Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

Ruth Converted 18 Defeats to Wins Last Year

King of Home Run Swatters Was Big Cog in New York American Club Scoring Machine in 1920.

A heretofore unknown accomplishment of George H. (Babe) Ruth of the New York American league club during the 1920 season was his individual responsibility for averting 18 possible defeats to victories. It was fortunate for the New York Yankees that Ruth's name appeared in the lineup for those dozen and a half battles, or a much smaller percentage for games won and lost would have greeted Huggins' players at the end of the season.

As might be readily adduced, Ruth's circuit drives aided him in adding to his present list of laurels. For in the 18 encounters in question he failed to hit homers in only three; but a trip on two occasions and a double in the third instance served to defeat his team's opponents.

Compiled 75 Runs.

New York's opposition compiled 75 runs for the mentioned number of tussles, whereas Huggins' athletes accumulated 107 markers. Of the Yankee's total, Ruth's nefarious hitting enabled eight of his teammates to cross home plate, besides registering an additional 31 runs himself. It is interesting to note that the slugger star dispensed 18 homers during the act of saving that number of games to his club. Included in this list of four-ply clouts are three engagements wherein he hit the sphere to oblivion twice in one afternoon.

In the work of preventing these possible defeats Ruth delivered his bingles either at a time when a run or two was sorely needed or slammed out a drive that clinched the contest. He was fortunate in the recipient of only 15 bases on balls for the 18 games, or this excellent bit of service to his employers might never have been heralded to the base ball world. Of this total sifts, Ruth was compelled to accept three on two different afternoons, and for the remaining meetings pitchers allowed him free passage to the initial sack only once in each game.

Swings Wicked Club.

The Detroit club had reason to deplore Ruth's name in the Yankee lineup more than any other team in the league. Six games which might otherwise have aided the Tigers in their pennant chase were lost because of the unmerciful hitting of the New York home run artist. Boston was conscious of the presence of their former idol on four occasions when his wicked willow spelled defeat. St. Louis, Washington and Philadelphia took two beatings each at the hands of the paragon of swat, while the Chicago White Sox were vanquished once by the lone efforts of Huggins' scintillating performer. Ruth, however, did not find an opportune moment to commit his destructive deeds against Cleveland.

Introduces Boxing Bill Legalizing Game

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Senator J. H. Brogan of St. Louis today introduced a bill to legalize professional boxing and place it under control of a boxing commission. He said the bill was being supported by members of the American Legion. All boxing contests would be limited to 15 rounds and penalties fixed for fake bouts.

Solons Giving Boxing Bill.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 18.—A bill to legalize boxing in Kansas under the direction of a state athletic director was introduced in the legislature today.

Kallio and Daily To Wrestle Saturday

Stanton, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The athletic committee of the local post of the American Legion has matched Gus Kallio and Owen Daily, welterweight wrestlers, for a finish match to be staged here January 22. These two grapplers wrestled in Omaha about three months ago. The match ended in a draw.

Kallio meets Jack Reynolds, considered the welterweight champion of the country, in a finish match at Norfolk, January 28.

Besides the Kallio-Daily match, the usual number of wrestling and boxing preliminaries will be on the program.

Davis Cup Preliminaries May Be Staged Throughout U. S.

New York, Jan. 18.—Possibility of staging the Davis' cup tennis preliminaries matches in various parts of the United States has been considered by the international committee of the United States Lawn Tennis association. The committee has learned unofficially that Australia, the British Isles, France and Japan are in favor of playing the preliminaries in this country, which would make it possible to hold these contests in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York, similar to the plan followed in 1914. Spain has forwarded a challenge and another is expected from India.

Philadelphia Americans Arrange Exhibition Games

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia American league base ball team, who returned yesterday from a tour of the south in the interests of his spring training trip, said he had arranged a tentative schedule of games with the St. Louis Nationals. The teams will play on alternative days at Lake Charles, La., the Athletics' training quarters, and Grange, Tex., the Cardinals' camp.

Nebraska City High Cancels With Locals

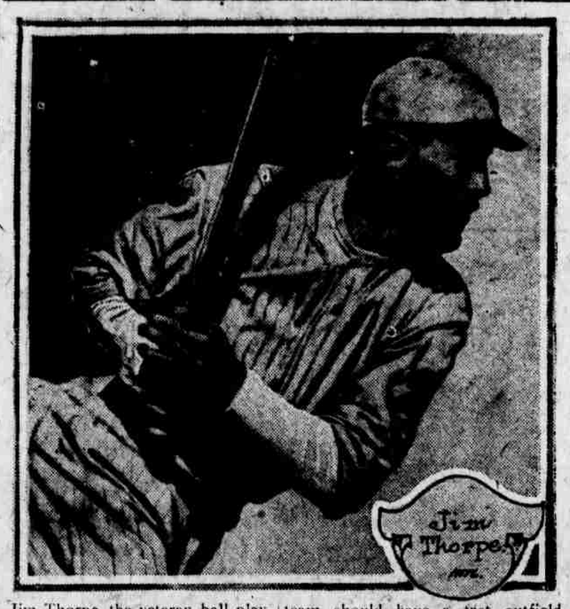
Nebraska City high school basket ball team, which was scheduled to play the Creighton high school quintet in Omaha Monday evening, has canceled its game with the local "prep" school basketeers.

Creighton and Lincoln play here Friday evening.

Indians Sign Outfielder

Cleveland, O., Jan. 18.—The Cleveland American league club has signed Ernest Jeanes, an outfielder of Maypari, Tex. Jeanes played semi-professional ball last year

Thorpe Again Back in Majors



Jim Thorpe, the veteran ball player and all-around athlete, is back again in major league base ball. This time Jim has been signed to play with Ty Cobb's Detroit Tigers. Combined with Cobb, the Detroit team should have a fast outfield. Thorpe can cover a lot of ground with that deerlike movement of his, and it will be more than interesting to watch him and Cobb sprint after a long drive some day this coming summer.

Johnny Wilson Wins Over Chip

Middleweight Champ Never in Danger—Uses Right Jab Effectively.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 18.—Johnny Wilson of Boston, middleweight champion, won a newspaper decision over Joe Chip of Newcastle, Pa., in their 10-round bout Monday night. Wilson gained the decision in eight rounds.

The champion was never in danger. He used a right jab effectively to offset Chip's rushes and was the aggressor.

The weights were announced as: Wilson, 162 pounds; Chip, 159.

Federal Officials O. K. Landis Taking Base Ball Position

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Officials of the department of justice have decided, after an informal investigation of the case, that Federal Judge Landis was strictly within his rights as a federal judge in accepting the chairmanship of the new commission controlling organized base ball. There is nothing in the law to prevent him holding both positions and there is a great public demand that he continue as a federal judge and also that he sit as the supreme arbiter of the national sport.

Two Teams Are Tied In Chicago Bike Race

Chicago, Jan. 18.—After 33 hours, Stein and O'Shea were one lap behind in the six-day bike race at the Coliseum, all other teams having covered 590 miles at 7 a. m. The Eaton-Hill team and Madden riding with Magin, led in points, both having 18.

Ray Eaton was injured in a fall at 1 a. m. and though removed unconscious, was able to return to the race at 7 o'clock.

Harry Wills Scores K. O. Over Bill Tate

Buxalo, Jan. 18.—Harry Wills of New Orleans retained the negro heavyweight championship by knocking out "Bill" Tate of New York in the second round of a scheduled 15-round bout last night.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Garden County, 32; Byard, 30.

Oshkosh, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Garden County High school basket ball quintet defeated the Bayard High school team here by a score of 32 to 30. The game was interesting from start to finish. Nolte of the winners and Leach of the visiting quintet were easily the stars of the game, the former scoring 18 points.

Ord, 20; Shelton, 19.

Ord, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Ord High school basket ball team defeated the Shelton quintet in a fast game here by a score of 20 to 19. The game was close throughout. Jensen with 8 baskets and Heuch with 4 foul goals, starred for the locals, while Conway stored 13 points and Gorbut, with 3 field goals, played the best contest for the visitors.

Ainsworth High Leading.

Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Ainsworth High school basket ball team is leading the Northwest Nebraska Athletic association basket ball tournament with a percentage of 1.000 The locals won their third straight victory last Saturday when they defeated Kilgore by a score of 28 to7.

Beg Your Pardon.

In last Sunday's Sport Section of The Omaha Bee we published an article saying that Havelock High school won over the Geneva High school basket ball team by a score of 28 to 6. Instead of Havelock winning the contest, Geneva was the victor and we wish to acknowledge our mistake. Geneva has won six games thus far this season and will play York at York Friday

Scinle Loses Pocket Billiard Match in State Meet to Harsch

Standings.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Harsch	4	0	1.000
Stephen	3	0	1.000
Shepard	3	1	.750
Moon	2	2	.500
Shively	2	2	.500
Foster	2	2	.500
Riley	1	2	.333
Swanson	1	3	.250
Scinle	1	3	.250
Beletis	1	4	.000

By staging a comeback during the final innings of his pocket billiard match with Kenneth Scinle last night in the state pocket billiard tournament at the De Luxe parlors, Heinie Harsch won his game by running out with an unfinished run of 30.

In the afternoon match, Harry Shepard defeated Foster, 100 to 56, in an interesting game.

Shepard and Moon play this afternoon and Stephen and Swanson meet this evening.

Major League Clubs Can't Buy or Trade Players After Aug. 1

New York, Jan. 18.—An agreement has been reached by the National and American leagues to make August 1 the closing date for the buying or trading of players between major league clubs.

The agreement was made public last night by President Heydler of the National league. After August 1 players can go from one major league club to another only by the waiver route.

O. A. C. Volley Ball Team to Play Fremont

Coach Denny Ryan's Omaha Athletic club volley ball players will play the Fremont team at the club Friday night. The first game is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

The O. A. C. volley ballers won the tricity championship last week when they defeated both the Omaha and Council Bluffs Y. M. C. A. teams.

Coach Ryan is trying to schedule games with St. Paul, Minneapolis, Sioux City and Des Moines teams. The locals will play York at York, Saturday, January 29.

Evers for Return Of Old Time Bus To Transport Men

Manager of Cubs Declares it Would Go Far Toward Restoring Simplicity and Sportsmanship.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Revival of the old time base ball players' bus for trips to and from the base ball park would go far toward restoring simplicity and a spirit of sportsmanship to the game, Manager Johnny Evers of the Cubs declared today.

"The old bus gave us a good wholesome advertising, but at the same time it put real fun, chance for real team work, and more honest-to-goodness pep in the game," Evers declared. "It made it more like a sport and less like a commercial proposition.

Crowds Greeted Bus.

"Remember how the manager and his team used to pile out of the hotel and into the bus. If we were the visiting team the town was there to see and jeer at us. Away we would go across the town, the entire route one long line of yelling home town boosters. By the time the park was reached everyone had heard something that made him full of fight.

"After the game we would pile back into the bus. A couple of thousand fans would stand around and give us a hooting, win or lose. We got it coming and going and loved it.

Don't Learn Game.

"How is it today? Morning practice makes the front of the park look like an automobile show. The players breeze in at the last minute and breeze out as quickly as they can change clothes. The manager never sees his men together except at game time. The players are too busy keeping dates with everybody in the world, from movie promoters to soap manufacturers.

"That is the reason players today are not as smart collectively as they were a few years ago. They don't spend enough time learning base ball."

Select Mat Men for Hawkeye Wrestling Team; to Meet Huskers

Iowa City, Ia., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Following several days of tryouts the following have been selected members of the Iowa wrestling team which will represent the Hawkeyes in the meet against Northwestern at Evanston, Friday night:

125-pound class, Edward Vana of Montour.
135-pound class, C. B. Sweeney of Sutherland.
145-pound class, R. T. Smith of Granger.
158-pound class, Ben G. Howrey of Waterloo.
175-pound class, L. C. White of Harlan.
Heavyweight, R. L. Hunter of Mapleton.

These men have won their preliminary matches, but may have to face other challengers before the next meet is held. Howrey will represent Iowa in the 158-pound class in place of Glen Devine, who wrestled in this weight last year but is not out for wrestling this season.

In addition to the Northwestern meet, Iowa is scheduled to meet the following teams on the mat:

Minnesota at Iowa City, January 29.
Purdue at Lafayette, February 11.
Illinois at Iowa City, February 18.
Nebraska (probably at Lincoln) February 25.
Conference meet at Urbana, March 11

Gridironer Gives Blood To Save Life of a Girl

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 18.—Hartley Anderson, a member of the Notre Dame university foot ball team, recently sacrificed some of his blood that a young woman, unknown to him, might live, it was learned here today. Doctors said the transfusion was successful. The girl is Miss Agnes Luther of Cassopolis, Mich.

FLASHES from SPORT WORLD

"Who will be Benny Leonard's next opponent?"

That is the question boxing fans are discussing now that the champion is running through the field with such great rapidity. Will they select Willie Jackson or Lew Tendler, the left-hander from Philadelphia?

There are those who believe Richie Mitchell ought to be sent right back to the champion for another try.

The Ak-Sar-Ben officials are considering entering a base ball team in the City league this season. The organization is forming a foot ball eleven. Why not back a base ball club?

Freinds of Charley White, Chicago lightweight scrapper, are making an awful roar over the action of the referee in stopping his bout with Sailor Friedman in the tenth round of their bout last week. The referee acted on a signal from a member of the Wisconsin boxing commission, according to reports. The commission members declare that White was not fighting.

As a result, White faces suspension from the Wisconsin boxing rings and the possible loss of his guaranty of $3,500. When boxing commissions regulate the ring's sport throughout the country, then perhaps the game will be rated higher than it is at the present time.

Colgate university basket ball tossers will meet Creighton in Omaha February 23 and 24. The soap makers will attempt to lather the Blue and White basketeers, but we believe they will be trounced in their own lather.

Almost two weeks has gone by without some major league club bidding for Roger Hornsby.

Jack Lewis, Omaha wrestling and boxing promoter has a couple of scrappers in his stable at present who haven't fought for several weeks. And the way things appear now, it will be several more weeks before any padded mitt slingers start swinging the gloves in Omaha or vicinity.

Jake Isaacson, secretary of the Municipal Base Ball association of Omaha and member of the athletic committee of the local post of the American Legion, is going to Lincoln this morning to help boost for the American Legion boxing bill.

A big league foot ball team, which will compete with Jim Thorpe's Canton Bulldogs, Paddy Driscoll's Tigers in Chicago and other strong professional elevens throughout the country, is being organized in Minneapolis to enter the Western Professional Foot Ball league. Omaha will be a member.

According to Charlie Trimble secretary of the Ak-Sar-Ben Exposition company, Ak-Sar-Ben foot ball players will be ready to don the moleskins as soon as the next season rolls around.

The British fight fans still believe Ptet Herman is the champion. True it is that Herman won over Jimmy Wilde, but Mr. Joe Lynch copped the title from Herman in New York Wonder if the Britishers know that the war is over?

Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world will retire from the ring after Labor day and devote his time to the movies, according to his present plans, as announced by Manager Jack Kearns Must be that the champ and his manager figure Georges Carpentier is going to hold the crown after Labor day.

"Sailor" Moss, welterweight boxer, who won a decision over "Kid" Schlaifer at Fort Omaha last winter, and who has been fighting on the west coast, is preparing for a return bout with the "Kid" to be held some time next month. Moss is working out daily at the Omaha Athletic club.

Carpentier Becomes Manufacturer and Aluminum Salesman

Paris, Jan. 18.—Georges Carpentier, movie actor, aluminum manufacturer, society favorite, proud father and champion fighter of Europe, has signed up for one more big fight before he tackles Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight championship of the world. The French champion has entered the ring against the high cost of living in France.

For the modest sum of 12 francs Georges will deliver to any household a set of 19 aluminum dishes to be used in a baby's kitchen. Georges got his idea when he had a special set made for his daughter. He thought it so good that he decided to manufacture sets for sale. An ordinary set of porcelain dishes is worth about 50 francs. Georges offers his substitute for about one-fourth of this sum.

Along with the sale of the dishes, Georges presents his picture and autograph.

Sheeley to Captain 1921 Marquette Team

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 18.—William Sheeley, quarterback, was chosen captain of the Marquette university 1921 foot ball team last night. The schedule announced for 1921 includes a game on October 22 with Creighton university at Omaha.

Omaha Club Signs Another Backstop

Mike Finn Secures Services of Catcher Statleton From Southern League Team.

Barney Burch, new owner of the Omaha Western league base ball club, received a wire from Mike Finn, his partner, yesterday saying that he has secured the services of Catcher Statleton from a Southern league.

The addition of this bird Statleton to the local club boosts the number of new players for the Omaha club to 11. Owner Burch and Finn signed 10 players while attending the big base ball confab in Chicago last week.

Contracts will be mailed the latter part of next month to all members of last year's team. Both rookies and veterans will be ordered to report at Fort Smith, Ark., training grounds, March 10.

Jack Herrick and Johnny Lee to Box

Jack Herrick, formerly boxing instructor at Camp Dodge, Ia., and Johnny Lee, local heavyweight scrapper, have been matched for a ten-round bout at Atlantic, Ia., on Thursday, January 27.

Herrick has met such battlers as Gibbons, Chip and boys of their class.

Women's Champ Golf Tournament to Be Held At Chicago Aug. 22-27

Chicago, Jan. 18.—The Women's Western Golf association championship will be held August 22-27 at the West Moreland Golf club, Chicago, it was announced last night. It was also stated that it had been decided to hold a midwinter meet next year on some California links. This is an innovation, which will call out many contestants on the coast as well as take many midwestern golfers to California for winter play. Heretofore Pacific coast players have been shut off from the tournaments of the Woman's association.

Beecher Loses Bout To Baltimore Scrapper

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

New York, Jan. 18.—After 15 fast rounds of fighting, Charley Beecher of New York lost the judges' decision to Andy Chaney, of Baltimore, at Madison Square Garden last night.

Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, has agreed to meet the winner of the fight, according to Promoter Tex Rickard.

In a 10-round semi-final, Johnny Dill of York, Pa., got the judges' decision over Tillie Kid Herman of California.

In another 10-rounder, Earl Baird, of Seattle, was awarded the verdict over Joe Mooney, of New York.

Frankey Fleming of Staten Island, and Tim Kelley of California, fought six rounds to a draw.

Vaughn Signs to Pitch for Cubs

Evers Plans to Send Pitchers to Camp Before Squad.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—With James "Hippo" Vaughn's signature affixed to his 1921 contract, Manager Evers of the Chicago Nationals today had a large part of his pitching staff lined up for next season. Vaughn, star southpaw of the Cubs in recent seasons, signed one of the new form contracts drawn up at the meeting of base ball magnates here last week.

Pitchers Gover Alexander and George Tyler signed last fall, but will sign again on the new contracts.

Vaughn expressed his readiness to join Alexander at the Cub's California training camp as soon as possible. Manager Evers says he plans to send his pitchers, with a catcher or two, to California about a week ahead of the main squad, which will leave Chicago for the training camp March 3.

A large White Sox squad is scheduled to depart for Waxahachie, Tex., March 4. Manager Gleason of the Chicago Americans has booked more than 40 players to train in Texas.

The Sox party which is to travel on a special train, probably will be the largest major league delegation ever to go south for training.

No starved horse ever pulled a heavy load!

"Old Dobbin" Was Once a Winner of Blue Ribbons in the Draft Horse Class

But now he pulls an old rickety wagon and when the load gets too heavy he stops.

No matter how much his master pulls at his bit, "Old Dobbin" can't pull the load.

"I want to pull the load," Dobbin muttered to himself as he panted heavily. "But I can't do it. I'm starved. How can my master expect me to pull a heavy load when I haven't enough food within me to give me the strength to do it?"

We Are in the Same Fix as "Old Dobbin"

In 1917, on figures based on our 1915 costs, electric rates were decreased 25 per cent. This move cut down our revenue considerably, but we shouldered the additional burden and plodded on.

But as time went on the burden became heavier. Prices of everything went up by leaps and bounds. It costs us $816,000 more for fuel, labor and taxes alone to do the same volume of business in 1920 than it did in 1915.

Even if prices may take somewhat of a decline, we will receive but little relief.

Since 1915, in order to make additions and betterments to our system to meet the electrical requirements, we borrowed money like you do—by signing a mortgage on our property. The mortgage bears the same rate of interest until its maturity. So even if the price of money drops we will still have to pay the high rate of interest at the present time.

"Why Didn't You Fellows Get the Increase When the Getting Was Good?" Asked a Friend

A friend asked this question and the answer he received was: "Even though our burdens became heavier as months passed; even though labor, coal and taxes increased in price, we shouldered the additional burdens. We were willing to bear our share, hoping that there would be some relief besides increased rates.

But like the case of starved "Old Dobbin," there has been no relief. We have felt the "pangs of hunger."

Unless we get relief, like "Old Dobbin," we will get thinner and leaner and the load will become so heavy on our backs that we will be unable to give the service of the past.

We quote "Old Dobbin": "We want to pull the load, but we can't do it if we are 'starved.'"

So we petitioned the city commission for relief. Now they are the masters. Whether we get strength to carry the load is now up to them.

The rate we ask for is the same as the rate we received in 1915. Nothing can be more fair because we all know that prices will not drop below the 1915 basis.

We are not asking for excess profits. We are not appealing for unusual or extraordinary returns.

We have asked the city commission to grant us a fair rate, taking in consideration our manufacturing costs; our replacements and renewals and a fair return on a fair valuation of our property.

ALL WE ASK IS A "LIVING WAGE."

Isn't That Fair?

Nebraska Power Co.

Don't Forget—

Regardless of who says otherwise, we ask only what we justly deserve. We want you to remember that. We want no more than what's coming to us. We are not asking a penny on so-called "watered stock."