

Shocker Fanned Fifty New York Yanks in 1920

St. Louis Hurler Tops List in American League—Shawkey Furnishes Second With 33 Strike Outs.

Strikeouts, which have probably created more disputes between player and umpire than has ever been caused by close decisions, were dispensed in large quantities by American league pitchers last year. Some twirlers were highly successful whiffing batters when opposed to certain clubs. The most prominent instance of this is that of Shocker, St. Louis, who fanned eleven 50 New York batters during the season. Shawkey, New York, finished second with the most individual strikeouts by fanning 33 Philadelphia players.

The speed and curves of Morton of Cleveland proved to be the greatest puzzle to Boston. Speaker's twirler set up the best record for the season against the Red Sox by striking out 28 men. Shawkey's arm was an obstacle to several clubs. Besides his work against the Athletics, the New York pitcher also aimed additional glory by whiffing the most Chicago athletes, 20, and he tied with Faber, Chicago, in setting down the most Detroit men, 21. Williams of Chicago performed his best work against Cleveland and St. Louis. Against the former he put across 21 strikeouts and he controlled the latter to hit the air on 20 occasions. Sothern, St. Louis, was responsible for sending 31 dejected Washington batters back to the bench. His knockout ability, however, did not feaze the Senators, as they were able to beat the Brown slabanian in all four games he faced them. Excepting Sothern, the pitchers who established the most strikeouts for the year against their respective victims likewise won a majority of games against these opponents.

A striking bit of pitching was performed by Shocker in the St. Louis game against New York, July 27. He fanned 14 of the fans hitting Yankee batters. Harper of Boston ranks second for most strikeouts in a single game, having disposed of 13 Senators. This piece of commendable behavior occurred in a game at Boston, September 27. Walter Johnson, having secured a revival of his old-time fame, when he cut down 10 Red Sox players in a nine-inning tussle at Boston July 17. In this game, the great Washington pitcher acquired his first and only no-run game. He was also the only pitcher to strike out a game with Detroit, resulting in nine fanned attempts by the combine. Shortly after his return to Cleveland to the Red Sox, Davis, St. Louis, struck out seven in a game, and Williams and Cleveland ranked second with seven curves which caused seven St. Louis batters to miss the gate.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the club who had the star slabanian gracing their front did not have the most strikeouts for the season. Heading the list of the largest total of whiffs attained by the combine is the California pitching corps in Detroit with 482. Whiffs in second place with 422, Cleveland ranks third with 420, whereas those whom the fans would expect to head the column, finished fourth, fifth and seventh. This record for New York and Philadelphia, with 416 and 415, respectively, were tied for fourth place, and Washington's artillery was last with 415.

Joe Harris Wants to Return to Cleveland Indians This Season

Cleveland, O., Jan. 29.—Joe Harris, former Cleveland American League hard-hitting first baseman, wants to rejoin the Indians. Harris is writing to Catcher Steve O'Neill, Harris said: "I want to play with the Indians again this year. See what you can do for me."

O'Neill referred the letter to James C. Dunn, president of the Indians club, who said he was powerless to aid Harris in returning to organized base ball and that Joe would have to make his petition to Judge Landis and the new advisory board.

Harris held out for a larger salary a year ago and when Dunn declined to meet his demands he signed up with a Franklin, Pa., independent team, with whom he played last year.

This Looks Like Strong Pin Team

The Smith Arcades bowling team of Milwaukee, made up of the famous Jimmy Smith, John Kuth, Doc Ehlik, George Becker and Fred G. Smith, will compete in various inter-city matches and roll in the International association events at St. Paul, February 10 and in preliminaries to the A. B. C. classic at Buffalo, February 28.

Barney Burch Will Select Winner in Name Contest



Mike Finn, part owner of the Omaha Western league base ball club, has decided to leave his partner, Barney Burch, select the best nickname for the team entered in the Omaha Bee's contest.

Time Cannot Erase This Ring Go From Memory of Fight Fans

When Jimmy Britt, the California lightweight, came east many years ago to engage Terry McGovern in a limited six round bout, he was tipped off that McGovern was as wild as a March hare. The moment that Jimmy landed, one of those lantern jawed come-ons eased himself into James presence in a most creative manner proceeded to wipe up the Californian as to the lowdown on the whole works.

Two States Get Bills to Punish For Fixed Games

Legislatures in two states of the union have recently received measures providing that the "fixing" of base ball games be made a legally defined offense, with a fixed penalty. This action was taken after the decision of the California judge became widely commented on to the effect that the accused Pacific Coast league base ball players could not be held under any particular penal measure because the law failed to govern in the case of "throwing" ball games.

In Massachusetts a bill to make it an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for one year for a base ball player to willfully make an error or do anything to assist the opposing team was filed with the clerk of the house by Representative Hugh J. Lacey of Holyoke.

At Austin, Tex., a bill providing confinement in the penitentiary from two to 10 years for conspiring to "throw" a base ball game or other sports was introduced by Senator Dorrough of Bowie.

Howard Drew Working For Cinder Path Sprits. Drew, the world's record holder for 100 yards, has started training and will be a starter in all of the important sprint races taking place during the balance of the indoor season. He is now a practicing lawyer in this city and has been working out regularly at the Seventy-first Regiment armory.

Boxing Court Closed

Natick, Mass.—The experiment of allowing pupils to settle their disputes with boxing gloves in the school yard has come to an abrupt conclusion following the appearance in school of two combatants decorated with "cauliflower ears." Parents protested mightily, and further combats were forbidden.

Champion Jack Dempsey Jeers Back At Critics of His Fighting; Says Bout With Willard Isn't Worrying Him

New York, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, is all het up about the opinion of experts who claim that he has gone back. They base their claims on the showing Jack made against Bill Brennan in their recent bout in the Garden.

Doesn't Blame Crowd; With Them—Lewis

"Caddock's toe told and scissors Lewis hurt me a great deal," he nearly had me just before I turned the tables on him. I haven't recovered from the pain yet and still feel it in my toes and legs. Caddock is a strong and agile wrestler. He knows all the tricks of the game. I won't say he is the hardest man I have ever met, but he is one of the toughest. I don't blame the crowd for sympathizing with him. He weighs 40 pounds less than I do and looks like a kid in comparison. If I had sat at the ringside as a spectator I would have sympathized with Caddock myself. So you see I don't blame the crowd for being with him and against me. As a matter of fact, the crowd is always against the champion and want to see him beaten."

Peter L Sold to Eastern Trainer

Champion 4-Year-Old Trotting Colt Leaves Stable of Fred Edman.

The champion 4-year-old trotting colt of the 1920 season changed hands a few days ago when the Connecticut trainer, Will Crozier, purchased from Fred Edman of Memphis the bay stallion Peter L., 2:06 1/4, one of the most consistent of the young trotters seen on the major circuit the last season. Crozier paid \$15,000 for the stallion, according to reports, and at prices trotters have been selling for during the last few months it looks that the blonde-haired New Englander has secured one of the bargains of the season.

Edman, who raced Peter L. in the last season, is one of the few trainers of harness horses who believes in going after the money early and late. He started the colt at the Findlay half-mile track meeting in May, while the horse was kept him racing over the half-mile tracks until finishing in one of the heats as to convince such a good judge as Walter Cox that he was a real star. Cox negotiated for the horse and offered a long price without success. The stallion finally offered for sale at the Grand Circuit, but his best race was a losing one. This was in a \$5,000 stake at the second North Randall meeting, where he was up against "Man of War" of the harness turf. Peter Manning, the colt made the gelding from the Murphy stable trot in 2:03 1/4 to win and was only beaten a length.

Leonard to Box Welling In Return Bout at New Orleans Feb. 25

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Jan. 29.—Benny Leonard's next row will be with Welling in a return bout at New Orleans on February 25.

Despite the fact that Benny knocked out the westerner in the last engagement, the Stockyards Kid still entertains the belief that he will do better with Benjamin the next time out. Joseph stayed in for 14 rounds at Madison Square Garden two months ago.

Sports Boom at Girls' School. San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Athletics are on the boom with the girls at Mills college. Hockey and hand ball are the major sports, but basket ball is fast gaining a foothold and candidates for the big five are turning out for practice daily.

How Indicted Sox Are Spending Time. The indicted White Sox players are at the present time engaged in the following occupations: "Buck" Weaver, running a drug store in Chicago. Eddie Cicotte, resting on his farm near Detroit. Claude Williams, living quietly with his family in Chicago. Joe Jackson, representing a whiskey dealer in Savannah, Ga., who, it is said, sells exclusively to the drug store trade. "Happy" Felsch, living the life of a hermit on a houseboat at Fox Lake, Ill. He hasn't been seen in Milwaukee, Wis., his home town, since he was indicted. "Swede" Risberg, resting in San Francisco. Fred McMullin, playing in mob scenes under an assumed name in one of the big film companies in Los Angeles. "Chick" Gandil, also engaged in moving picture work in Los Angeles.

Bee's Sport Album—James Drummond



Success of athletics at Commerce High school during the past four or five years, is largely due to the fact that the man in charge of the training of the athletes, has had years of experience, prior to taking charge as coach of that school.

Coach James Drummond, Jr., who has been connected with Commerce High since the fall of 1915, when he coached the school's first grid eleven, is well-known among athletes and fans in this section of the country.

Limit on Price for Bouts Pleases Fans

Everybody with the interests of boxing at heart heaved a glad sigh when the New York state boxing commission took the stand that no more than \$15 should be charged as the top price to a boxing contest in the Empire state. We have said everybody, but perhaps the promoters of Gotham should be excepted, although the "main stem" of the game there, Tex Rickard, seems to be well satisfied to go along under conditions the commission has seen fit to inaugurate.

Recent Match Between Leonard and Mitchell Set New Record in This Respect.

Benny Leonard knocked down Mitchell in the sensational bout for the lightweight crown in New York last week and his memories and found this was not the only record set by the Leonard-Mitchell fight.

Kansas Aggie Cager Wears Head Harness In Basket Ball Games

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A head harness which is designed to protect his eye glasses while taking part in basket ball games, is being worn by "Bill" Knostman, Kansas Aggie forward.

Ohio (Neb.) Player Signs Giant Contract

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Jan. 29.—The signed contract of Edward W. Brown, an outfielder of Ohio, Neb., was received by the Giants Friday. Brown was bought from the San Antonio team of the Texas league last season.

Kilbane Wants \$50,000

Cleveland, O.—Johnny Kilbane, football champion, is willing to defend his title, but he has a price. Kilbane says he wants \$50,000 and not a cent less. He made this announcement in reply to Tex Rickard, who asked his terms for a bout in New York with either Andy Chaney or Charley Beecher.

To Play for Chess Honors

New York.—A match for the chess championship of the world and a purse of \$20,000 will begin at Havana, March 10, between U. R. Capablanca of Cuba and Dr. Emanuel Lasker of Berlin. The two greatest exponents of the game have agreed to all the arrangements made for the contest, which will consist of 20 games.

Epics of Hornsby, Star St. Louis Slugger

Mr. Breadon and Mr. Rieckey can refuse a million for me, and I'm going out this season to do what I did last year—lead the National League in hitting.

Forward Pass Row Agitates Foot Ball Camp

It Is West Against East in Dispute Now in Full Swing—Coaches Opposed to Changes.

The foot ball row is on. It has developed over the forward pass, and it is a case of east against the west. Percy Haughton, former Harvard coach, wants the rules committee to put a curb on the forward pass. This he desires accomplished through permitting the blocking of a forward pass behind the line of scrimmage just as a punt may be blocked. A pass blocked would create a free ball.

Discussion of this proposition arises wherever foot ball men congregate, and the question no doubt will come before the rules committee in March, but we doubt if the suggestion will be adopted. The forward pass has done a great deal for foot ball, and it is strange that there should be a reaction against it. Quite a number of men well known on the gridiron have supported Haughton, but most of the coaches are opposed to any change as regards the forward pass.

Seven Knockdowns for Count of 59, Yet Neither Boxer Is Told Out

According to the figures announced by Tex Rickard, the gross receipts for the bout were \$133,745.60. Leonard received a \$40,000 guarantee by waiving his money that he would stop Mitchell in less than eight or 10 rounds.

There were seven knockdowns in the six rounds. Leonard scored six and Mitchell one. Though the referee counted 59 he did not count out the loser, having stopped the bout to save Mitchell from probable serious injury.

Johnny Evers Says 'Umps' Are Human

New York, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Johnny Evers, the scrappy base ball manager, has reformed, at least he says he has. Johnny may become a great manager, but whatever greatness he may attain as the pilot of a team, he probably never will be as famous for that as he was as a team's chief kicker. And let it be said right here that in order to be chief kicker of the old Cubs a fellow had to have a kick that was as good as the kick that was to be desired. All umpires with good memories can testify to that.

Organize Athletic Club At Creston; Plan Show

Creston, Ia., Jan. 29.—An Athletic club has been formed in this city with an enrollment of sixty members. A room has been engaged for the club and here the members will be given physical training under the instruction of Chester Gravelle, a local wrestler. It is also the intention to put on some good wrestling and boxing bouts for the members.

South Dakota League May Have to Be Abandoned

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 29.—South Dakota base ball fans are awaiting with interest the action which the legislature may take with regard to the blue laws of the state. A local President "Mike" Cantillon, of South Dakota base ball league, declared unequivocally that if the legislature takes action to stop Sunday base ball, the league would have to be abandoned.

Boxing Is Popular At Kansas School

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Boxing and wrestling have become popular sports at Kansas State Agricultural college since the athletic board has decided to award letters to the amateurs in handicuffs and grappling. Mike Ahearn, athletic director of the Kansas Aggies, has decided to conduct regular boxing and wrestling in two-hour periods, three days a week. W. S. Wiedorn, a graduate of Cornell university, where he held the middleweight championship, has been secured to instruct the potential Stetlers and Lewises among the student body in the science of grappling. The men will be enrolled in the following classifications: 115 pounds, 125 pounds, 145 pounds, 158 pounds, 175 pounds, and over 175 pounds.

Johnnie Wilson Willing To Fight for \$60,000

Middle Weight Champion Johnnie Wilson is willing to fight at Madison Square Garden, provided he receives \$60,000 with an option of taking 60 per cent of the gross receipts. Of this sum he is willing to pay Mike O'Dowd \$3,500 or Jeff Smith \$5,000. Promoter Tex Rickard will not agree to such terms. O'Dowd wants 25 per cent of the receipts.