

1919 HAS PROVEN BANNER YEAR IN SPORT WORLD

Every Branch of Athletic Competition Has Revived From Effects of War.

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New York, Dec. 29.—Sport came back to its own during the year that is just fading out.

With the signing of the armistice a year ago last November, leaders in every branch of sport began making plans for 1919. And sport came back with a bang.

Uncle Samuel well took pride in the records of sport in his country during the last 12 months. It thrived everywhere. Interest that lagged for the two-year period covering 1917 and 1918 was revived all along the line.

The United States now holds practically all world's records and nearly all world's championships of any consequence. Uncle Samuel's khaki-clad fighters, who took part in fistie and athletic games after the war, proved the superiority of American athletes over the rest of the world, and we can look forward to the next Olympic games at Antwerp in 1920 with decided optimism.

One of the biggest sporting transactions that has gone down in the annals for many a year was announced on January 13, when Harry Hempstead sold the New York Giants to Charles Stoneham, John McGraw and Judge McQuade for \$1,350,000.

The Boston Braves were sold to George Washington Grant on January 29 for a price reported to have been \$400,000, and just a few days ago the Washington Americans changed hands, being sold to W. M. Richardson for a like sum.

Player deals among the magnates of the major leagues during the year totaled thousands of dollars, and many players changed hands.

Big sporting events of nearly every kind drew crowds that left no doubt regarding the stability of the athletic game in this country.

The Dempsey-Willard fight at Toledo, while it failed to draw what promoter Tex Rickard expected, netted about \$300,000 for the promoter and \$128,500 for Dempsey and Willard.

CHAMPIONS of 1919



Willie Hoppe, Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard, Ty Cobb, Joie Ray, Fanny Durack, Mrs. George W. Wightman.

BASKET FIVES OF OMAHA START PRACTICE SOON

Many Calls Issued for Candidates to Appear Today for Preliminary Work.

Minutes of play and clinched the title. In the south the Centre college team, by virtue of going through the season undefeated, laid claim to the southern title.

Tennis enjoyed one of its most brilliant seasons. With all of the national and sectional championships staged each of its big titles greatly revived by the return of the nation's star racket wielders from the service to the court, the net game boomed throughout the country.

William M. Johnston of San Francisco, who won the national singles championship in 1915, came back this year and stroked his way to glory and another national title in the August tourney at Forest Hills, defeating a field of players including such American wielders of the racket as R. N. Williams II, William Tilden II, R. Lindley Murray and many other "Yanks" of top-notch caliber.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, who held the women's national singles title three times, was defeated in the annual tourney this year by Mrs. George W. Wightman of Boston, who before her marriage was Miss Hazel Houtkiss and a former national title holder.

In addition to winning the national singles title, William Johnston also annexed the national clay courts title. Jay Gould successfully defended his title as national court tennis champion.

Champions In Sports, 1919

- By International News Service. Base Ball. World's Champions—Cincinnati Reds. Champions National League—Cincinnati Reds. Champions American League—Chicago White Sox. Champion Bat's man National League—Ed Roush, Cincinnati. Champion Bat's man American League—Ty Cobb, Detroit. Leading Pinner American League—Jesse Barnes, New York. Leading Pinner American League—Ed Cicotte, Chicago. Boxing. World's Heavyweight Champion—Jack Dempsey. Heavyweight Champion of Europe—Georges Carpentier. World's Middleweight Champion—Mike O'Dowd. World's Welterweight Champion—Jack Britton. World's Lightweight Champion—Benny Leonard. World's Featherweight Champion—Johnny Kilbane. World's Bantamweight Champion—Pete Herman. World's Flyweight Champion—Jimmy Wilde. Football. Eastern Section—No championship determined. Southern Section—Centre college. Western Conference—Illinois university. Pacific Coast—Championship claimed by Oregon Aggies. Professional Champions—Canton Bulldogs. Tennis. National Singles—William M. Johnston. National Doubles—Norman Brooks and Gerald Patterson. National Clay Courts Champion—William M. Johnston. National Indoor Singles Champion—Vincent Richards. National Indoor Doubles Champion—Miss Marion Zinderstein and Vincent Richards. National Junior Singles Champion—Vincent Richards. Intercollegiate Singles Champion—Charles Garland. Golf. National Amateur Champion—S. D. Herron. National Open Champion—Walter Hagen. Western Open Champion—James Barnes. Professional Champion—James Barnes. Woman's National Champion—Miss Alexa Stirling. Track and Field Athletics. (National A. A. U. Senior Championships.) All-Around Champion—S. H. Thomson, Princeton. 100-Yard Dash—William Hayes, Boston. 130-Yard High Hurdles—Robert Simpson, Illinois A. C. Mile Run—Joie Ray, Illinois A. C. 440-Yard Run—Frank Shea, Pittsburgh A. A. Three-Mile Walk—William Plant, Morrisville, N. C. 440-Yard Hurdles—Floyd Smart, Chicago A. A.

Cost of Living Shows 82 Per Cent Increase in Last Five Years

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—An increase of 82.2 in the cost of living for American wage earners between July, 1914, and November, 1919, is shown in a statement issued by the national industrial conference board.

Omaha Whist Club Notice.

On Friday night, December 26, the Howell Progressive Pairs contest was held for the month of December and also for the season.

The only other fistie title that changed hands during the year was the welterweight championship, which Jack Britton gained from Ted Lewis last March, knocking out the Britisher in nine rounds.

Boxing had one of the best years it has ever seen. Jess Willard, the biggest man who ever held the world's heavyweight championship, was dethroned at the memorable battle of Maumee Bay by Jack Dempsey.

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Young Knights of Zion Have Basket Ball Team

A basket ball team representing the Young Knights of Zion will be organized this year.

Krohn Outpoints Fitzsimmons.

Tulsa, Okl., Dec. 28.—Harry Krohn of Akron, O., outpointed young Fitzsimmons of Oklahoma City Saturday night in a 15-round bout.

Haley to Milwaukee.

Kewanee, Ill., Dec. 28.—Ray Haley, former catcher with the Philadelphia Americans, has signed a contract to play with the Milwaukee club of the American Association.

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BIG GRID TEAMS REST ON SUNDAY, WORK MONDAY

Oregon Trainer Orders Light Workout to Gain in Weight; Harvard Continues Grind.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 28.—Making Sunday a day of semi-rest both the Harvard and the Oregon foot ball teams, preparing for their game here on New Year's day, confined themselves today to one practice period each.

In the hope that his players will add to their weight between now and Thursday Coach "Shy" Huntington has decided on light training period will be sufficient, while the easterner's is so well known that the secrecy will be required principally for a few special maneuvers in which Head Coach Bob Fisher is perfecting his men.

Official's chosen late last night for the game are: Referee—George Varnell, Spokane, Wash., newspaper man; Umpire—Ernest Quigley, National league umpire; Head Linesman—P. Lowden Stoot, former Stanford official; Field Judge—Henry Butterfield, Brookline, Mass.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 28.—Five representatives of the Jackson Cattle and Horse Growers' association, representing 98 per cent of the live stock men of the Jackson Hole country, will confer Monday with the United States forest survey officials regarding methods to be followed in transferring 10,000 head of live stock from the Wyoming district into Idaho, in order that available feed may be provided for the Yellowstone elk.

Charles Pesek Will Wrestle Geo. Kinney Of Valley County

Ord, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Promoter "Pat" Fuson has arranged for Charles, the brother and training partner of John Pesek, to take chances with George Kinney, Valley county's representative in the wrestling game.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Broad shouldered John Pesek, the Shelton, Neb., farmer, regarded as the most formidable aspirant for the world's heavyweight championship, has arrived here to wind up his training for his finish match with Steve Savage at the Coliseum New Year's eve.

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