JESS LOSES WHEN FULTON IS LICKED

Champion's Chance for $50,000 Fight With Fred Goes by the Boards.

HAS NO USE FOR MORRIS

BY RINGSIDE.

Chicago, April 28. — Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, lost some $50,000 or more the night Fred Fulton was toppled off his pedestal as a challenger for the title by Carl Morris, the bulky Oklahoman.

Not that Willard had wagered any such amount on the battle, but because he virtually had promised to accept that sum for his services in a ten-round bout in which Fulton was to have been his opponent if he beat Morris.

Morris is Willard's idea of no drawing card in a battle for the title. He never did regard the Oklahoman very highly, and besides he has held a grudge against him for years. It seems that Morris once gave out a story to the effect that he had trimmed Willard at some place or other. Willard does not believe enough people would want to see him and Morris fight to make it worth while. He does not think Morris can boast of much except weight, and the champion has the edge on him there. Of course, if any promoter is foolish enough to put up the money for a bout, Willard isn't going to refuse, but he will have to see the cash first, and he won't take any responsibility if the promoter is left holding the financial sack.

Until the Morris affair Willard had begun to believe Fulton was a real contender, that his mettle might make him a worthy opponent for the champion. Now Willard has a suspicion that Fulton "dogged it" with Morris, that at heart he is far from game, and that one stiff punch from the mighty Willard paw would make him quit, if, indeed, it did not knock him out.

"It looks as if I were all alone," said Willard the other day. "With no one in sight for me to fight, I am going ahead with my circus contract unless some niche is found for me where I can do my bit for Uncle Sam. Of course, in those circumstances all fights are off unless it is one for the Red Cross or some other charity."

Wants Nervy Referee.

That is Willard's idea of the situation. Here is what Carl Morris thinks of himself, as expressed recently while here on his way east for the Fulton battle:

"Give me a referee who isn't shocked at the sight of a little blood and I can whip the world," said Morris.

Morris explained that his skin is tender, that it is easily cut and bruised and that it is no uncommon thing for him to look like a stuck hog in the early stages of his battles. In other words, Morris admits he is a slow beginner, that other men can best him in the early stages of the game, but that he also believes he is a whale for punishment, and that given time by a referee he will weather the storm and come back strong at the finish.

"I will never fight a good man unless the referee is one I know who can look on complacently while I am bleeding" said Morris. "If I am not hurt, even if I do look a sight, I don't see why a fight should be stopped. Of course, if as the bout goes along it is evident that I am hopelessly outclassed and have no chance to win, I would not holler at the go being stopped, although no one will ever have me demand that this be done."

Hard Luck Lewis.

Morris breaks into this story too, but only because he is under the wing of Nate Lewis, champion hard luck victim of the pugilistic world.

Nate has had his men within an ace of the championship in several divisions, but never has it fallen to his lot to have one of them annex the title.

Nate's first aspirant was Kid Herman, who years ago sought to wrest the lightweight honors from that negro master of generalship, Joe Gans. The Kid beat them all and obtained a coveted match with Gans at Tonopah, Nev. In the eighth he succumbed to a crack on the jaw.

Lewis then seized on to Charlie White and developed him to the point of a match with Willie Ritchie when the latter was champion several years later. In the first round Ritchie was sprawling on the canvas, but over eagerness on White's part proved his undoing and Ritchie won out in the end.

Then White got a chance at Freddie Welsh, after the latter had whipped Ritchie. It was a a poor fight and Welsh was returned winner.

Nate has had visions of other championship matches since then, but they have fallen through. He banked on Morris defeating Fulton and that puts his man up as a challenger for the heavyweight title. It will require all of Lewis' well known astuteness to get Morris hooked up with Willard. Then it is extremely doubtful if Lewis will have a champion after it is over.

But you can't blame a man for trying and Nate is one good little trier.

Pupil Licks Master.

When Bob Devere gave Fighting Jim Flynn an artistic trimming the other night it was a case of pupil proving better than master, for at one time Flynn was Devere's tutor and during their sparring matches when Flynn was training for fights in the vicinity of Kansas City, he used to give Devere instructions in the manly art. Of course, Flynn was merely trying to get Bob tuned up so he could put up a good scrap for Flynn, but he did not dream this knowledge was to be turned against him later.

Devere, then an electrician at Excelsior Springs, became imbued with the fighting bug and began seeking matches on his own hook. He landed two or three via the knockout route, then he sailed for South America and made a good showing. Carl Morris trimmed him on his return to this country, but he still was too good for Flynn. He had been trained to trounce the fireman with a left jab, and, knowing Flynn's style intimately, he used a right uppercut that cut the fireman up considerably. Devere was unmarked.

Evers Has Ambitions.

Captain Johnny Evers of the Braves hopes to play big league ball longer than any other player has been able to pastime in the big yard, Cy Young and Honus Wagner not excepted. When interviewed on the subject National league umpires had nothing to say.

BANTAM WEIGHT CHAMPION BASKET BALL TOSSERS OF OMAHA—Cass school quintet. Left to right: Louie Camero, Merle Kline, Gaetano Dimartino, Dave Benzman, Edward Solig, Roland Robison.

MORAN AND COFFEY RETURNING TO FORM

Heavyweight Affairs Pick Up With Comebacks of New York Favorites.

NEITHER ONE A CHAMPION

New York, April 28.—With Frank Moran and Jim Coffey coming back to form again, heavyweight affairs are picking up for the first time since last winter. This has been the dullest season the game has seen since the Frawley law was placed on the books, due to the fact that the promoters were so busy battling for privilege of staging bouts in Madison Square Garden that they neglected to make use of the smaller arenas at their disposal. As long as there was a prospect of securing the Garden the crack boxers naturally had no desire to sign for bouts elsewhere, but now that the big arena is out of the running there are some good bouts in sight, even though the season is rather far advanced.

Although Moran never again will be looked upon as a dangerous contender for the title, the fact that he has rounded into shape once more will help considerably to revive the waning interests in the sport. While Moran never did quite attain the height of popularity that Jim Coffey reached two years ago, he has rated right next to the Irishman in that respect.

Condition is all important for Moran, as he lacks the faintest trace of science and always misses a dozen blows for every one he lands. That Moran lacks the skill necessary for a champion has been shown so often that there is no further room for argument on that point, but that is no reason why he should be ignored. Leach Cross was the greatest fistic entertainer among the lightweights, although Cross never had enough skill to be taken seriously as a contender for the title.

Boxing followers admire gameness and heavy hitting more than fancy footwork, and Moran certainly supplies plenty of thrills whenever he is in the ring. Although his defense is wide open, he is not a chopping block, because his opponents have too much respect for his wallop to mix it up with him. He is the most courageous fighter in the ring today and apparently he does not know what it means to become discouraged. Although very rough, like all really game men, he always fights fairly.

Ohio Governor Will Permit Les Darcy to Fight in His State

Youngstown, O., April 28.—There is every indication that Governor Cox of Ohio will not attempt to prevent Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, from meeting George Chip in their scheduled twelve-round contest here May 19.

Governor Whitman of New York barred Darcy from boxing in that state because he regarded him as a "slacker," evading Australian military service. Then Governor Pleasant of Louisiana took similar action and requested the cancellation of Darcy's match with Jeff Smith, which had been set for April 23 in New Orleans. Governor Pleasant asked Darcy to "follow the noble example of Georges Carpentier before seeking athletic engagements in Louisiana."

Promoters of the Darcy-Chip match are going ahead with their plans to hold the contest in the ball park. Eleven thousand seats will be constructed, giving the park a seating capacity, with the 3,000 already provided, of 14,000. There will be standing room for 3,000 more.

Chicago Auto Derby is Set Back Until June 16

The third annual Chicago automobile derby, scheduled for June 9, has been set back until June 16 because of a desire to give the drivers more time after the Cincinnati Memorial day race to repair any cars which might be damaged in that event.

The race will be for 250 miles. The prize money has been set at $21,000. The first ten drivers to finish will divide $20,000 and $500 will go to the leader at the end of 100 and 200 miles. Practically every well known driver in the country has said he will compete.

Rickey Lands Another Michigan Diamond Star

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 28.—It is understood that Elmer Brandell, the University of Michigan shortstop, has promised Branch Rickey that he will join the St. Louis Nationals if he decides to play professional base ball. Several clubs were seeking his services. Rickey formerly was base ball coach at Michigan.

Tinker Shoots Young Collegian Back Aways

The Columbus club of the Association has turned Pitcher Syd Stewart, the young collegian, over to Springfield of the Central league. Joe Tinker still believes that with seasoning he will become a star.

KILBANE-WELSH NEXT FIGHT CARD

Success of Bout Depends Upon Johnny's Ability to Carry Fighting.

IS GREATLY OUTWEIGHED

New York, April 28.—The Kilbane-Welsh bout, billed for May, is one of the few big matches possible to arrange just now. On first glance the affair looks like a great attraction. Even such a good judge of fistic offerings as Tex Rickard has pronounced it a good card, and it was one he intended to stage if he secured a license for the Garden.

Whether the bout fulfills expectations will depend on how Kilbane acts. He will be outweighed many pounds, and if he enters the ring with the intention of merely staying the ten rounds it will be a dismal affair. In order to be a success Kilbane must force the fighting, because Welsh's style is strictly defensive, and two defensive boxers do not furnish much action. Whether Kilbane, who will be outweighed about ten pounds, will tear into his heavier opponent and try to land a knockout wallop can be left to the imagination of the fans.

Kilbane frequently has stated that his best weight is 122 pounds, the featherweight limit. That he tells the truth was shown when he scaled even less with his match with George Chaney last September. When Welsh is trained to the limit he can make 135 at an early hour on the day of the fight, but no lower.

Granting that Welsh will come in at 135, Kilbane will be outweighed thirteen pounds, unless he fails to train his hardest. In that case what will become of the rule which prohibits any match in which there is a difference of ten pounds or more?

Tennis Officials Await Word From War Dept.

New York, April 21.—Judging from the announcement of dates for the Philadelphia district the complete schedule of the United States National Lawn Tennis association is ready for publication. The officials are awaiting word from the War department regarding their course of action.

One Less Cuban in the American Association

There is to be one Cuban less in the American association, the Milwaukee club having decided that Pedro Dibut is not yet ripe for Class AA company. Pedro will go back to Cuba.

GOTHAMITES FAIL TO ATTEND GAMES

Crowds at Polo Grounds and Ebbets Field Are Unusually Small.

YANKEES SUFFER LOSSES

New York, April 28.—Although early indications presaged a prosperous season for base ball, the small crowds attending the games at the Polo grounds and Ebbets field are causing no end of comment among those financially interested in the sport. Even making allowances for the inclement weather, the war and the ever-oppressive "high cost of living," the attendances thus far have fallen far below what it was at this period of the campaign last year.

The Yankees opened the season at the Polo grounds recently with the world's champion Boston Red Sox as their opponents. The weather was ideal for base ball and the Yanks, fresh from conquests on southern fields, had not been seen in action hereabouts previous to the premiere. Yet there was not more than 12,000 "fans" present, regardless of reports that gave a higher figure. The enthusiasm was as keen as ever. There appeared to be just as much interest in the Yankees as last season, but the vacant seats in grandstand and bleacher told another story. It set experienced base ball men to thinking.

At Ebbets field the Dodgers, champions of the National league, have experienced the same condition.

Since the opening day the local teams have played to considerably smaller crowds than witnessed the games at this time a year ago. On no week day has the attendance exceeded 3,000 at the Polo grounds. It is apparent that fandom isn't paying a great deal of money to see base ball.

George Perring Finds He is Too Old to Play

George Perring, released by Toledo to Evansville of the Central league, has decided to quit the professional game, which is getting a bit too fast for him, even in Class B, and has joined the Beloit team of the Chicago City league.

Scott Perry to Get Big Bonus for Twenty Victories

Scott Perry of the Chicago Cubs is to get a bonus of $1,000 if he wins twenty games this season.

Sand Lot Gossip

Those DeVol Victors woke up last Sunday and surprised the natives by nailing fifteen hits, three of which were home runs.

Lyle Jones is performing like a big show artist for the DeVol Victors.

Wince, the sun garden artist for the Omaha Bicycle Indians, connected with one for four sacks against the McCarthys.

Twenty hits were recorded by the Murphy 400 tie against the Carter Lake Club.

Old Man Lawice cracked three in the land of safety for the Brandeis Sunday.

Besides pitching a good game, Olsson of the Brandeis troupe came through with a slashing three-bagger at an opportune moment.

John Hickey jumped into fameous as a backer while handling the indicator during the All Star-Brandeis squabble.

By a limit smash Joseph Watchler paved the way for the Melady Mavericks to win their initial nick of the season from the Te-Ho-Cos.

Rube Pettison is holding in a faultless manner for the Te-Ho-Cos.

Kemp is figuring on hooking up with Selbs, Colo., if a contract with the proper figures inserted is presented to him.

Only one scratch hit and that questionable, according to the Magic Cities, was registered off of their hurler, Al Zeigler, by the Townsends.

Lueshen, the classy hoister associated with the Te-Ho-Cos, is some pill assailer. He cracked three on the nose Sunday.

Russell Routt proved to be a liberal donator of free transportation. He issued three consecutive passes to the Melady Mavericks.

Stalnocke, shortstop for the Polish Merchants, climbed on three of Madden's shoots. One of his biffs was for three sacks.

On corner two Haney is doing stellar work for the Townsends.

The McCarthys started out strong by grabbing sixteen of the twenty-eight runs manufactured during their jangle with the Omaha Bicycle Indians.

Judy Gilliam swung the bills for an average of .800 against the Polish Merchants. He spanked four out of five attempts.

This afternoon the Peerless play at Plattsmouth, and next Sunday at Gretna.

Tomorrow Edward Dunning, formerly a shining light of the local base ball firmament, will slide away to Chicago.

Grant Fender will leave for the Beatrice against Plattsmouth this afternoon, and Donovan, who is catching a great game this season, will be behind the stick.

In the eleventh round of the Holmes-Polish Merchants mix Bill Madden showed buzzard stuff when he granted three to the strikeout cemetery.

Begin, shortstop for the Dahlman Knights, booked two of the quarter of hits credited to the Knights against the Sample-Hatts.

Against the Omaha Bicycle Indians McAfee of the McCarthys slammed three on the beak and copped a pair of boxes.

Only four safe blows were registered off of Ralph Beers, and he whiffed eighteen for the Dressers against the Maxies.

Bill Schall of the Dressers worked that old confederate hidden ball trick on a Maxie player, who took a short nap a few feet off second base.

Walter Spellman was the real hero of the Holmes-Polish Merchants battle. With two on the shelf in the ninth he poled a triple which served to knot the quarrel.

That battle today between the Alpha-omega Wonders of the World and the Krajicekes ought to be a humdinger. Dean Robetka will hurl for the Krajicekes.

It is rare occasion that an outfielder wears a pair of spiked shoes, but several men of the Krajicekes played in stocking soods.

In George Lane, Youngman and Hoffman the National Cash Registers have a trio of clubbers hard to trim.

Only one bag was pilfered off of Carroll Bedford, the demon catcher of the Dressers, during the Maxies-Dresser Bros. circus.

Cliff Wagner of the Sample-Hart motor crew is shooting the pill to remote corners of the lot this season.

In Edward Vanous the Krajicekes obtained an excellent relief hurler.

Frank Hubatka led the Krajicek artillery Sunday, nabbing three safe hits. Ollie Dloemer, Horning and Dross chalked up two each.

Bill Rice, a classy outfielder, would like to play with some Omaha team. Any manager pitching his services should call C. B. Black 7431.

On the paths Carl Bachman, associated with the Magic Cities, is a regular wizard. Catchers are compelled to watch him like a sleuth would a suspicious character.

After a lot of coaxing by Manager Wolfe, Babe Cramer has finally decided to take care of the center pasture for the Townsends.

Virak is playing a classy game at corner two for the Omaha Bicycle Indians.

A nifty hurler tagged A. Mogensen is in the ranks of the unsigned. He used to be feared in class A circles.

Denny O'Brien, Joe Moran, Frank Yost and Fontain Vernon each snagged three hits apiece for the Murphy 400 tie against the Carter Lake club.

Here is where the Greater Omaha league umpires will work today: Harry Sage at Holmes park, James McAndrews at Shields's meadow and Louis Kocher at Athletic park.

President Isaacson was on the sick list last week.

Cassidy, who used to work behind the bat for the Farrells, but resides in Wyoming, was in town last week.

According to Frank Jacobs, president of the City league, the gap left open by the departure of the La Shoras, later known as the Richardson Drugs, will be plugged up by next Sunday.

In Rohusek, Bernstein and Baumgardner, the Dahlman Knights have a classy outfield.

Jimmy Baumgardner, star heaver for the Dahlman Knights, fanned eighteen last Sunday and even then his mates said he wasn't in form.

Slavin and Tolliver, new acquisitions for the Dahlman Knights, look like the goods.

Bob Marinsen is the most effective burler for the Montclaires.

J. Dugdale, Ed Wheeler, J. Dugan and D. Dugdale, make up a classy infield for the Montclaires.

Welch to Coyle to Murphy is a fast combination for the Beddeos.

The Beddeos are cutting a wide swath with their new uniforms. Instead of shirts they sport nifty jerseys, dark green with a large, white "B." The color scheme goes well with such names as Donahue, Murphy, Dineen, Welch and Coyle in the lineup and a geek named Cogan handling the managerial reins.

The Stags and Beddeos promise to provide a lively tangle at Thirty-second and Dewey this afternoon.

Bob Seaton of the Stags was in fine form last Sunday, accepting five chances without a bobble and rumbling two hits.

Foster Jacobs of the Stags is swatting the pill this year. He caught one of Wes Baker's fast ones in the nose last Sunday and sent two runs over the rubber.

With Ike Wilhelm to do the twirling the T. M. Borgalis expect to remove the Periodic Bros. ice off their perch today. She whiffed fourteen last Sunday and if we dominate his achievement the Trimbles will be up against it.

Captain Cassles of the T. M. Borgalis is said to have been offered a Class B berth, but declined it because he has high hopes of winning the pennant with his present crew.

PREDICT HOT RACES IN BIG LEAGUES

Presidents of National and American Loops Prepare for Real Warfare.

EFFECT OF THE WAR

New York, April 28.—Both John K. Tener and Ban B. Johnson, president of the National and American leagues respectively, predict the keenest of races in their leagues this season. They are convinced that the different teams in their organizations are prepared to wage real warfare and that the result of both pennant races will be in doubt until the stretch has been reached.

They both appear to believe that all of their teams have been strengthened. Mr. Tener asserts that he believes that base ball will enjoy one of its most prosperous years in the minors as well as the major leagues. However, both presidents have expressed themselves in no uncertain manner regarding war and if it is found advisable will suspend base ball operations. They advocate a war pressed with all vigor and seriousness and if the government needs any part of base ball to help it prosecute the war to a successful and speedy conclusion they have said that they are ready to turn over all the base ball's assets to the government.

In an interview Mr. Tener said: "My judgment is based on ante-season conditions, but I believe that base ball generally will enjoy a prosperous season."

President Tener's Statement.

Continuing, he said:

"Of course I make this statement mindful that the contingency of a war pressed with vigor on land and sea might act as a deterrent on what otherwise undoubtedly would prove one of the best year base ball ever has experienced. This applied to the minor as well as to the major leagues.

"Speaking especially of the National league, I am convinced that the race this year will be equally as keen and interesting as it was last season. I look for a great battle for honors right up to the end of the championship schedule. I am conscious that the general public expects the New York Giants to win the pennant without any trouble—in fact, many think Manager McGraw will take his team to the front and gradually widen the gap between the Giants and the other contenders until the former will make a walkover race of the schedule.

"I do not entertain any such idea. The other clubs should give New York a stiff fight, and stranger things in base ball have happened than that the favorite should fail to win. It is true that offensively and defensively the Giants are a powerful combination, but Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston, all good teams last year, and the Quakers and Braves contenders for the title right up to the finish, will have something to say about the disposition of the pennant this year. All three of these clubs look stronger than last year.

Youngsters Strengthen Pirates.

"Then, again, the west may furnish some surprises that the public little anticipate. Undoubtedly Pittsburgh has strengthened by the addition of young material. These youngsters made the Pirates quite formidable at the close of last season. Mathewson may spring a surprise in Cincinnati. At all events, the Reds are pretty certain to be superior to the form they showed last year.

"Chicago will begin the season handicapped by the loss of Captain Doyle, but the team may be expected to play the very best ball of which it inherently is capable under Manager Mitchell, for whose ability I have the highest respect. In St. Louis the new organizers are beginning the season on the policy of building new from the ground up. Therefore Manager Huggins will be given a free hand, not only to use all of the young blood at his disposal, but other new players will be sought with the hope that the team may be strengthened to become a contender for the pennant.

While discussing the race in the American league, Ban Johnson said:

"In the history of the American league there was never a year when the organization was so well equipped for a championship race. A few days ago I received a letter from Connie Mack, in which he gave me the assurance that he had a vastly improved team over the club of last year, and one that was sure to prove a factor in the championship contest. If we can accept this declaration, then there are eight contenders well balanced for a gruelling fight this season.

Four Prime Favorites.

"Every one will concede that Chicago, Boston, New York and Detroit are bound to be prime favorites. The Cleveland club has been greatly strengthened, which is attested by the fact that Morton shows thus early in the spring all the strength he developed in the beginning of last season. Joe Wood claims his right arm has been well restored, so with Coveleskie, Bagby and Klepfer in support, Cleveland is sure to have a formidable staff of pitchers.

"Many wise base ball men contended last fall that New York would have carried off the prize had it not been for the innumerable accidents that put some of its best players out of commission during the summer."

"The St. Louis club, under the leadership of Jones, must be reckoned with. Had the Browns started their tremendous drive a bit earlier in the season, the pennant might have gone to the organization representing the city by the big bridge. We all know of Boston's worth, and the fighting spirit of the Senators, under the guidance of that wise and skilled manager, Clark Griffith.

"War may place an indelible mark upon our patronage, but it cannot stamp out a contest that is sure to be seen, thorough and exciting, from the tap of the bell until the finish in October."

Mathewson Will Carry Eight Regular Hurlers

Christy Mathewson, manager of the Cincinnati Nationals, practically has decided to carry eight pitchers this season. Mitchell, Toney, Knetzer and Schneider are the veterans. Sanders, Regan, Ring, Eller and Gerner are the newcomers.

PLESTINA VICTOR OVER JACK TAYLOR

Omaha Grappler Defeats Lincoln Contender in Two Straight Falls.

MATCH IS QUITE ROUGH

Marin Plestina of Omaha won over Jack Taylor of Lincoln in two straight falls in their wrestling match at the Auditorium last night.

Plestina won the first fall in exactly one hour with a head lock and body scissors. He won the second fall in nineteen minutes with a crotch and body hold.

The Omaha grappler was the aggressor throughout the match. Taylor seemed to hesitate to mix it and was content to block whenever Plestina made a move. He wrestled a good defensive match while on his feet, but when Plestina secured a hold on the mat Taylor could not resist it.

Match Is Rough.

The match was rough. Neither man apparently regarded the event as a pink tea and wasted no thoughts on the physical comfort of the other. Plestina was, perhaps, the rougher of the two, but that is his style of wrestling.

During the first tilt Plestina repeatedly rushed Taylor into the ropes, although to some it seemed as though Taylor steered a course toward the ropes as an avenue of escape. It was after these rushes to the ropes that Plestina obtained his secure grips on Taylor. When in the middle of the ring and on their feet Taylor evaded Plestina's clutches quite easily.

A couple of times Plestina's rushes were so quick and so abrupt Taylor took headers into the seats.

The headlock and body was the first firm grip Plestina got on Taylor and he downed him with that hold. During the second tilt the men were on their feet until Plestina bore Taylor down and turned him over with the crotch and body hold.

Taylor was manifestly tired after the first fall, while Plestina was fresh and coming. That accounts for the shorter time.

About 1,500 persons saw the match.

Chris Jordan and Gus Pappas put up a snappy fifteen-minute semi-windup with Jordan the aggressor throughout. Young Gotch and Joe Miller went fifteen minutes to a draw and Al Mantell, masquerading as Cora Livingstone, the world's champion woman wrestler, and young Muldoon put on a ten-minute burlesque.

This Hurler Threw 'Em So Billy Evans Couldn't See Them

Umpire Billy Evans has told many stories about ball players, good ones, too; but here's one on Billy, related by Catcher Sam Agnew of the Red Sox: Three years ago, while Agnew was still serving his St. Louis sentence, the Browns acquired a portsider named Hoff.

Hoff had many thing in his pitching repertoire, among these being a peculiar half-way hitch in his side-arm delivery, which conveyed the impression that he was about to throw to first base. One day in St. Louis, with Agnew catching, Evans behind the plate and a runner on the initial sack, Hoff started his delivery.

"The next thing I knew," said Agnew, "the ball bounced off the middle of my chest protector. I hadn't seen it coming in, and neither had Billy, who had been looking towards first base ,too, for he took one glance at the ball on the ground and then held up his hand and called 'Time.'"

Jumbo Stiehm to Tutor at Summer School for Coaches

Ewald O. (Jumbo) Stiehm director of athletics of Indiana university, is planning a heavy program of athletic work for Indiana during the summer term. It will include the school for coaches which has proven so popular and successful in past summers. Many high school teachers who are required to teach foot ball, basket ball and base ball as a part of their work went to Indiana last summer to take the course under Stiehm.

The gymnasium will be open throughout the summer term and intra-mural athletics will be promoted on a larger scale than ever before. There will be base ball, basket ball, golf and tennis tournaments.

Cobb Believes Griffith Has Lost Great Southpaw

Tyrus Cobb believes that Clark Griffith has lost the greatest left handed pitcher he has had in years. Cobb refers to George Harper.

Ty trained with the Washington Americans and watched Harper trying to get in shape. The latter's arm was so weak that Harper was utterly unable to do any real pitching, Cobb said. It is understood that Harner has taken treatment from an Ohio specialist, but it is doubtful whether his arm ever will be strong again.

Morrie Dunne Will Quit Michigan for War School

Morrie Dunne, son of former Governor Dunne of Illinois, will be missed in athletics at the University of Michigan this season. Dunne, a star foot ball player and catcher on the base ball team, has decided to enter a military school. Don Bathrick, another member of last year's eleven, also has decided to take up a course at a military school.

Benny Leonard Promises Mitchell a Return Bout

Benny Leonard, the New York lightweight, has promised Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee's favorite, a return match in the near future. The little New Yorker plans to join the aviation corps of the United States army, but believes his army duties will not interfere with a few limited boxing contests. He knocked out Mitchell in seven rounds in their recent meeting.

JACK BARRY MUST SHOW THE GOODS

Pilot of Boston Red Sox is the Only Player-Manager in Big Tent.

BENCH MANAGER FAVORED

Boston, Mass., April 28.—Manager Jack Barry of the Red Sox has an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the worth of a player manager in comparison with that of the non-playing or bench variety, since he is the only regular player among the big yard pilots this season.

Fifteen non-playing managers and only one pastimer-pilot seems to indicate that the bench leader is in high favor in the big show at the present time. Nevertheless, the past records show that the non-playing managers, taken collectively, have had little or nothing on the general in the field, when it comes to winning championships. Mack, McGraw and Jennings, to be sure, have developed and directed great teams from the side lines. But then there is only one Mack, only one McGraw and only one Jennings among the sixteen major league pilots.

Since 1900, the year of the organization of the American league, seven playing managers have won fifteen pennants and eight world's championships, against nineteen pennants and five world's championships copped by the non-playing managers. No world's series were played in 1900-01-02 and 04.

Some Winners.

Included among playing managers who won National league pennants were Fred Clarke and Frank Chance. Clarke played in the outfield while piloting the Pittsburgh Pirates and won the pennant in 1901-02-03-09, and in the last-named year he defeated the Detroit Tigers in the world's series. The old Cub machine, under the managment of Frank Chance, who played first base, won National league pennants in 1906-07-08 and in 1910, and world's championships in 1907-08.

John McGraw heads the list of National league bench managers, the leader of the Giants being the only non-playing pilot who has won more than one pennant in the last seventeen campaigns. The New Yorkers under McGraw won pennants in 1904-05-11-12 and 13, and succeeded in downing the Athletics in the world's series in 1905.

The other bench managers who are credited with one pennant each include Ned Hanlon, of the Brooklyn Superbas, 1900; George Stallings, of the Boston Braves, 1904; Pat Moran, of the Phillies, 1915, and Bobby Robinson, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, 1916.

Owner Charley Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox managed his team from the bench in 1900 and won the first American league pennant. The following year the White Sox repeated under the direction of Clark Griffith, a playing manager. The present Washington manager was a crack pitcher in those days and his fine twirling proved a great help to the White Sox in their journey to Pennantville in 1901.

The Wily Connie.

Connie Mack, the peer of all managers on the face of the records, broke into the limelight in 1902, when his Philadelphia Athletics won their first American league flag. Mack, who belongs to the non-playing division of managers, again won pennants in 1905-10-11-13-14. He also has three world's championships to his credit, the Athletics having won the big honors in 1910-11-13.

The only other successful bench manager in the American league is Hugh Jennings, manager of the Detroit Tigers. For three consecutive years, 1907-08-09, Jennings and his Tigers showed they were the class of the Ban Johnson circuit by winning three pennants in a row.

So much for the bench managers.

The champion playing pilots of the American league included Clark Griffith, Jimmy Collins, Fielder Jones and Bill Carrigan.

Jimmy Collins, one of the greatest third basemen the game ever has produced, held down the hot corner for the Boston Red Sox and at the same time piloted the team to pennants in 1903 and 1904. He also won the first world's championship ever attained by an American league team, when the Red Sox defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates in the world's series of 1903.

While holding down an outfield position, Fielder Jones led the White Sox to a pennant in 1906 and to a world's championship the same year. Jack Stahl, manager and first baseman of the Boston Red Sox, duplicated Jones' record in 1912.

Under the guiding hand of Catcher Bill Carrigan the Boston Red Sox won American league pennants and world's championships in 1915 and 1916.

Taking it all and all, it's about an even break between the playing managers and the bench pilots to date. Now that Jack Barry is the only playing manager it's up to the Worcester general to make good. Else the active pilot will be a dead one in the big show.

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