

A youngster who wintered in Wynne... You didn't know that!



They call a boy a slacker for embarking on a ship, But how about his backer, who arranged that ocean trip?



A cunning old athlete named Drake... And bought her a porthouse stool.

YOUNGSTERS HOLD OWN WITH SENIORS

Lads and Lassies in Teens Make Their Marks in All Sports.

GIRLS HOLD UP THEIR END

"Youth must be served," may be an old wheeze, but it certainly ran true to form in the athletic world in 1916.

Golf also produced a boy wonder in the person of Bobby Jones, the kid marvel from Georgia.

Many base ball players have started their climb to fame and fortune at an early age, but Henry Febrina of Ripley, O., is believed to be the first 17-year-old boy to be signed up by a major league.

Another young man entitled to a place among the youngsters who showed class in sports last year is Herman Brusie, an 18-year-old driver.

Foremost among the girl athletes winning fame in 1916 was Miss Alexis Dilling of Atlanta, who now holds the women's national golf championship.

The girls likewise earned their share of laurels in athletic competition during the year just ended, and in some instances they even excelled the achievements of their youthful brethren.

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Trap-shooting is ably represented among the little folk by Miss Lucille Feuzel of Green Bay, Wis. Although at fourteen years old this young lady holds an average of 90 out of every 100 targets in competition.

In Theima Darby, a 13-year-old normal, Indianapolis boasts of having the greatest girl swimmer in the world. In winning the 880-yard national title Miss Darby swam the race in sixteen minutes nine and three-fifths seconds, or one and one-half minutes below the former American record.

The year 1916 was a banner year for the young athletes and sportsmen and may 1917 prove to be a still better one.

Michigan May Lose His Grid Captain To West Pointers

Indiana university may lose Captain-elect Russell G. Hathaway of the 1917 foot ball eleven at the close of the present year, as it is reported that he is considering accepting an appointment to West Point.

Clark Griffith Looks For Lot of New Talent

Clark Griffith is engaged in a search for much new material with which to begin the 1917 campaign. It is understood that his needs consist of three pitchers, a catcher, two infielders and an outfielder.

MOST LOGICAL CHALLENGER OF LES DARCY—"Billy" Miske, whose recent work in the squared ring is fast making him the boxing fans' first choice for a clash with Les Darcy, the Australian fighter.



JOHNSON RESOLVED TO SUPPRESS FULTZ

American League Chief Defies Players' Fraternity and Its Head.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Threats of David L. Fultz, president of the Base Ball Players' fraternity, to call a strike of between 600 and 700 players unless their demands are granted before the start of the 1917 season were answered by B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, here tonight.

MUST SIGN THE CONTRACTS

"We never again shall listen to any proposal he may offer," President Johnson said. "We invite him to carry out his bluff. I, personally, do not believe the players are back of Fultz. I think he has been using a power to send out statements without authority from the players themselves.

Slow Music for John Henry

Johnson also declared that John Henry, catcher of the Washington club, a representative of the Players' fraternity, could either drop his affiliations with the fraternity or quit the American league.

Jim Bagby Isn't Crazy About Life Of a Floorwalker

Pitcher Jim Bagby of the Cleveland Indians has been holding down a job as floor walker in a Cleveland department store this winter and a newspaper writer dropped in to see how he liked it.

Another Pug Claims to Have Licked J. Willard

Another man has been uncovered who claims to have beaten Jess Willard at an earlier day in the heavy-weight champion's career. The latest claimant to this honor is L. E. Doxtator, a Cherokee Indian, who is at present a first-class fireman on the United States steamship Chattanooga.

Boston and Cleveland May Play at St. Johns

It is possible that the Boston and Cleveland teams will play an exhibition game at St. John's, N. B., next summer. Joe Page of Montreal, who acts as scout for Comiskey, is trying to arrange such a game as a war benefit. Page put the proposition up to Jim Dunn, the Cleveland chief, and the latter readily consented. It is now up to Harry Frazee to permit the Boston team to make the trip.

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LEVINSKY FIGHTS FORTY-ONE TIMES

That Is Number of Bouts Dan Morgan's Charge Had During Last Year.

SOME MORE OF HIS HISTORY

"Say, do you know how many fights Battling Levinsky had in 1916? Forty-one; yes, sir; forty-one. That meant one scrap every nine days. Perpetual motion, ain't it?" Dumb Dan Morgan was talking of his pet scrapper.

"That's a record for him?" asked a scribe. "Yep, and a world's record, too," answered the host of the hardest-working pug in America. "No real fighter in history ever fought that often in one year. Bat ought to be satisfied with that accomplishment. But he isn't. Why, would you believe it, that son-of-a-gun is so anxious to fight fifty-two times during 1917 that he threatens to bang me all up and down Broadway if I don't get him that many matches."

"How much did Bat earn during 1916, real money, not press agent currency?" "Dumb" Dan was silent for a minute while he began calculating. "Between \$37,000 and \$40,000, so help me, gee whiz," he answered. "That's real, regular money. The fattest purse he drew down was \$3,600 when he fought Dillon in Kansas City. The lowest he got for any fight was \$300, although he spent thirty minutes in New York one night beating up a poor boob—and he didn't get a kopeck for it. The club couldn't pay."

The Whole Record

"How many fights has Bat had since you began managing him?" "Thirty-four in 1913, thirty-six in 1914, twenty-eight in 1915 and forty-one last year. That makes 139 in all. He was sick for a while in 1915 and, therefore, didn't fight as often. But even at that he got a pretty good average. Let's see, 139 scraps in 208 weeks means about one battle every ten days, which is some record, hey?"

"How much has Bat earned since you took him in hand?" "About—"

"Hold on. Don't make a wild guess. The public is getting suspicious concerning the reported earnings of prize fighters. Paper men are making serious reflection, Dan, and then let's have it."

"About \$100,000—maybe more. But it isn't less. I'm not exaggerating. During his first year with me Bat didn't draw so awfully well. He wasn't known then. But just the same he took down close to \$18,000. In 1914, when he began to pick on—and beat—the big boys, we got more money. And we've been getting more all the time."

"How many of those forty-one fights in 1916 were against Jack Dillon?" "Three," said Dan, just like that. "How many?" "Ah—er—four," stammered Dan. "Come again."

"Well, if you're so darned curious about it, lemme think," pleaded Dan. He did, and then he spoke:

"Dillon. But what's the use of digging up a man's past like that?" "Now, of those forty-one fights," added Dan, "fifteen were to decision. Bat won eight of those verdicts, five other fights were draws and he lost two decisions. Peculiarly enough the only decisions made against him were in Kansas City. Dillon beat Carl Morris there in fifteen rounds and Carl Morris duplicated the trick."

"Bat didn't knock out many fellows last year, did he?" "Oh, no; Bat's a tender hearted fellow. He hates to knock out anybody because—"

"Because he likes to save 'em for a return match?" "No, that isn't it at all," fared up Dan. "Bat's tender hearted. He doesn't want to 'kill' a fellow in his anxiety to win. He is perfectly satisfied to win on points. And the fans are satisfied, too, because Bat always gives 'em a show."

Jake Daubert Puts His Coin in Home Town Lots

Captain Jake Daubert of the Robins has been keeping his batting eye bright this winter by doing a great deal of bird and rabbit shooting in the vicinity of his home near Pottsville, Pa. Accidentally, Jake has invested his share of the world series in Pottsville real estate.

Cleveland to Send Scouts To Other Training Camps

The plan of the Cleveland club is to send scouts to visit all the major league training camps in the spring, to get a line on recruits, so that, in case waivers are asked, Manager Fohl will know if the youngsters are worth claiming.

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"Attempts have been made to inject the salary question into this controversy," said the statement. "The salary question is in no way involved. Only one of our requests, the one regarding traveling expenses, has anything to do with money and the amounts of these expenses are entirely in the discretion of the clubs. That is the reason we think they should pay them."

PRO FOOT BALL NOT SUCCESSFUL SPORT

Tried in Pennsylvania Fifteen Years Ago and it Failed Utterly.

IS PURELY COLLEGE GAME

Eastern foot ball authorities are extremely doubtful regarding the financial success of a professional foot ball league backed by base ball magnates or in fact any similar organization. While any and all the big league club managements stand ready to rent the base ball parks during the off season to responsible parties, there is not the slightest evidence that the magnates would delve into their money bags and bring forth the coin necessary to establish a league of eleven, such as has been suggested recently in the middle west.

Professional foot ball is nothing new in the east and the financial frost that followed its introduction in this section has not been forgotten, despite the fact that it is seventeen years since the scheme was first tried out in the state of Pennsylvania. The game of foot ball is so peculiarly interwoven with college and school traditions and sentiment that it fails to flourish in any other soil. This was clearly demonstrated in the early 90's when professional eleven and a league were established in Pennsylvania with teams playing for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Latrobe Homestead and Greenburg.

The eastern college foot ball field was fencible for star players just graduated and the personnel of the various eleven, read like an All-American combination. Salaries ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 per season were paid with all expenses and hospital treatment guaranteed in case of accident. Famous players were attracted by the big money offered and the teams played foot ball of the most thrilling and ultra type. Among those who figured in the professional games were the Indian brothers Bemis and Hawley Pierce; Dave Fultz; Roller, later a wrestler; Gammons; Wallace, and many more, some of whom had been selected for All-American teams while still undergraduates.

The first few games drew fairly large gatherings of spectators, but the novelty soon wore off and the attendance rapidly dropped away until at the end of the season the backers of the clubs were forced to go into their pocket to make up the deficit. Officers of the Philadelphia American and National league clubs financed the Quaker City teams while the big steel companies and athletic clubs were interested in the other eleven of the group, which continued for two or three years, with constantly changing combinations, before the promoters finally gave up the struggle for popular support.

Jimmy Wilde Knocks Out Hundred Boxers During His Career

Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of the world, is a graduate of the English booths. While meeting all comers in a booth he often scored as many as a half dozen knockouts in a single night.

Ollie Chill Due To Get Axe From Ban, Says Report

According to rumors that appear to be well founded there will be changes in both major league umpire staffs before the cry of "Play ball!" is heard in the spring. Presidents Tener and Johnson have not announced their selections and will not until the mid-winter meeting. Both have been swarmed with applications for positions, though it has been generally supposed that few persons care for the work, which is disagreeable at best. In American league circles the bill has gone out that Umpire Ollie Chill, the smallest of major league arbiters, is to be let out by President Johnson.

Mike Doolan May Be Used By Brooklyn as a Coach

Manager Wilbert Robinson, it is said, is inclined to think Mike Doolan may be of use to him in drilling infielders and the veteran, who finished up the season with John McGraw, may be taken on by the Dodgers.

Ascent of Miske Is a Big Help to The Boxing Game

New York, Jan. 13.—The ascent of Billie Miske, the St. Paul heavyweight who came out of the west unheralded a few months ago and disposed of Battling Levinsky, Bob Moha, Jack Dillon and George K. O. Brown in swift succession, has been an important factor in the present revival of interest in boxing.

The case of Miske is almost without parallel. Like the prophet of old, Miske drew nothing but criticism in his home. In the west he was considered something akin to a joke—so they said. He was practically unheard of in the east. But he and his manager, Pearl Smith, pulled up stakes and came here to try their fortunes, and Miske made good from the start. Today he is in the forefront of pugilism. Many consider him without a peer at his weight in the world. He may get the first match with Les Darcy if Georges Carpentier is unable to come to this country to box the Australian idol. The services of Miske are in greater demand today, perhaps, than those of any other pugilist except Darcy.

Big Six Says Roush Is a Coming Wonder

Christy Mathewson believes that Eddie Roush will prove one of the greatest outfielders in the game next season.

DUNDEE MAKES BIG SUM IN ONE SEASON

Italian Lightweight Cleans Up Thirty Thousand Dollars During Last Year.

FIGHTS TWENTY BOUTS

Last year was a profitable one for Johnny Dundee, who cleared up just \$30,000. On a hot night in August, 1916, a curly-headed kid climbed through the ropes at the old Sharkey Athletic club and seated himself nervously on a low stool in one of the corners. Shortly afterward another youngster, just as nervous as the first, took a seat in the opposite corner.

The boys studied each other at long range until the announcer took the audience into his confidence and shouted that the first preliminary bout of the evening was about to start and the principals would be "Johnny Dundee, in this corner, and Skinny Bob in the other." He also stated that the battle would last four rounds or less.

Dundee's Debut

This was Johnny Dundee's debut in the boxing game. He was a very green kid, but his aggressiveness, which made him famous in later years, enabled him to wallop the tar out of Skinny Bob and he won by a mile. For this wonderful showing Johnny received the large sum of \$5, which was divided between himself, his manager and his seconds. Dundee probably had the price of a beef steer when his big debut was "cut," but he was happy just the same. His first battle was a success.

Since that time Johnny has leaped to the front and now ranks with the best lightweights in the country. He probably is the only real 133 pounder worthy of consideration, as he can make the weight easier than Welsh or Leonard. Dundee has boxed in every state where the fight game is permitted and comes close to the record for traveling. He and his manager, Scotty Monette, are fitting from place to place, boxing in Kansas City and in New Orleans three days later. And the Italian boxer's bankroll is getting stronger and healthier each day.

Business Good

Business has been good and the purses thus far total \$30,000. Here is a list of Dundee's bouts since January 1 and the amounts received. The dope was furnished by Scotty Monette, and Scotty ought to know:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries for Philadelphia, New Orleans, Denver, Kansas City, New York, Boston, Buffalo, and Philadelphia.

Creighton Starts Basket Ball With Victory Over Peru

Creighton pried the lid off the basket ball season last night by trouncing the fast Peru Normal quintet 30 to 17. The blue and white victory was something of an upset in the dope, as Peru was believed to have the edge on account of superior team work. But the proteges of Mills went after the school teachers at the start, flipping four baskets shortly after the opening of play and had the game sewed up before the Perutes could get started. About 200 saw the game. The lineup:

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Minneapolis Signs Up Couple of Cuban Lads

The Minneapolis club announces the signing of two Cubans, one a catcher and one an infielder. The catcher is Ricardo Torres and the infielder Fidelio Hango. Both have done good work with teams in Cuba.

Wrestling Match Plestina Matched at Last

Boyd Theater Thursday Evening, January 18, 1917 Will See a Finish Match Between Marin Plestina and Freddie Beell. The former champion of America. The winner will meet any man in the world. Admission is within reach of all. General admission, 50c and reserved seats, \$1, and Stage Seats, \$2.

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The fact that each year shows an increase in our business proves that the discriminating men of Omaha want clothes made for them and not for the average figure. Made to your Measure \$15 Made to your Measure. A splendid array of fine suitings and overcoatings from which to make your selection. Dundee. Corner 15th and Harney Sts.

AMATEUR SPECTER BEFORE TENNIS MEN

Dangers of Commercialism Ahead, Declares President George T. Adee.

MEETING IN FEBRUARY

New York, Jan. 13.—"Is lawn tennis to be placed once and for all upon an absolute amateur basis or left exposed to the dangers of commercialism?" According to President George T. Adee, in a letter addressed to all members of the United States National Lawn Tennis association, this is the issue which will be brought squarely before the delegates at the annual meeting of the organization to be held in New York February 9.

In explaining the need for decisive action on the definition of an amateur President Adee states that the executive committee feels strongly that the possibilities of professionalizing tennis is by no means remote, unless a definite stand is taken now. Four of the principal governing bodies of sport in the United States have adopted the theory that the basic principle of all amateur sport is that no man should be allowed to commercialize his skill or prominence in any game and still remain an amateur. These four organizations are: The Amateur Athletic Union; Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America; National Collegiate Athletic Association and the United States Golf Association.

"Can tennis afford to lag behind?" asks President Adee. Continuing, he asserts that every sport where professional tendencies have been unchecked shows marks of degeneration. He insists that influences hostile to the best interests of track and field athletics, base ball, golf and foot ball cannot be helpful to tennis.

Referring to the sporting goods issue in tennis the president insists that a prominent tennis player is hired to represent a firm, either behind the counter or on the courts, not for his selling ability, but on account of his tennis reputation. In conclusion the president asks the members to determine the issue without substituting personalities for principles and places the responsibility for shaping the policies of the association on each member's vote.

Accompanying the letter is a list of the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, the matter being printed in such form as to give a comprehensive outline of the changes to be considered at the coming meeting.

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