily paper at which he was glancing. "Just think," he would say to the young lady indignantly, after delving up a long array of arguments, "we women can't vote here any more than in the South Sea Islands! And you know how women are regarded there! Why, I've read that a native can buy a wife there for 50 cents in our money!"

May Stage Boxing Go at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, April 29.—A movement has been started here to stage two prize fights the night before the annual automobile race to be held at the Indianapolis Motor speedway, May 30. It is said that an effort is being made to sign Frank Moran and Jack Dillon for one of the bouts.

Boxing exhibitions have not been permitted her for some time. Last year attempts were made to stage two contests before the Memorial day race, but failed after injunctions were obtained. With the thousands of persons in Indianapolis for the race, it has been estimated that a fight between topnotchers would draw at least 10,000. The fights, if permitted, probably will be held in the American association base ball park.

Toledo Team Is in Need of Nickname

TOLEDO, O., April 29.—"Iron Men" is the latest nickname for the Toledo base ball club. Two Toledo sport writers are using the name exclusively in referring to the club. Whether it will become popular is problematical.

Tajaha and Brena Hens were two names that for a short time seemed to strike the popular fancy, but fadism decreed that neither was suitable and returned to the old name of Mud Hens. Whether the new name will prove popular is hard to predict. One paragrapher intimates that it would be a shame to let them drop behind and rust during the coming season.

OMAHA MEN SELL SPEEDWAY

Henry Gering and Samuel Orloff Sell Their Interest in Board Oval at Des Moines.

RACE ENTRIES COME IN SLOW

Henry Gering of Omaha, who with Samuel Orloff of this city, promoted the Des Moines mile and a quarter speedway, has sold his interest in the track to a syndicate of Des Moines men. Gering had a \$50,000 interest in the Iowa oval. Samuel Orloff has also sold \$10,000 of his interest to the Des Moines syndicate, but will retain the rest of his interest and will continue to act as secretary of the Des Moines Speedway company.

A. H. Banks succeeds Gering as president of the company and C. C. Taft becomes vice president. Fred Deussenberg, of racing fame, is among the prominent members of the new syndicate. The transfer of stock becomes effective May 1.

For some reason or other owners of racing machines seem inclined to delay entering the various gasoline classics of the year. Within two weeks, May 13, a race will be held on the New York speedway and it is only a month until the annual Indianapolis derby is to be staged, but the owners of the steel steeds do not seem to be inclined to hurry their entries along.

That the field will be quite classy this year is evident and the railbirds will be treated to some mighty swell contests. Here is a list of cars and their drivers:

Table listing drivers and their cars for various races.

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The future of boxing under such conditions looks rather hazy, for without decisions champions will cease to exist. However, the game may be a lot better off without "champions" of the kind we have at present. If the term "champion" was dropped, boxing followers would be able to pay homage to the best man in each class instead of some burnt out wreck of a fighter who is champion in name only.

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The Hypodermic Needle

OR STINKEM TOBAC Oh, to be an athlete, They are the lucky blokes, They gather in a flock of tin, For boosting Oakum smokes.

Speaking of cruelty, the guy who said Jess Willard was the star clown of the Sells-Floto circus should get some kind of an iron cross or leather medal.

Harvard licks the Army and Tufts wallops the Navy at base ball on the same day. And yet these are pacifists who bat a thousand on the chauntiqua circuit and collect \$50 a shot.

Robert Gardiner, amateur golf champ, is going to get married in May. Yes, verily, is there much truth in that old adage, "Humps horn in where angels fear to tread."

BY LEWIS AND HOOPER. We miss you, Tristram Speaker, Thoughts of you still lurk, For now that you're in Cleveland, We have to do the work.

J. Franklin Baker is some hitter. He hits .300 and he hits the trail.

Senator Wagner of Tammany has refused the N.Y. postmastership. The Browning will win a pennant. And Wagner's end is near.

Can you imagine a first-class Omaha demo turning down any kind of a political job whether it paid \$4 or \$4,000 a week? Neither can we.

Mr. Ever Hammer having licked the spots off him, Freddie Welsh seems to be working in his old-time form again.

LET'S SLIP HIM LEATHER MEDAL. Dear Hypo: The guy this is written about reads

So I purchase my a cardboard And join this Mappy throng Let business cares feed me And creditors go hang. I don't want to live for honor! What care I for fame As long as I can live to see Another base ball game.

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