

COMING YOUNGSTER SCARES VETERANS

Nineteen-Year-Old Kid Comes Up to Dispute Claims of Gibbons, Moha and Others.

AL M'COY HITS FOR HILLS

By RINGSIDE.

New York, Nov. 18.—Two divisions have commandeered all the attention of the boxing community since the inauguration of the fall campaign two months ago. These are the middle-weight and light heavyweight classes. Never before in the history of the game has there been such a surfeit of formidable combatants in any two divisions of pugilism. As a result of this state of affairs, interest has been diminishing space in the five other classes—bantam, feather, light, welter and heavy.

The old regime of middleweights is rapidly dying out. Les Darcy, the Australian prototype of Bob Fitzsimmons, accounted for the elimination of the four real veterans of the middleweight class. His decisive victories over Eddie McGoorty, George Chip, Jimmy Clabby and Duck Cronac put those gentlemen out of the consideration for championship honors.

Among the hardy battlers who remain to dispute the championship claims of Al McCoy, the self-styled champion, and Les Darcy, who is champion by acclamation in Australia, are Bob Moha, Mike Gibbons and a newcomer to the division, Jimmy O'Hagen. Of the last named, more anon.

Both Moha and Gibbons have proved their worth, but it remains for O'Hagen, a 19-year-old boy, to establish his claim to recognition as a championship contender. If willingness and fearlessness, combined with ability, mean championship, qualifications, than O'Hagen must be given due consideration.

O'Hagen, who is a native of Albany, bases his claims for recognition on his work in the last few months. In a brief space of time he defeated Mike Glover, Marty Cross, K. O. Sweeney, Silent Martin, Frank Carbone and "Kid" Albert. Then O'Hagen's manager set about a match with "Champion" Al McCoy. It was proposed that the bout go fifteen rounds to a decision at Providence, R. I.

Not for McCoy. McCoy, who has seldom received more than \$1,000 a fight—even after his one-round knockout of George Chip—was offered the tidy sum of \$10,000 to battle O'Hagen fifteen rounds, with a decision attached. This would involve whatever title McCoy possessed. McCoy promptly turned down the offer, making strenuous objections to the clause referring to a decision being rendered.

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The light heavyweight division also presents some interesting fodder for thought. Up to a few weeks ago Jack Dillon's claim to this championship was undisputed. Then along came Battling Levinsky and trounced the giant destroyer in a twelve-round decision bout, which logically made Levinsky the champion. A few days later Levinsky submitted to a ten-round thumping at the hands of one Billy Miske of St. Paul.

Seek \$150,000 to Improve Cornell Athletic Field

In order to have suitable base ball accommodations on the Alumni field, Ithaca, for the semi-centennial in 1918, the Cornell Alumni field trustees will endeavor to raise a fund of \$150,000 by next June. Besides a big grandstand, it is proposed to erect an administration hall, where offices of all the college athletic interests will center. In the new structure, it is intended to have quarters for training and for entertaining visiting athletes as well as facilities for winter training for members of the crew and quarters for the coaches and caretaker of the various teams in all field sports. A covered running board track is also contemplated, fifteen feet in width with ten laps to the mile.

Jess Willard Will Go Into Real Estate Game

Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion, is considering entering the real estate business in Chicago, according to information received by his associates. His contract with a circus has expired and he plans to return from Fort Worth, Tex., to Chicago, arriving about November 27. He is reported to be much heavier than when he started out with the circus. He weighs in the neighborhood of 275 pounds, it is said.

WOULD-BE "CAMPS" HAVE TOUGH TIME

Chaps Who Pick All-American Foot Ball Elevens Have Their Jobs Cut Out This Year.

SCORE OF BACKFIELD MEN

By FRANK G. MENKE.

"Say you guys what's gonna do these here All-American foot ball pickin' this here year—well, you've got a job carved out for you, that's all I gotta say."

Of King Foot Ball paused to help himself to the "makin'" rolled his own, applied a torch, and then went on: "There's a paucity of line material and a plethora of backfield stars and—"

"What—what?" Of King grinned. "Ha! I thought I'd surprise youse guys," he exclaimed. "Large words, hey? And fancy ones? Well, they ain't mine. I nipped 'em from Walt Camp. That's what he says when he's spouting about them foot ballers. I didn't just know what he meant, so I goes to Mister Webster and he sets me straight.

"Plethora" explained Of King, "means a lot of 'em and paucity means just the other way. And that's how she lays. So you see you guys got a job tryin' to pick out a few backfielders from a big buncha great birds, while on the other mite, you're gonna have quite a job pickin' out line men who'll match up with your backfielders. Get me?"

Two From West. "Now let's see. There's Harley, of Ohio state. He's a whale. One of the best little foot ball players they've uncovered out in the west for years and years. Do anything. Couldn't keep him off, could you? And then there's Coffall, of Notre Dame. Greatest halfback Notre Dame has had in many, many moons. He oughta get on, oughtn't he?"

"Hubbell, of Colgate, played Yale off its feet; ripped through the Yale line every time he hit it, didn't he? Hastings, of Pittsburg, is a wonder too. Sprafka, of Minnesota, is another one of those who belong. Le-gore of Yale, he got to going great early in the year and then slipped off. But he's a wonder, ain't he? Bum leg may lose him job on All-American, but if leg mends for next two games and he plays like he can play, he must be given the up-and-down.

And Oliphant, too. "And Oliphant of Army. Well, there ain't no use discussin' him. He belongs—that's all. Greatest half-back in America today. Forward passer, punter, end runner, line buster. Another one of those guys that's able to do anything.

"Maubetsch of Michigan, Casey of Harvard, Horween of Harvard, Gerish of Dartmouth, Thielscher of Dartmouth, McLaren of Pittsburg—they're all entitled to jobs, ain't they? But some of that bunch has got to be disappointed, because only four backfield men can play on a team.

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Omaha Uni Girls Will Hold Basket Ball Tournament

Basket ball at the University of Omaha has made an early and flourishing start this year. Already all the classes have two teams, one of boys and one of girls. The boys are practicing twice a week, while the girls are going them one better. This enthusiastic attitude, together with the coming of the two new coaches, Harry De Lamatre and Miss E. M. Beaty, promises that the university will see its first season of active basketball play.

This Basket Ball Event Starts at 8:30 in Morn

Eight-thirty in the morning is pretty early in the day to play basket ball, but that is the time set for the basket ball tourney, which will be staged at the Young Men's Christian association Thanksgiving day. The entire event will be played during the morning.

School for Deaf to Play West Point Thanksgiving

The Nebraska School for the Deaf has signed up for a game Thanksgiving day with the West Point High school. The local eleven will journey to West Point for the combat.

ONE OF THE NEW OWNERS OF THE RED SOX—The sale is announced of the Boston Red Sox to Harry H. Frazee and Hugh Ward, theatrical magnates of New York. Frazee is prominent in the world of drama. Ward is an Australian and spends most of his time in the United States, making his home in Philadelphia.



HARRY H. FRAZEE.

BRANDEIS ARE TOO FAST FOR LEAGUE

Basket Ball Quints Aver Isaacson's Crew Is Too Swift for Tri-City League.

TOWNSENDS NOT TO ENTER

Basket ball managers are up against it this year. After lining up their favorite flippers and getting everything ready to start off in a ship-shape manner they find that after all they might not all take a part in the season's activities. And this is the reason:

For some time the Brandeis Stores quint, under the management of Jake Isaacson, has been collecting the fastest bunch of basket ball passers in the city. Among the list are Virgil Rector of Dartmouth, Leslie Burken-sand, Bob Koran, Leslie Adams and Warren Ritchie. Other prospective members of the Tri-City league are that they would have no show against such a stellar aggregation and rather than play second fiddle feel that it would be to their interests not to enter the league. They would much rather have the Brandeis stay out, but to that Jake Isaacson has given a very strong negative. "Why should we stay out," Jake says. "They have the same opportunity of collecting a bunch of stars and if they don't do it's their own lookout. We intend to go into the league." And, anyway, Isaacson points out, that instead of lowering the standards of the organization, his team will set such a high mark that the other quintets will have something to shoot at.

Townsend's Drop Out. As a consequence of the agitation the Townsend Gun team, managed by Walter Gartner, will not enter the league and several other fives have decided to do likewise. Just how the matter will be threshed out will be decided at the basket ball meeting to be held at the Young Men's Christian association Tuesday evening.

Coach Mills of Greighton has definitely decided not to enter his team in the Tri-City league regardless of whether the Brandeis are members or not. The blue and white mentor has lined up all the college contests his flippers can handle and he does not propose to let them take on more work.

Harmony in Other Loops. While there is considerable agitation in the old Tri-City league, all is harmony in the Commercial and Church. Teams of both organizations have been getting in weekly workouts at the "Y" and are ready to jump into the fray at the first honk of the referee's whistle.

What is expected to work for the benefit of the two Class B organizations is the fact that more floor space has been added. In addition to the Young Men's Christian association courts of both Omaha and Council Bluffs and the University of Omaha floor, the Woodmen of the World hall in the South Side has been secured and is now being marked off.

All persons interested in joining any of the three leagues are invited to be present at the big basket ball meeting to be held in the physical director's room of the Young Men's Christian association Tuesday evening at 7:30.

No Longer Do They Say "Hurry Up Yost"

"Hurry Up" Yost of the Michigan foot ball squad finally has failed to live up to his nickname. Yost recently was watching the first eleven in practice. Quarterback Sparks was tearing through his signals.

"He hurries his team too much," shouted Yost, and then he told Sparks to ease up a bit. "You can't slam down the field the way you could in the old game," said the Michigan foot ball wizard. "With ten yards to gain you have to take your time."

Lee Fohl is On Lookout For a Young Outfielder

President Dunn of the Cleveland Americans has announced that he has one or two possible trades in view and that he also hopes to buy at least one young outfielder.

MULLIGAN IS LAD WHO TURNED TRICK

Central High Mentor Surprises Lincoln With New Style of Open Foot Ball.

MAKES TIE GAME POSSIBLE

By KARL LEE. Harold Mulligan—strategist. A lesser title would not do. In the game with Lincoln, Mulligan demonstrated beyond doubt that he was the goods and that he could make foot ball out of anything that resembled foot ball.

There is no question but what Coach Mulligan is a great mentor. Just seven weeks ago Central met Commerce High in the first game of the season. It is just seven weeks ago that the wise ones shook their head and smiled as best they could when some overly enthusiastic Central rooster burst forth with predictions of a brilliant season. Yet in that seven weeks Mulligan gradually built up a defense that proved impenetrable and an offense that remained all-powerful to the last.

Central rosters religiously believed that their team would wallop Lincoln roundly. But Mulligan knew and he sensed the peril of his team. Beatrice had broken through that power of defense and the Link mentors already had had a two weeks' squint at the play.

Teaches New Foot Ball. So the week before the Lincoln smashup Mulligan held private conferences with his men. He taught them some new foot ball. A more brilliant assemblage of line shifts, forward passes and backfield formations probably was never given at one time to a high school team as by Mulligan to his Omaha eleven. "If we can't beat Lincoln one way, we will beat it another," was the byword on the hill all that week. And the wise ones saw again.

The game opened. Central made a dash to striking distance. Lincoln held and took the ball. Then the slaughter started. The great Griffen pounded the line. At first it held, but soon began to falter. Central held twice next its own goal that period before the sensational intercepted pass by Paynter up, at least for the half, when this brilliant run came to be deck them with glory. But Lincoln came back again and the powerful backs pounded the line again, Griffen, despite his lame leg, leading in every smash. A forward pass, Griffen to Lamb, well known as the touchdown play of the Links, netted the fatal score.

Mully talked to his men between halves. He told them to open up. And they did. Perhaps on Nebraska field few such brilliant exhibitions in the art of playing foot ball have been performed as by Central High during that period. The line shifted, the backfield wormed this way and that, and the ball eased its way sideways and forward. The maze of the formations, called in rapid-fire form, baffled the Links. They forgot themselves and played in a frenzy. And they failed to recover that ball before too late. Mulligan had turned the trick.

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Pitcher Ed Kelpfer Has Tonsils Removed

Manager Lee Fohl of the Cleveland Americans is of the opinion that Pitcher Edward Kelpfer will be much more efficient next season for the reason that Kelpfer has undergone an operation for the removal of his tonsils.

"Kelpfer's throat bothered him last season," Fohl said, "and I am certain that if he had submitted to an operation last spring he would have been a different pitcher."

Omaha Ski and Skat Club Will Meet Monday Night

The Omaha Ski and Skat club, recently organized, will hold a meeting tomorrow night in room 413 B building. All members of the club and anybody interested in winter sports are urged to be present.

MOGULS CONSIDER THIRD BIG LEAGUE

Ban Johnson and Others Behind Move to Stimulate Lagging Interest in Base Ball.

OMAHA IN CLASS AA LOOP

That the powers that be in base ball are giving serious consideration to a suggestion that a third major league be organized, to be known as the American association; that the International league be changed and that the Western league be raised to AA classification, is news that Joe Vila, a New York base ball scribe, who probably knows more about the inner workings of the big base ball men than any outsider in the country, makes known. The scheme is this:

Form an eight-club major league, free from draft rule, to comprise Toronto, Buffalo, Newark and Baltimore in the east, with Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Toledo and Louisville in the west. The name of the new league shall be the American association. The International is to be retained, with Providence, Rochester, Montreal, Syracuse, Albany, Utica, Binghamton, and perhaps Jersey City.

The Western league is to be raised to Class AA, with the circuit including St. Paul, Minneapolis, Columbus, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver, Des Moines, and one other city, perhaps St. Joseph or Sioux City.

Johnson Favors It. It is said this suggestion has already been discussed by members of the National commission, club owners and others interested. It is said that Ban Johnson is a strong advocate of the idea and that promises well, for Johnson can do more in a minute than all the rest of the base ball men in a year.

The big men of Organized Base Ball have come to the conclusion that something must be done to stimulate interest in the game. The majors had a prosperous season this year, but there was an unmistakable revival of enthusiasm in the big circuits due to the decease of the Feds. Whether this revival of enthusiasm will be permanent or was merely temporary cannot be told. But the minors are in a bad way. They have all lost money, the big minors and the little minors, and some old and strong leagues are going to blow up unless a remedy is found. Take, for instance, the Western league. It is the oldest league in this part of the country. It has weathered seventeen campaigns. And prospered, right now are for a return to a six-league club and three of those six clubs don't promise much.

International in Trouble. The International league had a most disastrous season. All of the clubs, with the possible exception of Toronto, lost money. The American association was nothing to brag about and seemed to be boiling with internal dissension.

And if things continue the American association, the International and the Western, three of the five big minor leagues of the country, are going to have more and more trouble and there is no foretelling what the end will be.

It is believed the cities suggested for the third major league are real major league cities. Newark, Buffalo, Baltimore and Indianapolis had the Federals and didn't get enthusiastic over the return of minor league ball. That they would support major league clubs is the belief of most base ball men. Milwaukee and Louisville have had previous experience in fast company and it is believed are ripe for a return.

That the proposed shift in the International league cities would be a benefit is also the belief. Omaha in its Class. And we know it would help the Western league. Omaha and Denver are out of their class in the Western league as it is made up today. They belong in a league with such cities as St. Paul, Minneapolis and Kansas City and that is just the kind of league they would be in if this plan goes through.

It is not likely the plan can be put through this year, the time is too short, but the big moguls are giving it serious consideration, Ban Johnson is pulling the wires diligently to bring it about and there is an excellent chance that it will be consummated before 1918.

Caddock Rivals Great Gotch for Speed in Action

"The Boy With a Thousand Holds" is the title wrestling fans have tacked onto Earl Caddock, the Anita, Ia. flash who will tangle with Yousiff Hussane, the Terrible Turk, at Council Bluffs November 29.

Caddock is probably acquainted with more holds than any other wrestler. He is a thorough student of the game in addition to having the wrestling instinct, and in the course of one match he will use more holds than the ordinary wrestler will in a dozen bouts.

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Caddock is now in Omaha training for his bout with Hussane. The event is another ten days distant, but Earl is working diligently, for he has high hopes of vanquishing the Turk in rapid fashion.

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Hypodermic Needle advertisement with illustration of a person and a needle.

By FRED S. HUNTER

A hundred men in uniform swarmed out onto the playing field. The foot ball practice was on. A casual observer watched them for an hour.

"How many men are there on a foot ball team?" he asked a scribe standing nearby. "Eleven," answer the said scribe.

"Well, then, who are the rest of those chaps?" asked the c. o. "Coaches."

Clarence Rowland has been fired again. So has Joe Tinker. Bill Carrigan is still retiring. Charley Ebbets is still selling out.

Fritz Maisel is still being traded. Showing that spring is still a long way off.

POLITICAL NOTE. We do not like you Charlie Hughes. The reason is you had to lose, and we had down a bet on you, we do not like you Charlie Hughes.

We see a guy threatens to sue a newspaper man for \$50,000, which is funny if you are a newspaper man.

If a month ago somebody had predicted Ohio and Northwestern would fight it out for the Big Nine championship, he would have been advised to cut out drinking wood alcohol.

Some day a foot ball game will result according to the dope. And on that day they'll sing Tipperary on a U-boat and drink a toast in

grape juice to Bill Bryan in Milwaukee. The eight-hour day may be o. k. for Mr. Adamson, but personally we would prefer a one-hour day.

Levinsky and Morris fought last Thursday night in Kansas City, but it would have been more appropriate for them to have waited until April 1.

Tris Speaker, it is said, is wearing a wrist watch. Conclusively proving what fame will do to a man.

If Tris can wear a wrist watch we can expect shortly to learn that Heine Zim is wearing spats.

By JESS WILLARD. The price of coal is going up, and meat has hit the sky. Sugar's selling by the cup, and flour is more than high. The demos are in power again, and winter's in its might. The circus has run out of yen, and I can't get a fight.

Mr. Jones, in behalf of Mr. Willard, says Mr. Willard cannot get a fight, proving that "you can fool some of the pub—etc., etc."

A Mere Trifle. Now, after meeting Iowa next Saturday, all Nebraska has to do is to play Notre Dame.

It is said Willard and Levinsky will not fight. As a result of which we lose no interest for the simple reason that we were not interested before.

Bill Carrigan says he is going to quit base ball, but Connie Mack beat him to it two years ago.

Moylan and Stangel To Get Trials With Rourke in Spring advertisement.

OMAHANS BACK OF NEW BOXING BILL advertisement.

WAS TURNED DOWN BEFORE advertisement.

Plestina Declares War on E. Caddock advertisement.

Rifle Club Will Hold Turkey Shoot Sunday advertisement.

\$7 FANCY SILK Free advertisement.