

SANDLOT CHAMPS JOURNEY TO MINNEAPOLIS FOR FIRST ROUND OF INTER-CITY SERIES

Armours and Murphys, Accompanied by Loyal Fans, Invade the Mill City, Where Two Games Are to Be Played for Amateur Championship of the U. S.

By FRED S. HUNTER.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 15.—(Special Telegram).—Thirty-three Omahans, mostly athletes, arrived in this oasis at 8 a. m. today, on a special car on the Great Western, all set for the big Twin City clash at Nicollet park tomorrow afternoon, when the Armours, Omaha Class A champions, and the Murphy Did Its, Class B title holders, meet the Minneapolis champs in the first round of the Inter-City series for the Amateur championship of the United States.

Minneapolis opened its doors wide to greet the invaders from the Gate City, and a live wire reception committee was on the job at the depot with a program of entertainment that broke all existing records.

An automobile ride was the first thing on the program. The athletes were treated to a motor spin over almost all of the Twin Cities' extensive boulevard systems and Fort Snelling, where Uncle Sam is training a couple of thousand embryo officers, was included.

The Omaha lads stopped at the fort long enough to give the glad hand to Chick McLaughlin, Jim Drummond, Pete Bristow, George Sugarman, Bob Weigle, Roy Jones, Art Trimble, Wallace McDonald and a bunch of other Omahans, who are toiling twelve hours a day in the battle of shoulder straps.

Some Feed. At noon the gas carts stopped at Minnie Giggles Falls for the visitors to fall to on a sumptuous feed at the municipal pavilion at the falls. The grub included everything from a grape juice mixture, which looked like it might be something better, to a pie a la mode.

After the noon feed the Murphys beat it for the ball park to practice. The Armours having just played at O'Neill, Neb., decided they needed rest more than practice, so they passed up the chance for a workout.

Tonight a banquet was given for the Omaha teams at the Minneapolis Athletic club. It was another gorgeous spread and at 11 p. m. twenty-three athletes were still reported hors du combat.

Lincoln There Too. The best laundry club of Lincoln came up on the same train with the Omaha crew. The Links play St. Paul tomorrow.

Will Hold Big Auto

Classic Saturday. Harry S. Harkness, owner of the Sheepshead Bay speedway, has offered the Harkness gold challenge trophy, valued at \$10,000, to be contested for on Saturday afternoon, September 22, at 100 miles, with the condition that the cash prize and bonuses for the event be no less than \$20,000.

"I want to see the next meeting at the speedway the biggest event in the country this year," said Mr. Harkness in discussing the offer, "and I am willing to put up the Harkness cup to help make it so. I want to see the biggest and best field of stars ever entered at the track and with the big prize I know they will come."

Harkness' offer to permit the gold trophy to be raced for was brought about principally by the wonderful support that the fans gave the last meet at the track. If the trophy is accepted it will be the only big classic of the year in this country. The Indianapolis speedway called off its season entirely. Cincinnati and Chicago cut their purses in two and all of the smaller tracks followed suit.

With the big stake all of the pilots in the country that are racing now and some that have temporarily retired will be seen in action September 22 at the bay course.

Cleveland and Cincy Will Start Series October Second

The proposed post-season series for the Ohio championship, between the Cleveland Americans and the Cincinnati club of the National league probably will start October 2 as both clubs finish their regular season September 30.

Cincinnati has been one of the surprises of the National league season, having finished much higher in the race under the leadership of Christy Mathewson than was expected. A series with Cleveland is expected to prove popular.

Lajoie May Be Chosen to Succeed Bill Donovan

It is likely that Bill Donovan will not manage the Yankees another season. Among the names mentioned as his successor is that of Manager Lajoie of Toronto, whose selection for the job would meet with the unanimous approval of the ball fans of New York.

To Post Scores of Omaha Amateur Games Up North

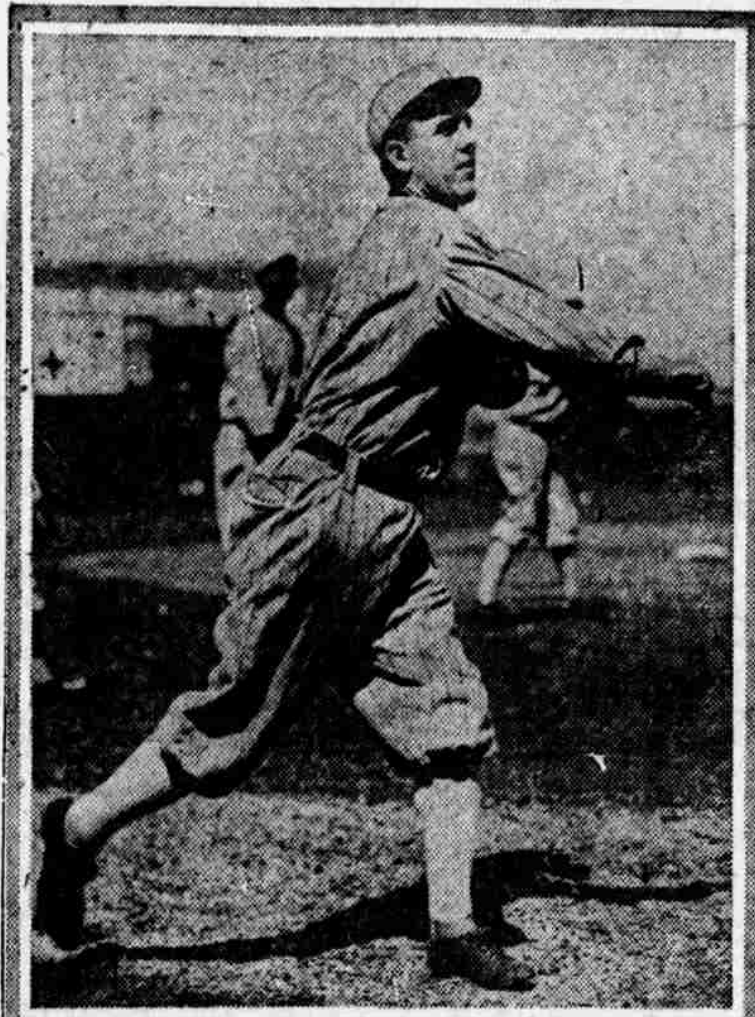
Arrangements have been made with the Western Union to bulletin the games of the Armours and Murphys, which will be played Sunday at Minneapolis. The scores will be posted at Rourke park, where the Brandeis team will be playing.

Yanks Buy Ruel, Who Once Had Trial With the Browns

The New York club has purchased "Buddy" Ruel, who has been backstopping for the Memphis club of the Southern league. Ruel was given a trial by the Browns last year, but was not ripe at that time. He will report at the finish of the Southern season.

Paulette, who went to the St. Louis Cardinals from the St. Louis Browns, where he batted for only .130, is now hitting at a .300 clip.

Mainstay of White Sox in Coming World Series With Muggsy's Crew



ED. CICOTTE

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BIG SALARIES WILL BE REDUCED IN 1918

War Forces Magnates to Make Out in Salaries; With War Over Reductions Will Be Smaller.

That there will be many salary reductions next year whether the war is over or not is almost a certainty. Base ball club owners are tired of paying some of the big salaries which players obtained at the time of the war between organized base ball and the feds. Most of the contracts made at that time expire this year and a good many of the players who obtained large sums for refusing to go to the feds or who went and then had their top heavy contracts hold over when peace was made are doomed to have a big back made in their salary checks.

The handwriting is on the wall and the players realize that if the war is going on when it comes time for them to sign new contracts they will have to stand for salary cuts or quit base ball. The continuation of the war would at best make base ball hardly a lucrative looking investment for another year, and under war conditions the owners could not well afford to pay some of the salaries present contracts call for.

On the other hand, if the war is over in a few months the cut in salaries, while not as big or as general, will still be marked, for there are players in both leagues who, since base ball war days, have been getting more money than they have been entitled to. This has kept down the salaries of some of the more deserving men, something to which all fair-minded base ball players will agree.

So far this season the war has not hurt base ball financially, nor will it in the few remaining weeks of the 1917 campaign. The winning clubs in the National and American leagues will make as much money as the vic-

Fair Miss Is Long on Movies, But That's All

It was "Griffith day" at the White Sox park in Chicago and a great crowd, including soldiers, sailors and just plain citizens, turned out to honor the Washington manager, whose bat and ball fund has made thousands of soldiers happy.

A young man took his best girl. She was new to the game, but she knew all about knitting-socks for soldiers and could name every movie hero ever thrown on a screen.

The young man pointed out the celebrities to her at the ball park. "There's Commy, that tall, white-haired man over there," he exclaimed. "And there's Rowland down there."

The girl seemed mildly interested. An auto raced around the field, in which sat Clark Griffith. He was about to present base ball outfits to various military units encircling the field.

"There's Griffith now," exclaimed the young man enthusiastically. The girl jumped up, clasped her hands, rolled her eyes and gave a long sigh of happiness.

"Oh," said she. "I've always wanted to see him in real life. He's my favorite of all the movie stars. Oh!"

torious team of other seasons, and the losing organizations will not lose any more than the tallenders of other years. As a matter of fact there will be few clubs this season which will show a big deficit.

Maggee Gets Job Because Maffy Always Liked Him

Just what Christy Mathewson wants of another outfielder is not clear, but nevertheless he took Sherwood Maggee from the Braves on waivers. Maffy always has had a high opinion of Maggee and believes that the reason for his poor showing with the Braves was that he could not get along with George Stallings. Maggee, because of his length of service, could have claimed his freedom had no major league club claimed him.

RUMORS OF STRIFE IN WESTERN LOOP

Rourke, Hanlon, Fairweather and Savage Said to Be Setting Themselves for Some Fireworks.

"They will play with their cards on the table at the next Western league meeting or I'll kick over the table." That was the manner in which Ed Hanlon, owner of the St. Joseph base ball team, expressed himself as to the coming meeting of the league magnates, which is to be held in St. Joseph soon, and as he was standing near Pa Rourke, boss of the Omaha team, when he made the remark, and the Omaha owner chimed in with a similar remark, it is evident that there is to be something stirring in the hidden recesses of that meeting.

Politics are to be eliminated from the Western league circles, if it is possible to do so and in their stead are to be substituted business principles. A new faction has arisen within the league and it is believed that this faction controls things pretty well; certain it is that they control the finances of the league in good style.

This branch is composed of Ed Hanlon, W. A. Rourke, Tom Fairweather, owner of the Des Moines team, and John Savage of the Joplin team. On the other side are Jack Holland of Hutchinson, Frank Isbell of Wichita and possibly Hugh Jones of Denver. The alignment of Ducky Holmes is expected to be with the Hanlon-Rourke crowd for Lincoln wants in on the new league, which is being planned and will stick with the big four.

After One Magnate.

But here is the most interesting thing which is to develop. One of the magnates owes the league heavily and when the league meeting is called and he attempts to cast his vote these other men—the quartet of monied interests, plan to hold to the constitution of the league and refuse to allow him a voice in the matters of the league's affairs. That is certain to cause a row at the outset of the meeting and a lively session is certain from that time on for this magnate is also a scrapper and will die hard.

Hanlon and Rourke have expressed themselves as disgusted with the league as it stands. "The league is a joke," said Rourke in St. Joseph the other day. "Think of such towns as Hutchinson being in a league with such cities as Omaha and St. Joseph. It's all wrong and such a circuit cannot last."

Talk of New Loop.

The talk of forming a new circuit with Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Kansas City as four of the towns and St. Joseph, Omaha, Lincoln and Des Moines as the remainder is serious. It all sounds "fishy," but the magnates of all these cities have been conferring with reference to the proposition and there is a feeling that because of the war it might not be a bad plan to figure out a circuit of these proportions. It is figured that the increase of interest in the Western league teams would more than make up for any lack of interest at the outset in the four association towns.

At any rate there is to be "something doing" at this meeting and it is to be interesting throughout every moment of its stormy session. And that it will be stormy is assured for no words are to be minced. It is to be no milk nor water affair and none of the magnates will break their legs in any mad rush to buy peace drinks or smokes for the others. It's a fight to the finish this time and when the smoke has cleared there will undoubtedly be a new Western league on the map.

First American Stars Have All Departed Now

Not one of the 200 players who were members of the American league in 1901, the year the junior base ball organization made its debut for public support, remains actively in the organization. The retirement of Eddie Plank, the great southpaw, marked the departure of the last of the veterans.

Bad News for Cornhusker; Michigan Reported to Have Nucleus for Strong Eleven

TWO OMAHA TEAMS INVADE NORTHLAND

Armours and Murphys, Sandlot Champs, to Battle Minneapolis Leaders on Foreign Soil.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

Baseballically speaking, Omaha will be well represented on the green carpet at Minneapolis this afternoon, when the initial elimination games between Omaha and Minneapolis will be staged to determine which will step up a notch towards the coveted world's amateur championship, which was won by Lincoln last year.

These games are staged under the auspices of the National Amateur Base Ball association. The main contest will be the battle for supremacy between the Armours, Class A champions of Omaha, and the Class A champions of Minneapolis. It will be remembered that the Armours lost to Minneapolis in a close game last season mainly because they were nervous and their roofs failed to register in the pinches.

This season several changes were made in the lineup of the Armours. The erratic children received the hardware and as a consequence the Armours look at least 50 per cent stronger than last year and with the knowledge box of their silver-tongued irrepressible leader, George S. Kennedy, well oiled, they should snag the bacon at Minneapolis. Of course, the ability of the Minneapolis champions should not be underestimated, because after going through a grueling season it is a safe saying that their team is composed of fast fielders and heavy clouters. Both teams are starchy propositions and it is up to the Armours to take the starch out of their foreign foe.

Veteran on Mound.

Old War Horse Andy Graves will decorate the mound for the Omaha contingent and Koney will shoot his puzzlers over the platter for the opposition. In event the Armours win today and St. Paul trims Lincoln the Armours will play at St. Paul Tuesday, but if Lincoln wins the Armours will return to Omaha and the Lincoln-Omaha game will probably be played in Omaha. If the Armours lose their world's championship aspirations will be buried at Minneapolis.

Murphys in Opener.

The preliminary game of this contest will be between the Murphy-Did Its, Class B champions of Omaha, and the Class B champions of Minneapolis. According to the dope, these two teams are approximately evenly hooked up for a lively contest is expected; Peter McCoy, speed merchant, will be on the hill for the Murphy-Did-Its and Johnson will hoist the pill for the Minneapolis troupe.

Out at Holmes park this afternoon a pair of nifty jangles are looked for when the Holmes White Sox clash in a double show. The initial mix is billed between the Te-Be-Ces and the Holmes White Sox. Already much interest by the local followers of the amateurs has been evinced relative to the Te-Be-Ces are tied in the standing of the Greater Omaha league. A look will hurl for the Holmes and either Adams or Hull for the Te-Be-Ces. Second game will be between Holmes and Ramblers. Madden will hurl for the Holmes and either Swanson or Potach will shoot 'em for the Ramblers. Both games will probably be close and interesting.

It took thirty-two innings to decide the supremacy between the Melady Mavericks and the Ramblers of the Greater Omaha league. This is something unusual and something that never happened before in the history of Omaha amateur base ball. The first contest was a nine-inning affair, terminating with the score 6 to 6. The second wrangle went thirteen innings and was called on account of darkness, the score being 5 to 5, and the last argument went ten innings, the score being 4 to 3 in favor of the Melady Mavericks. Many other extra-inning games were jerked off during the Greater Omaha league season. Several went ten innings, but the longest debate was the fourteen-inning knotted affair between the Holmes White Sox and the C. B. DeVol Victor.

Play in Omaha.

Next Sunday the city championship will be finally settled, when the Armours and Murphy-Did-Its will clash in a double-decker at Melady's meadow. Last week the packersville crew put the first game of a series of three on ice and if the first game is won by the Armours next Sunday the championship will be planted, but anyway both games will be played as per schedule. Two good games are looked for by the directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association.

Britton Walks All Over

Cross in Ten-Round Bout. New York, Sept. 15.—Jack Britton of Chicago outpointed Marty Cross of New York in every round of a ten-round bout here tonight. Each weighed 147 pounds. Ted Lewis of England, welterweight champion, out-fought Jimmy O'Hagen of Albany in a ten-round contest. O'Hagen held throughout the bout. Lewis weighed 143 pounds and his opponent 155.

Harry Greb of Pittsburgh stopped Jack London of New York in the ninth round of a ten-round match, the referee intervening after London had taken a count of nine.

St. Louis Cards Get Rookie

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Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 5.—Michigan's foot ball team this fall is expected to equal all opponents despite the fact that a number of last year's varsity men have graduated or been called to the colors.

At least four former "M" men will appear for the first practice about the middle of September. Negotiations between Coach "Hurry Up" Yost, different colleges and universities, and men who will probably be here in the fall have been going on for some time. Nothing of a definite nature has been settled as to the probable strength of the 1917 team.

According to information given out by Philip G. Bartelme, director of outdoor athletics of the University of Michigan, four varsity players, R. F. Weske, C. M. Sparks, W. L. Peach and E. E. Weiman will be in the ranks, forming a nucleus of a strong eleven next semester.

The Schedule.

October 2—University of Detroit at Ann Arbor.
October 10—West State normal at Ann Arbor.
October 13—Mt. Union college at Ann Arbor.
October 16—Case Scientific school at Ann Arbor.
October 20—Michigan Agricultural college at Ann Arbor.
October 27—University of Nebraska at Ann Arbor.
November 3—Kalamazoo college at Ann Arbor.
November 10—Cornell university at Ann Arbor.
November 17—University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.
November 24—Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill.

Four Reserves Ready.

F. A. Willard, J. H. Sharpe, J. O. Goodsell and S. V. Eggert of the regular squad, and Chivert, West, Franke, Hammond, Press and Hitchcock of the freshman eleven are expected to be present. Coach Yost states that with the prospects of training the raw recruits with the help of the former varsity stars, the men on the regular squad will have a formidable aggregation.

Coaches to Be Present.

Coach Fielding H. Yost, Assistant Coach Douglas and Trainer Harry Tuthill will probably return to Michigan about the middle of next month for the initial practice. The board in control has not decided when the first practice of the season will be held, due to the indefiniteness of negotiations which are pending.

There is some question whether Michigan will receive the aid of Coach "Brute" Pontius, who has recently received the appointment of first lieutenant in the artillery division of the new army and has sustained a severe injury. Elmer Mitchell, coach of the freshmen eleven, will assist on the coaching staff this fall.

Clark Griffith Leaves "Monkey Suit" at Home

Clark Griffith has joined the ranks of bench managers after wearing the uniform of various big league teams for nearly thirty years. The veteran leader of the Senators is now appearing in his "cits" and there's a reason. "After all these years on the coaching lines," says Griffith, "I have just discovered that my ball team can win more games when I don't put on a uniform than when I do and go out on the lines. So long as they win I'm willing to leave off the monkey suit."

It was quite by accident that Griffith hit on his new system for winning. The Yankees were playing in Washington when the Old Fox first undertook to run his team without dressing the part. With Griffith sitting on the bench in his store clothes the Senators took every game from the Yankees and then went out west and started a drive that landed them in fifth place when they captured a double-header with the same Yankees.

Now and then Griffith would get into his uniform and do a coaching stunt, but on such days the other fellows won. In Chicago he was obliged to appear twice in uniform to prevent departing troops with base ball outfits furnished by the Clark Griffith bat and ball fund.

The Washington boys lost both games, blowing Walter Johnson's winning streak in the second one. So Griffith is out of the uniform thing again.

Ping Bodie Collects One Souvenir that is Dubious

Ping Bodie, hard hitting outfielder of the Philadelphia Americans, is an enthusiastic collector of base ball articles which have helped make history for the national game.

When the Athletics played in Detroit recently, Detroit made a triple play. When First Baseman Burns tossed the ball on to the diamond after the three-py killing, Umpire Nallin obtained it.

"This should make quite a souvenir for you, Ping," said Nallin as he handed the ball to the big Italian.

"You betcha," said Ping. Later Nallin told Bodie that the ball was the same one which Ping had driven over the fence for a home run early in the game.

"A boy brought it back and I immediately put it in play," said the umpire.

Ping then announced he was going to have the sphere coated with schellac. He evidently did not know Detroit boys.

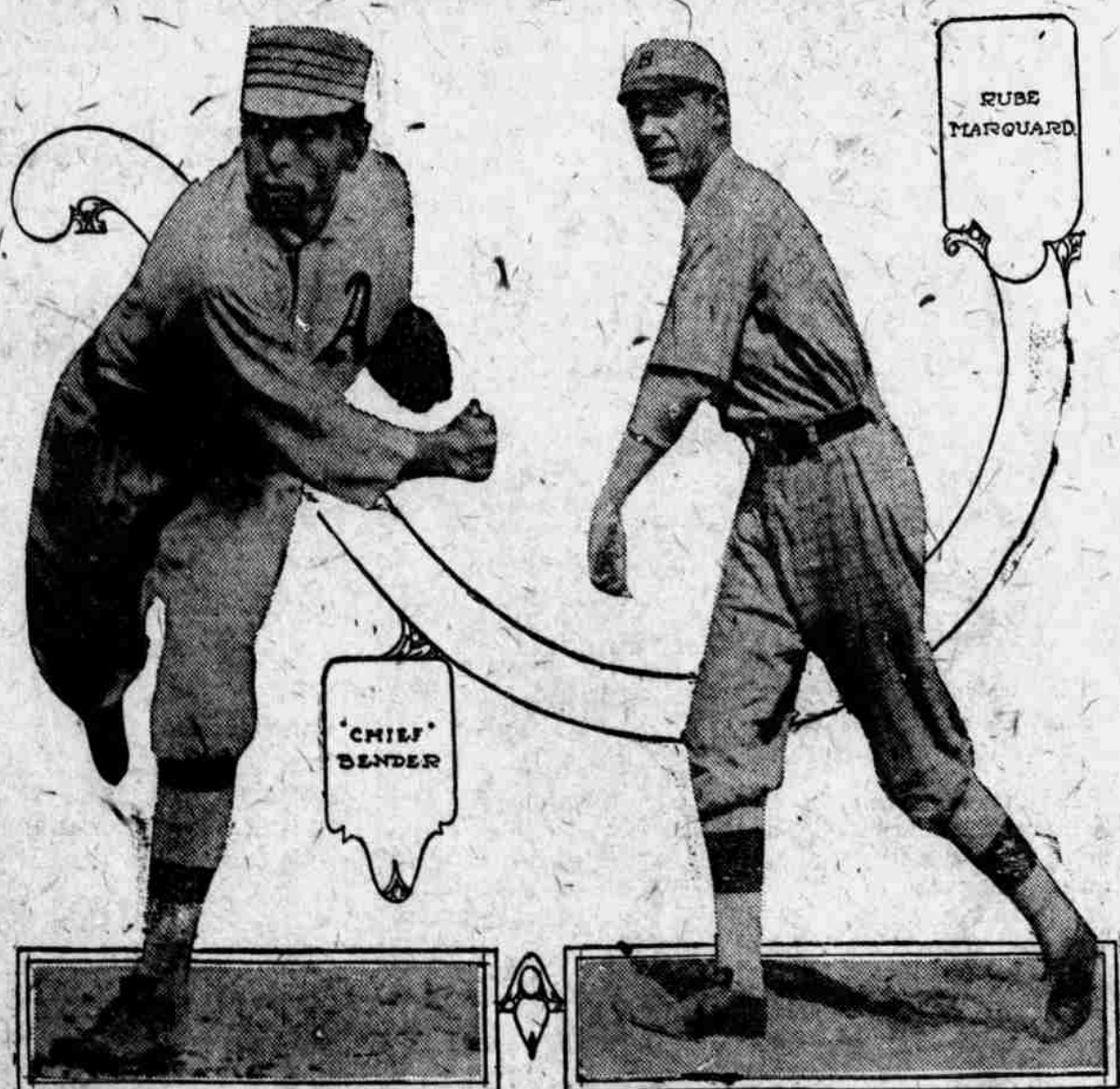
Uren Claims Les Darcy's Australian Ring Title

Tommy Uren has taken over the middleweight boxing championship of Australia held by the late Les Darcy. Uren usually weighs 148 pounds. He is an Australian by birth and is 23 years of age.

Eight Boat Club Members Win Army Commissions

Eight members of the Potomac Boat club of Washington, D. C., have received commissions in the regular army and two more are entered in the aviation corps, having passed the examination. All were active oarsmen.

Bender and Marquard Old Rivals



Rube Marquard of the Brooklyn Nationals and Chief Bender of Philadelphia have been striving to beat the other's record in games won all this season, but as things look just now they will break about even, the Rube having a slight edge on Bender. The rivalry between this pair dates

from away back when Marquard faced the chief in the world's series struggle between the Giants and Connie Mack's Athletics. Marquard has once more been the mainstay of Uncle Robbie's pitching staff and has thrown splendid ball for the Dodgers. The old chief has been going great

guns for the Phillies and almost succeeded in landing another pennant for Pat Moran's boys. After being slated for the scrap heap at the end of each season for the last few years the chief comes through with a record of six straight wins, just to show the boys he is still there.