

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 will look with pride on 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 fistic 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 Hemphill sold the New York Giants to Charles Stoneham, John McGraw and Judge McQuade for \$1,350,000. There were other big transactions. 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 \$125,000 for Dempsey and Willard, the old champion getting \$101,000, a record-breaking purse, for his end. Base ball thrived this year despite the fact that it is undergoing a sort of reconstruction. Early in the year the club owners of the major leagues agreed that base ball's triumvirate—the national commission must be revamped in the matter of appointing a new chairman to succeed Garry Herrmann.

The American League, torn by internal strife for the first time since it was formed, is still troubled with court proceedings and the squabbling of rival factions. Yet despite internal conflict the league prospered during the year, as did the staid old National.

Ban Johnson and his five "loval" club-owners, fighting against the Ruppert-Comiskey-Frazer faction, furnished some base ball history. Yet the wisest move of the year probably, stand for many years. Ed Roush and Ty Cobb also entered the spot light for their hitting, winning the batting championships of their respective leagues. The biggest winning pitchers in the two majors were Eddie Cicotte of the White Sox and Jess Barnes of the Giants.

In the minor leagues which came back nobly after being hit hard by the war and a leap year or two prior to Uncle Sam's entrance, the pennant races were watched with the old-time interest in the new International league, the American association and the Pacific coast league, in particular, enjoyed successful seasons.

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

The young, hard-hitting giant-killer from Salt Lake blazed his way across the fistic firmament within a short twelve months' time, reaching Willard's doorstep by leaps and bounds through a series of knockout victories over nearly all of the eligible challengers, and captured the championship on July 4, in three rounds, beating the gigantic Willard so decisively that there was not the shadow of a doubt as to his right to the title.

Dempsey's fight with Willard created more interest and more comment than any fistic battle since the lamentable Johnson-Jeffries affair at Reno, and Dempsey stands forth today as the greatest fighter who has ever held the most coveted of ring titles.

The only other fistic 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. Britton has successfully defended his title against Lewis since that fight, and has stepped out of his class, meeting and outpointing Mike O'Dowd in Jersey.

Football developed its stars just as it has done in other years, and was brought back to enjoy greater popularity than ever. The tendency of foot ball teams in general to play an erratic game did not dampen the ardor of the public.

CHAMPIONS of 1919



Willie Hoppe
Mrs George W Wightman
Jack Dempsey
Man O'War

Benny Leonard
Fanny Durack
Ty Cobb
Joie Ray
William M. Johnston
Babe Ruth
Eddie Rousch
S D Herron

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.

Mrs. Franklin I. Mallory, formerly 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 Horton, 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.

Golf also had a big year. The United States Golf association successfully staged each of its big titles and dozens of intersectional, sectional and exhibition matches were played with big galleries looking on.

The year saw the crowning of a new national amateur champion in the person of S. D. Herron of Pittsfield, the former collegiate star of Princeton university. Herron went through a field of the country's very best golfers and won his title by eliminating Bobby Jones of Atlanta, in the final round of a tourney which saw Evans, Ouimet and all other competing stars fall by the "tee side."

Miss Alexa Stirling successfully defended her title as women's national champion, playing in her usual brilliant form in the annual tournament at Shawnee-on-Deleware.

Walter Hagen annexed the national open championship, while James Barnes, the veteran, came through to victory in both the Western open and the national professional tournaments.

Championship events in many other branches of sports were attended by crowds that brought back memories of the days before the war. Thousands saw the auto classics of the country decided. At Sheephead Bay, when Gaston Chevrolet and his brother, Louis, were returned victors in events scheduled for the 150-mile and National sprint championships, respectively, the big grandstands swarmed with spectators, while the field inside of the track was lined with automobiles.

Goulet and Madden won the annual six-day bike race, with a crowd that filled every available inch of space in Mason Square Garden shouting itself hoarse in delirium.

Rowing was revived, but only in part this year, as the biggest event of all, the Poughkeepsie regatta, was not scheduled. The rowing championship, therefore, was not determined.

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 result of the month's play ended in giving the Martin Buttons to Davis and Naylor as the result of a revoke; otherwise the contest would have ended in a tie with Burness and Sweet. The totals for the month's play are as follows:

BASKET FIVES OF OMAHA START PRACTICE SOON

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

Basket ball practice for all local schools will start today after a rest of over four weeks, because of the closing of all schools in the city. The University of Omaha and the High School of Commerce were the only two schools that have started practice this winter.

According to the announcements of the coaches in the city the 1920 basket ball season will be the biggest in the history of the city.

One of the biggest trips in the history of the school is being planned on by Coach Mills for the Creighton team. He plans on making an invasion into Iowa and the Dakotas. He will have his entire quintet back this year, among them are "Chuck" Kearney, Eddie Mullholland, Eddie Haley, Ray Moonan, Howard Vandiver and Jimmy Condon.

The Omaha University's have already started practice and will turn out a winning team, according to Coach Ernie Adams.

The game with Wayne Normal on January 9, has been canceled by that school and Manager Pressly is negotiating with schools in Chicago and Missouri to fill the open dates.

"Jim" Drummond of the High School of Commerce expects many more candidates to answer the call this afternoon when the candidates will resume their practice on the "Y" floor.

Frank Mahoney, "Duke" Levinson, Frank Rokusek, Lewis Camero, Marie Klein and Charles Hathorn, all veterans on the quintet, have been practicing for the past few weeks.

Coach Harold Mulligan of Central High will issue his first call today after a rest of four weeks. The first game on the Purple and White's schedule is with South Omaha High on January 9.

The Creighton high school schedule has not been announced by Student Manager Russell. Coach Tommy Mills will have charge of the high school quintet as well as the University's.

Coach James Patton of the Packers will also be one of the late schools to start practice.

Only three veterans will compose that 1920 basket team of South Omaha High. This will be a handicap to the coach as it was in the foot ball season when only three veterans answered the gridiron call.

Young Knights of Zion Have Basket Ball Team

A basket ball team representing the Young Knights of Zion will be organized this year. Harry Kneeter was elected captain and Ben Kubby manager of the quintet at a meeting held Sunday afternoon.

Practice will be held Wednesday evening at the Army and Navy club. This is the first time that the Zionists have put a basket ball team in the field. Games will be booked with many out of town Zionist organizations.

Champions In Sports, 1919

- 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 Pitcher National League—Jess Barnes, New York.
 - Leading Pitcher 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.
 - Foot Ball.
 - 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 Mixed 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.
 - Women'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 A. C.
 - 120-Yard High Hurdles—Robert Simpson, Illinois A. C.
 - 1-Mile Run—Joie Ray, Illinois A. C.
 - 440-Yard Run—Frank Shea, Pittsburgh A. A.
 - Three-Mile Walk—William Plant, Morningside A. C.
 - 440-Yard Hurdles—Floyd Smart, Chicago A. A.
 - Half-Mile Run—Joie Ray, Illinois A. C.
 - Five-Mile Run—Charles Pores, Millrose A. C.
 - 220-Yard Dash—Henry Williams, Spokane A. C.
 - 220-Yard Low Hurdles—Robert Simpson, Illinois A. C.
 - Quarter-Mile Relay—New York A. C. Four.
 - Half-Mile Relay—Boston A. C. Four.
 - Four-Mile Relay—Illinois A. C. Four.
 - Half-Mile Relay—New York A. C. Four.
 - Two-Mile Relay—Boston A. A. Four.
 - Running High Jump—John Murphy, Maitland A. C.
 - 16-Pound Hammer—Pat Ryan, Loughlin Lyceum.
 - Running Broad Jump—Floyd Smart, Chicago A. A.
 - 16-Pound Shot—Pat McDonald, New York A. C.
 - Pole Vault—Frank Foss, Chicago A. A.
 - Running Hop, Step and Jump—Sherman Landers, Chicago A. A.
 - Discus—Archie Mucks, Chicago A. A.
- Trapshooting.
 - 16 Yards—Frank S. Wright, Buffalo, N. Y.
 - 18 Yards—F. M. Troeh, Vancouver, Wash.
 - 18 Yards (Professional)—Bart Lewis, Auburn, Ill.
 - 16 Yards (Women)—Mrs. A. H. Winkler, Chicago.
 - International Champion—Frank S. Wright, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Rifle Shooting.
 - Champion—Sergeant T. B. Cramley, A. E. F.
 - Long Range—John W. Hession, Bridgeport, Conn.
 - International Small Bore—United States.
- Pistol Shooting.
 - Service—Lieutenant C. J. Christofferson, U. S. Cavalry.
 - Civilian—Alfred P. Lane, Greenwich, Conn.
- Bowling.
 - National Champion—James Smith, New York.
- Swimming.
 - oFremost Sprint Swimmer—Duke Kahanamoku.
 - Foremost Sprint Swimmer—Duke Norman Ross.
 - Women's Sprint Champion—Ethelda Blietbrey.
 - Women's Distance Champion—Fanny Durack.
- Speed Skating.
 - National Champion—Bobby McLean.
- Billiards.
 - Balk-Line Champion—Willie Hoppe.
 - Pocket Billiards—Ralph Greenleaf.
 - Three Cushions—Robert Cannelax.
- Cycling.
 - National Champion—Ray Eaton.
 - World's Six-Day Champions—Goulet and Madden.
 - Turf.
 - Two-Year-Old Champion—Man o' War.
 - Three-Year-Old Champion—Sir Barton.
- Polo.
 - National Senior Champions—Rockaway Hunt Club Four.
 - National Junior Champions—Meadowbrook II Four.
- Speed Boats.
 - National and World's Champion—Miss Detroit III.
- Rowing.
 - New London Regatta—Yale.
 - American Regatta—Navy.

BIG GRID TEAMS REST ON SUNDAY, WORK MONDAY

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

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. Harvard players passed the afternoon sight-seeing about motion picture studios.

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 easterners 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.

Harvard is favorite. If there is any difference in the public opinion of the two teams Harvard is probably a slight favorite.

Officials 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.

Horsemen to Confer Over Providing Elk With Feed

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.

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. This represents an advance of 10.4 per cent since November, 1918; 13.5 per cent since March, 1919, when prices dropped temporarily and 5.8 per cent since last July.

The increase in the cost of the five major items in the family budget since July, 1914, was: Food, 92 per cent; shelter, 38 per cent; clothing, 135 per cent; fuel, heat and light, 48 per cent, and sundries, 75 per cent.

American Sculling Championship—Jack Kelly. National Rowing Regatta Cup—Duluth Boat club. Automobile Racing. Champion at 150 Miles—Gaston Chevrolet. Short Distance and Sprint Champion—Louis Chevrolet.

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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. They will meet Tuesday, December 30, in a finish catch-as-catch-can wrestle, the winner taking the gate receipts.

Young Kinney recently took two out of three falls from Ben Zerzina. A six-round boxing match between Gano and Lieutenant Barnes is scheduled as a preliminary.

Pesek Finishes Training. 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.

Pesek, who never has been pinned to the mat since he took up the game four years ago, looks to be of championship timber. He has waded through the crop of near-champions and has started in to clean up the various championship claimants. His first effort in this regard was a clean-cut, two-fall victory over Wladek Zbyszko, The giant Nebraskan's victory over the Pole was one of the surprises of the season.

Savage, who started out this season with victories with William Demetral, Charles Cutler and Yussif Hussane, is brimming over with confidence in his ability to down Pesek.

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