

Nickname Omaha Ball Club and Win Season's Pass---Contest Is Open

Daily Bee to Stage Contest For Local Fans

Owners Burch and Finn Anxious to Have Followers of Team Select Name—Contest Opens Today.

Here's another treat for readers of The Omaha Daily Bee. Barney Burch and Mike Finn, new owners of the Omaha base ball club of the Western league, have asked The Omaha Bee to stage a contest among its readers to select the best nickname for the local team.

Owners Burch and Finn are going to award a season's pass—one good for every game played by the Omaha club in the city—to the person who sends in the best nickname.

The contest starts today and will close March 1. Base ball fans, both men and women, in Council Bluffs and Omaha, are eligible to enter. Send in as many nicknames as you can think of, but be sure to write but one nickname on each blank.

Here's a tip! A short, snappy nickname consisting of a few letters is better than a long one.

During W. A. Rourke's career as owner of the local team, the club was called Rourke's from coast to coast. But Burch and Finn are the new pilots of the squad and these two liveovers want a good nickname for their club.

Scratch your dome and start the machinery to working. Jot down a nickname you think is appropriate for the club and mail it to the Sports Editor of The Omaha Bee. Someone is going to win that season pass and it might as well be you.

The pass will entitle its holder to a grandstand seat at any game. Don't forget, there will be a flock of double-headers at the park this summer and if you have a season's pass, that seat reserved, you will be sure of seeing the games.

You will find an entry blank on this page, select a nickname and return the blank to the Sports Editor of The Omaha Daily Bee. Remember! The contest closes March 1. Who will win the duet?

California Grid Team
Hankering for Games With Big Three Squads

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Jan. 22.—California, having taken the measure of Ohio State, now hankers for a game with Yale, Harvard or Princeton, and negotiations are said to be under way for a contest next fall.

The "Native Sons" following their victory over Jack Wilce's warriors, feel they have graduated into "long pants" and are anxious to come east and show up some of the big fellows on the Atlantic coast. They consider they have disposed of the best of the "Big Ten" conference can produce, so they desire to go east and tackle the best in that territory.

California does not want to stop at one game. It is desired to bring to the east California, Stanford and Washington, to take on Yale, Harvard and Princeton in the order named. The two teams making the best showing would then meet for the championship of the country, preferably on New Year's day.

Open Golf Tourney
Awarded to Maryland Club

New York, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—In spite of all the prognostications that the plums of the golf world would be picked in the east this year, especially in the metropolitan district, the United States Golf association decided at the Waldorf-Astoria in the annual meeting that the open championship should be played over the links of the Chevy Chase club in Maryland, the amateur at the St. Louis Country club and the women's national at Hollywood, N. J. Many thought that there would be no question of the open event going to the new Lido course at Long Beach, Long Island, and it was expected that the amateur would be awarded to the Siwanoy country club at Mount Vernon. The only award that came out according to expectation was that of the women's feature.

Joe Burman May Be First Opponent for Lynch

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Jan. 22.—It now appears certain that Joe Burman, West Side bantam, will be the first opponent for Joe Lynch, the Chicago middleweight champion. Joe Lynch, who is expected to fight Carl Tremaine, the tough Ohio scrapper, at Cleveland, and so impressive was his work that the club has already made overtures to Lynch. Burman also has been signed by a Philadelphia club for a bout with Lynch the early part of next month. The situation resolves into a question of which club meets the champion's terms. His manager, Tommy Walsh, sends word from Cleveland that he can now do 118 with ease.

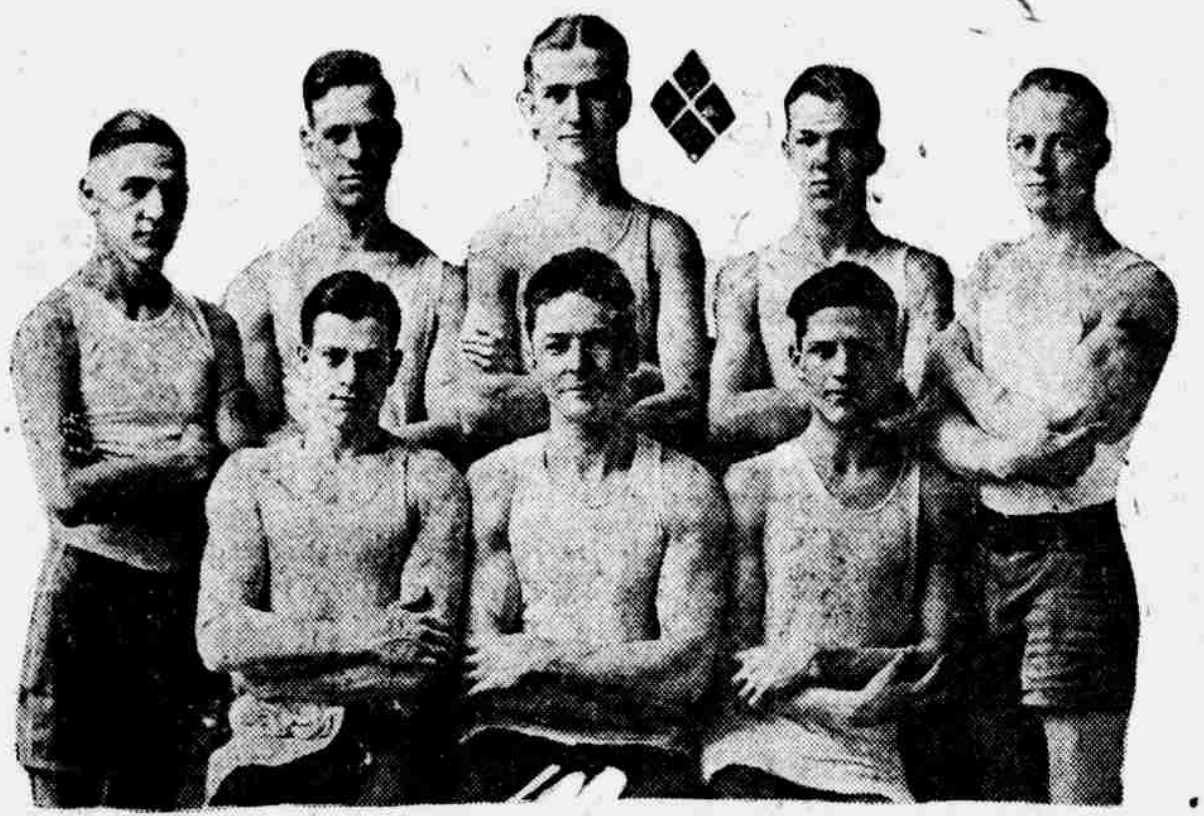
Johnny Meyers Retains Middle Weight Title

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Johnny Meyers of Chicago retained the middleweight wrestling championship by defeating John Kilonski of Norfolk, Va. in two out of three falls last night. The first fall went to Meyers in 41 minutes, 15 seconds, with a double wrist lock. Kilonski took the second fall, throwing Meyers in 27 minutes, 35 seconds, with a standing crutch hold. Meyers got the deciding fall in 3 minutes and 45 seconds by using a double wrist lock again on Kilonski.

Military Service Sports Popular With Yale Men

Yale finds three war service sports popular with students—namely: rifle shooting, fencing and boxing. A novelty will be a telegraph shoot with Oxford university next February. The results will be telegraphed.

"Champion Eight" of Omaha "Y"



Left to right: J. Menshik, R. Synges, E. Lundgren, G. Raber, J. O. Hedberg. Bottom row, left to right: M. Ogle, Julius Festner, S. Coeman.

This group of promising young athletes is known as the "Champion Eight" of the Y. M. C. A. for 1920-1921.

During the "Champion Eight" contests, which started in October, more than 100 contestants took part, under the supervision of J. O. Hedberg, assistant physical director.

Twenty-four athletic and gymnastic events were contested for, and these eight athletes scored the high-

est number of points. Julius Festner, a member of the "Champion Eight," scored 2,625 points and was declared the Y. M. C. A. all-round champion for 1921. Festner was given a gold medal. Ogle, with 2,325 points, a silver medal, and Coeman third, with 2,272, a bronze medal.

The total scores of the other members were as follows: Synges, 1,970; Raber, 1,475; J. Menshik, 1,325; Lundgren, 1,275; and Dahm, 1,175.

Nickname the Omaha Base Ball Team and Win Season's Pass

The Omaha Base Ball club has changed owners. Every diamond fan in the city knows that. Barney Burch and Mike Finn purchased the club. But here's what we are getting at: Owners Burch and Finn want a good nickname for the team. They have offered a season's pass—a pasteboard good for every game played in Omaha—to the person who sends in the best name for the club.

Get busy, Omaha base ball fans, select a nickname for the team and mail it to the Sports Editor of The Omaha Daily Bee. Owners Burch and Finn will pick the best name and award the season's pass.

Fill in the following blank and mail it to the Sports Editor—

Nickname of club.....

Contestant's name.....

Address.....

Contest starts January 22 and closes March 1. Omaha and Council Bluffs fans are eligible to compete.

"TWO AND THREE"
"PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER"
WITH "BUGS" DAIR

Hand ball has been jumping like a sore-footed kangaroo in a briar patch. The interest in the game is indicated by the list of entries in the A. A. U. tournament running at the New York A. C. The athletic club recently built three open air courts on the roof that set 'em back about \$20,000.

The Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A. built three roof courts in 1915 at a cost of \$12,000 each. This might discourage a man from taking up the game. But hand ball is really a poor man's pastime. All you need is a partner and a lawyer. The best part of the contest is the arguing.

In proof that hand ball is a poor man's frolic, the present champion is a rich traffic policeman at Thirty-fourth and Broadway. There has been much dry goods chewing over this point. The Philadelphian club claiming the title for their man Heenev. The present title holder, Jim Kelly, won the title in Ireland in 1910. Heenev claims the title. In order to tread on no soft toes, we wish to state that the championship in question is the leather ball title. Here is a letter from an old-timer that sums up the situation a little more:

"Being an old-time hand ball player and an enthusiast, I wish to compliment the American sports pages on their boosting of the great old game.

"I wish to remark that it is a game in which science, speed and brawn are necessary in the makeup of a great hand ball player.

"I am a member of the Brooklyn Hand Ball club and have seen the best of them come and go. But the greatest hand ball player of the day is no other than Joe Heenev, who is a member of the Brooklyn Hand Ball club and the Philadelphian club of Philadelphia, where he is at present pastime.

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"Heenev, then, but 13 years old, refereed the match and shortly after took to the game himself, and has trimmed such prominent men as Pete Burke, Owen Brady, Frank Neary and numerous others who attempted to stop the progress of this fast-developing boy.

"He is now champion of the world, and became possessor of the title last July, after teaming with Miles O'Donnell and defeating Pete Burke and Walter Kendall. Heenev challenged Kelly for the big crown.

"Kelly decided to retire because of failing eyesight. He then turned the title over to Heenev, and a record of this is on file at the Brooklyn Hand Ball club.

"Heenev is willing to give Kelly a chance to regain his title at any time, and I wish to say that I am one of the many admirers of Heenev who will back him against all comers from any part of this old world.

"AN OLD-TIMER."

Fulton on Trail of Jack Dempsey

Plasterer, Shunned by Heavyweights, Has Hard Work Finding Man to Fight.

Fred Fulton, the tall plasterer from Nebraska, from whom little has been heard since he was knocked out by Harry Wills, the negro heavyweight, now wants to meet Jack Dempsey again. The last time they met in Harrison, N. J., the champion knocked out Fulton in a punch. Tom O'Rourke, who looks after Fulton's interests, says that if Dempsey feels in need of a good workout before tackling Jack Willard again he can call upon Fulton, and the call will be answered.

O'Rourke says it is not fair that because Fulton was the only white heavyweight with nerve enough to battle Wills the other heavies should point to the result of that battle as an excuse for side-stepping him.

Fulton's present position is decidedly unusual. There is not a white heavyweight of any prominence in the ring today willing to fight him and yet he no longer is regarded by the public as a serious contender for the title. Dempsey's quick victory, combined with that of Wills, has side-tracked Fulton completely. Yet none of the contenders has more than enough to take a chance with Fulton. They are all afraid of that long, cruel left of his.

Fulton deserves some consideration, if only because he was not afraid to fight the much dreaded "Irish" heavyweight. He took the black man on when a match with the champion was looming up. If any other heavyweight had been in Fulton's place at that time there would have been no match with Wills, that is sure.

Kelly to Get \$1,150 Cup

Philadelphia.—Jack Kelly, world's amateur single sculls champion, will be given a gold challenge cup trophy by the Schuylkill Navy as a token of his great achievement. It will cost \$1,150, and he will be expected to defend it against qualified challengers.

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Willie Jackson Matched To Fight Pete Harley

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—Willie Jackson, who fights Lew Tender at Milwaukee January 26, for which he is to receive a guarantee of \$10,000, has also been matched to battle Pete Harley at the National A. C., Detroit, March 4, for 10 rounds.

Cobb and Johnson Invest

New York.—Manager Ty Cobb of the Detroit Tigers and Walter Johnson of the Senators are both stockholders in the New Haven club of the Eastern league. The two American league players have invested \$5,000 in the club, it is said. Cobb will use the club as a farm for the Tigers. The New Haven club is managed by Chief Bender, and last season was one of the biggest money-makers in the organization.

Federal Laws Will Clean Up National Game

Commissioner Landis Expected to Start Sweeping Crooked Players From Sport Soon.

New York, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—A prominent base ball man is firm in the opinion that federal laws alone will stop bribery of players. He says that while the major and minor league magnates discussed new business agreements in Chicago millions of base ball fans were waiting to learn how the national game will be purged of crookedness. Commissioner Landis is expected to begin a thorough investigation of the 1919 world series scandal as soon as the new major league agreement has been finally ratified. The commissioner then will be clothed with absolute authority to deal with the indicted members of the Chicago White Sox, together with other hall players who have been involved in gambling transactions.

Every one of these culprits, regardless of court proceedings, should be expelled from the ranks of organized base ball. To reinstate one or more of the indicted Chicago players would be a tremendous blunder, in the opinion of the magnates, who realize that the confidence of the base ball public must be restored. Commissioner Landis has been elected for the purpose of cleaning out the rascals who have dragged the sport into the mire. If certain club owners should be coerced to the exclusion rule, the identity should be made known at once.

Congress Must Assist.

After Commissioner Landis has put all of the underworld outside of the ball parks he must turn his attention to plans for safeguarding the game in future—a task that will require powerful influence and much hard work. Congress must be asked to pass a law that will put an end to base ball bribery. Players who accept bribes for "throwing" games and gamblers who use money for this purpose must be reached by a federal statute.

Already players charged with accepting bribes have been discharged by a court in California, where there is no law covering their alleged crimes. When the cases of the indicted White Sox come to trial shortly their expensive attorneys will try to show that they have broken no law in the state of Illinois.

Federal legislation, therefore, is needed to enable the magnates, aided by Commissioner Landis, to successfully prosecute players and gamblers who are willing to throw down the laws.

A player who jumps a contract, signed in good faith, is in the same class with the crook who accepts bribe money from a sure thing gambler. Numerous players in the last two years have jumped contracts with major and minor league clubs to accept higher salaries from industrial or "outlaw" clubs. Others have ignored the so-called reserve rule. According to a recent edict of the late national commission these contract jumpers have been barred for a period of five years, while those who have "reserved" are under the ban for two seasons.

Thorpian to Give Dance

Members of the Thorpian Athletic club will give a basket ball dance in the Auditorium Sunday night for the benefit of the European relief council.

Joe Steger, who several years ago piloted the Kraljevic Colts to victory, will return to the club this season.

James Moynan, the crack hurler of the Ramblers, a few years ago, says he may stage a "comeback" this season, if he can land a berth with some fast "A" team.

It has been reported that James Baumgardner, last season manager of the Biggs of St. Louis, will return to the managerial reins to Tommy Britton.

Harrison Stucker, the lad of no-hit-no-run fame, who hurried for the Union club, will be back in the field again this season. Stucker has not signed up with any team.

Many of the amateur base ball players and a number of the semi-pro cranks, who have been playing around the "edges" during the last few seasons, will not do any more this season. They will not try and get back with some of the amateur teams here this season.

Jack Isaacson, secretary of the "Munty" Amateur base ball association, "Clint" Clark, well-known first baseman of the Cardinals, and several other well-known base ball players plan to attend the meeting in reorganization of the Central association, which will be held at the Hotel Hamilton, New York, on Jan. 23.

Matty McGrath, or Clint Clark, it is understood, are slated to manage the New York team, if the Omaha men secure the franchise.

If this weather continues it is a safe bet that some of the boys will be out getting into shape for the opening of the season.

Al Verpon, the speedy little gent who paraded around the short bag for the New Yorks, is patiently waiting for his contract from the Cardinals. Al has been promised a try-out with the St. Louis club.

After being absent several years, Harry Gross, it is understood, will be back in the harness this season. Harry is an old-timer, having played with many of the championship teams years ago.

Eddy Lawler, who is well-known here and has managed and played with the New Yorks, Brantley and Murphy, and is leading the latter team to the city western amateur championship this year, will take charge of the Murphy-Dills this season.

Base ball players, managers, captains and umpires are anxiously waiting for the mass meeting to be called by the officials of the Municipal Amateur Base ball association, the first part of next month.

Other players who have signified their intentions of playing with the Omaha team are Ralph Spelman, Rich and Greene.

Omaha Bee's Sport Album—N. J. WESTON



By WILLIAM O. BLOZIES.

There is one person in Omaha whose business it is to see that the members of the organization for which he works are in good physical condition. No doubt all of Omaha's athletes, both men and boys, know that this person is, but for the benefit of those who do not know we are publishing a brief account of his career.

This man, who is well known to all of the city's athletes, is none other than Norman J. Weston, physical director of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association.

Weston has been on the job as the "Y's" physical instructor for more than four years and during that time has done more to boost amateur sports in Omaha than any other person. He has also trained thousands of men and boys.

Hails From Australia.

Norman hails from Australia and is proud of it. He was born at Pattawalong, where, at the age of 8 years joined the Y. M. C. A. in his home town. At the age of 10 years Weston was one of the star athletes at the Pattawalong "Y" and it was because of his ability to lead boys and his knowledge of physical training that he was ap-

pointed gym leader of the Adelaide, Australia, Y. M. C. A.

He has held positions as physical director and boys' secretary at the Bendigo, Victoria, Australia, Y. M. C. A.'s, and also at the Bendigo Normal school. After serving six months at the Bendigo Normal school Weston left the land of the kangaroo to accept a position as physical director at the Scranton, Pa., "Y." Following his work at Scranton, he served five years as supervisor of boys' work and physical education at the Hull house, Chicago.

Big Booster for Amateur Boxing.

During the early part of 1917 he came to Omaha as head of the physical education department of the local Y. M. C. A., where he has remained since. While in this city Weston has organized and been a big booster for amateur boxing and wrestling classes among boys and men of the association. Indoor base ball and skiing, together with ice skating, have played important parts on his physical education program for boys.

Besides looking after the training of amateur boxers and wrestlers, Weston finds time to serve as resident of the Church Base Ball league.

If you don't believe this bird Weston is a busy person, just try to find him in his office at the "Y" some afternoon.

French Diving Venus and Champ
Swimmer to Visit This Country

Suzanne Wurtz, Most Noted of All French Mermaids, Will Meet American Rivals.

Paris, Jan. 22.—Miss Suzanne Wurtz, champion girl swimmer of France, plans to visit the United States for the first time next year and compete in a number of aquatic events.

Miss Wurtz celebrated her 20th birthday on Christmas day, 1920. Despite her youth, she has beaten with ease every French woman swimmer competing against her and nearly all the men. She succeeded in the first time against a woman when she swam against Miss Susan Bleibrey, the American star, after the Olympic games.

The little French star—for she is very slight of build compared with most women swimmers—first learned to paddle at the age of 8. When she was 12 years old, she won second place in a championship race, being beaten only a yard over a distance of 500 meters.

In 1913 she won the French women's championship and she has held it ever since. Five times she has captured the famous five and eight miles swim across Paris, and once male and female swimmers. In the annual Seine swim in 1918 she finished fourth, behind Norman Ross, the American world's champion, beating all Frenchmen entered and in 1919 she finished second, being beaten only by Lieutenant Duvauc, champion of the French army.

Miss Wurtz holds all French records from 100 meters to five miles. Furthermore, she has won 18 diving championships and holds the world's record for high diving for women. Last August she created a sensation in the swimming world by doing a "corkscrew" dive from the top of the Laville bridge, a height of about 80 feet.

No other French champion, not even excepting Georges Carpentier, has such a popular following.

State Surgeons to Hold Clinics Here March 3-4

First clinical session of the Nebraska College of American College of surgeons will be held in Omaha, March 3 and 4.

Clinics will be held in various Omaha hospitals during the mornings, while the afternoons will be given over to scientific papers and conferences at the Hotel Fontenelle.

Carpenter and his treatment will be discussed by specialists at a mass meeting open to the public the evening of March 3.

Poloists Want Handicap

London, Eng.—It is said the British poloists will ask a handicap of 36 goals when they meet the American team next June for the championship of the world and the Hurlingham Trophy.

Two Teams Tied in Six-Day Bike Race

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Madden and Hagin went into a tie with Kockler and Osterlitter for points in the six-day bicycle race at the end of the 21st hour. At 11 o'clock each team had 70½. Kockler and Osterlitter had led up to tonight's sprints. The standings of the other teams virtually were unchanged. The leaders had covered 1,915 miles and four laps at the time.

Harvard Nine to Drill At Georgia Tech Field

The Harvard base ball team will begin a short workout on the Georgia Tech diamond at Atlanta April 18, preparatory to opening against Columbia university in New York on April 23.

Connie Mack Favors Ruling Against Clubs Who Tempt Stars of Weaker Teams, So They Are Dissatisfied

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 22.—Connie Mack says the time is now at hand for a rigid ruling to be made to hold in check those clubs who desire to tempt stars of weaker teams so that they may become dissatisfied and have to be sold to maintain peace in the base ball family. Mack said tonight:

"Things have certainly changed in base ball. The time when a ball club will let its best men get away in a trade to some other club is past.

"Some of these first division clubs don't seem to realize it and I think

Yankee Tennis Players Called Greatest Ever

Victory of William Johnston and William Tilden Puts Them in "Unbeatable Class."

New York, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Tennis fans here are still celebrating the success of the American Davis Cup team down in Auckland, New Zealand. Nearly every local follower of the game seems to have "called the turn," and the result of the matches was no great surprise. But the jubilation is none the less hearty on that account. If the American down in general or William T. Tilden II and William M. Johnston in particular, will but say the word on their return from "Down Under," they can obtain immediate possession of the most cherished goods and chattels, as they already have of the affections of all American tennismen.

The opinion in tennis circles is that no pair of tennis experts in the history of the game has ever campaigned more gloriously than Tilden and Johnston, winning their way unaided not only through the challenge round against Australasia, but against France and England, in the preceding rounds, piling up one splendid victory upon another in singles and doubles.

Admiration for Brookes.

In the midst of all the joyous comment over Tilden, Johnston and Washburn, not for a moment forgetting Samuel Hardy, the team's manager and captain, there has also been sounded a note of sympathetic admiration for Norman E. Brookes and Gerald L. Patterson, the defeated Australasians. To Brookes, especially, hero of 15 years of battling in the fastest tennis country in the world, has gone a special tribute of admiration. However, the years may have taken their toll in the matter of physical endurance, Brookes still admits no superior when it comes to tennis brains.

If Australasia sends a team to America next season, it will have no easy time winning its way to the challenge round, for more nations than ever before will engage in the competition, and the standard of play will be higher than ever.

One recent report is that the far east is sure to provide a contender. If Kungsga and Shimidzu represent Japan, they will make all comers step lively, for they can play well together in doubles and they are shining stars in singles.

Results to Date.

The results of Davis cup challenge matches have been as follows:

Year	United States	British Isles	Score
1900	United States	British Isles	3-2
1901	United States	British Isles	3-2
1902	United States	British Isles	3-2
1903	United States	British Isles	3-2
1904	United States	British Isles	3-2
1905	United States	British Isles	3-2
1906	United States	British Isles	3-2
1907	United States	British Isles	3-2
1908	United States	British Isles	3-2
1909	United States	British Isles	3-2
1910	United States	British Isles	3-2
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1912	United States	British Isles	3-2
1913	United States	British Isles	3-2
1914	United States	British Isles	3-2
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