

Plans for Harness Racing Season to Be Made This Week

Grand Circuit Meeting Dates to Be Assigned

North Randall Track After Opening Date — Kenilworth May Come Into Circuit.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 7.—The harness racing season for 1922 will be laid here next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when stewards and representatives of the Grand and Lake Erie circuits hold their annual meetings and assign dates upon which other harness racing dates throughout the country are based.

The Grand Circuit meeting will open Monday and continue Tuesday. The schedules and rules committee will meet Monday afternoon with the annual dinner to be held in the evening. Tuesday's program, as mapped out by Secretary Win L. Kinnam, calls for an open meeting in the morning, to which all horsemen are invited and an executive meeting of the stewards in the afternoon at which action will be taken on rules and schedules.

The Lake Erie officials, controlling the half-mile tracks, will meet on Wednesday.

Important Questions Up

One of the principal questions facing the Grand Circuit stewards is whether dates will be assigned to the Kenilworth track at Windsor, Ont., across the river from Detroit. President Samuel McBride of that track, has signified his intention of applying for membership with a view to holding a meeting during the two weeks preceding the North Randall meeting.

Under the Canadian law it is possible only to race three days a week, and in order for a six-day meet to be held at the Kenilworth track it is necessary to race in two different weeks.

Want Opening Date.

However, the management of the North Randall track here is reticent about relinquishing the opening of the Grand Circuit. They point to the fact that they took the opening dates several years ago when no other track wanted them and since then has built up its open meeting second to none in the circuit.

If Lexington decides to substitute a six-day meeting for the two weeks gathering it has held for many years, as has been reported, this must also come before the stewards. Such action by Lexington would leave a week open between the Lexington and Atlanta meetings.

Maybe 12 Tracks.

The addition of Kenilworth would give the Grand Circuit 12 tracks. Present members are North Randall, Toledo, Columbus, Kalamazoo, Lexington, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Poughkeepsie, Syracuse, Hartford and Readville.

Kenilworth had been a member until a few years ago. If dates are received, the \$10,000 Merchants and Manufacturers stake, one of the outstanding features of the circuit until racing was abandoned at Kenilworth, will be reviewed, it was announced by President McBride.

Old Indian Game Popular in East

Lacrosse Coming to Front in Leaps and Bounds—Colleges Have Teams.

New York, Jan. 7.—With basketball risen to the height of public favor and soccer coming to the fore in tremendous leaps and bounds, another game—lacrosse—possessing the same principle theory of play, now seeks recognition as one of the leading sports of this country. That the game has progressed extensively in the last two years cannot be denied. It has spread so far and met with such a universal approval here, in fact, as to exceed even the fondest expectations of sponsors of the game.

The game has been popular in Canada since its inception over 50 years ago. Gradually it spread to and over the northern boundary line of the United States, until now every important college in the east and west have strong teams, to say nothing of a large number of smaller institutions of learning. Even the high schools have taken kindly to the ancient Indian game, and great many leagues having sprung up during the past few years.

Officials of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse League see the greatest boom the game has ever had in a letter recently received from the secretary of athletics at Cambridge University, England, in which he states that a mixed team of Cambridge and Oxford college lacrosse stars are desirous of arranging a tour of this country and Canada in 1922.

It is almost a certainty that the American organization will invite the English athletes to this country at least \$20,000.

Sutherland Coached Lafayette's Undeclared Team Without Help

Jack Sutherland did all the coaching of the unbeaten Lafayette college football team at Easton, Pa., except for one assistant, Roscoe Gougler of the 1919 Pittsburgh team, who helps out with the line. "Gougler does the scouting, aided by a couple of professors here," laughed Sutherland. "Some day I hope to build up a veteran scouting staff."

Though he beat Pittsburgh, 6 to 0, Sutherland afterward returned to the Smoky city university to lecture in the dental school after the football season. He is a graduate of Pitt and one of the most famous gridiron players of that school.

The big Scotchman has one of the best eleven in the country, according to unanimous opinion in the east. Two of his greatest stars are Dutch Schwab, guard, and Gazella, back.

Two Nebraska Boys Star in Navy Backfield

Two Nebraska boys—Ben Koehler of Geneva and Edgar "Battler" Cruise of Hebron—were mighty cogs in the Navy backfield during the past season. Both have had three years on the gridiron under Middy colors and have won letters each year.

Koehler, a son of B. Koehler of the B. Koehler Grain company of Geneva, played halfback, and Cruise, who was born and reared at Hebron, performed as fullback.

Both Nebraskans entered the academy in July, 1918, and the following year won berths on the Navy eleven. During the last three years they have performed regularly and won letters each year. Both have participated in the last three annual Army-Navy clashes.

Koehler was born and reared in Geneva, and graduated from the Geneva High school in 1917. He attended Nebraska university in 1917 and 1918 and made the Husker freshman team his first year.



G. B. Koehler

Leonard-Rickard Feud Continues

Champion Says He Will Never Scrap in Tex's Playhouse Again.

By FRANK G. MENKE.
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Everyone around Gotham parts seems all steamed up over the quizzical "What's the real reason for the fight between Tex Rickard and Benny Leonard?"

The lightweight champion has declared that never again will he fight under the promotion of Rickard. He has doled out no full explanation for his attitude. But this is the reason—or, rather, the bulk of reasons—as a breath-forth by a man who is as close to Leonard as one is to his own B. V. D.'s.

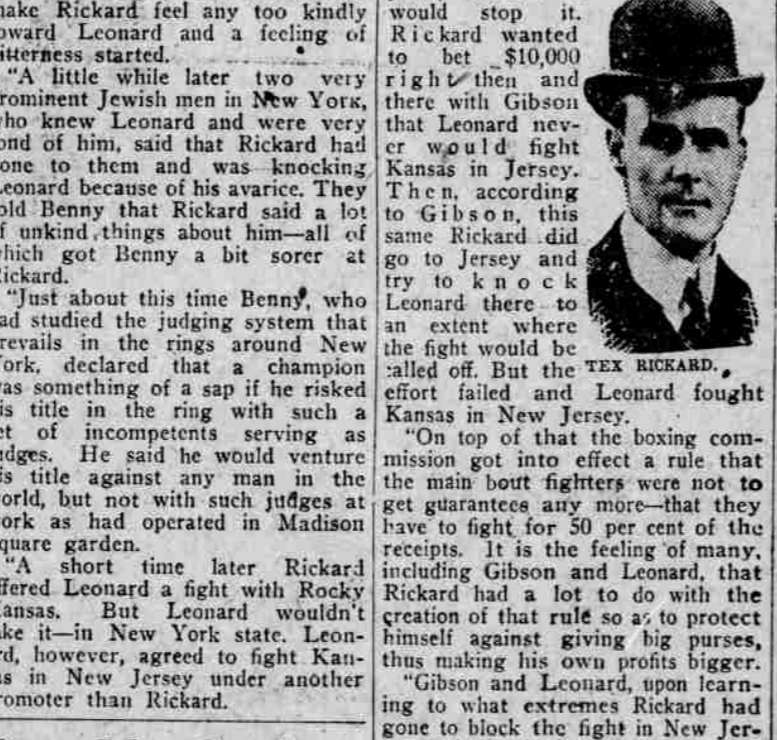
"Rickard gave Leonard \$35,000 for one fight in the Garden last year and \$40,000 for another. Then he began squawking, saying that Leonard was overpaid and that he wouldn't be a sucker to pay Leonard."

any such money again. Leonard's answer was that inasmuch as he had drawn \$134,000 for one of the fights and \$98,000 for another, that he figured he was entitled to the purses he got. That retort didn't make Rickard feel any too kindly toward Leonard and a feeling of bitterness started.

"A little while later two very prominent Jewish men in New York, who knew Leonard and were very fond of him, said that Rickard had gone to them and was knocking Leonard because of his avarice. They told Benny that Rickard said a lot of unkind things about him—all of which got Benny a bit sorer at Rickard."

"Just about this time Benny, who had studied the judging system that prevails in the rings around New York, declared that a champion was something of a sap if he risked his title in the ring with such a set of incompetents serving as judges. He said he would venture his title against any man in the world, but not with such judges at work as had operated in Madison Square garden."

"A short time later Rickard offered Leonard a fight with Rocky Kansas. But Leonard wouldn't take it—in New York state. Leonard, however, agreed to fight Kansas in New Jersey under another promoter than Rickard."



Penn May Send Team to England

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 7.—Everything points to Lawson Robertson's taking a four-mile relay team to England next spring to race Oxford and Cambridge of the first relay carnival ever held in that country. Robertson has not made any definite decision as to the composition of the team, as he is not obliged to do so until just before sailing.

As the result of this, the track men at Penn, who have reason to believe that they can reach out to the mile distance, are planning to try for the team.

Robertson's leaning toward the four-mile is due to the presence of Larry Brown on his team, who will run anchor. While Larry could be used on most any relay, it is felt by his coach that he would be at a better advantage over the longer route. Robertson has several runners whom he hopes to develop into first-class milers before sailing.

Lawson has handled many fine distance men during his career as a coach and though he has not stated, it is believed he regards Brown as the best miler he has ever had under his tutelage.

Coach Anxious to Pit His Track Men Against Oxford and Cambridge.

Insurance of Every Ticket

For 50 cents extra insurance against rain was available to be sold on all tickets purchased for the "big game" between Stanford university and the University of California at Palo Alto. This is the first time, it is thought, that spectators were enabled to buy insurance against the weather.

New York Pro Gives Secret for Making Hole in One Stroke

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Golfers who have been favored in the matter of making holes in one shot have often been asked by their fortunate ones, "How do you do it?" In most cases the player gives credit to the goddess of chance. But Tony Natta, professional at the Lansdowne Country club claims he has the recipe for making a hole in one stroke. He was playing in a foursome recently at Philmont, and they came to the fourth hole, something like 190 yards.

"I've got just the right club for a hole in one, Tony," said one of the players, laughing. "Make your shot with my club."

"Sure I will," said Tony, hitting the ball, which rolled right into the cup.

"That's nothing at all, nothing, I assure you," said Tony. "Whenever anybody offers to lend you a strange club with which to play a short hole take him up. The last time somebody did that to me I made a one at the ninth hole at Marion."

No Ball Season Too Dull for Baker Trade

Report Says J. Franklin Will Go to Senators in Exchange for Stanley Harris.

By SID MERCER.
(Writes for the International News Service.)

New York, Jan. 7.—The sluggishness of the baseball rumor exchange is reflected in the fact that it now becomes necessary to trade Frank Baker again to provide material for headlines. It may have started on Broadway or in Washington, but anyhow a story came drifting to trade Baker and Mike McNally to the Washington club for Stanley Harris, place that young man at second base and move Aaron Ward back to third.

All that remains for the deal to become official is for Miller Huggins to propose it, Clark Griffith to second it and Baker to consent to it. J. Franklin only last spring declared himself in no unmistakable terms against stepping out of a championship entourage to become one of the sights of the national capital.

It would seem that the Yankees, with their formidable array of pitchers and sluggers, need no further strengthening, yet Huggins is not ready to stand pat on his infield. Scott and Ward are fixtures, but the latter's position is uncertain. Baker is always an uncertain prospect, although he has not yet announced his annual retirement. Pipp is not any too secure in his position, but it is not likely that Huggins would dispose of him without procuring a first-class man in his place.

Ruth to Play With Yanks in Exhibition Games

New York, Jan. 7.—Judge Landis has tempered justice with mercy in ruling that Babe Ruth can play with the Yankees during their spring training. Babe will be a bigger drawing card in the smaller cities when surrounded by a competent supporting cast than he was during his barnstorming tour. His presence will add greatly to the amounts filtering into the Yankee coffers through southern ticket windows.

College Student May Be Eastern League Umpire

Charles (Pep) Fasse of Pittsfield, Mass., a student at Syracuse university, will apply for a position as umpire in the Eastern league. Fasse is a former professional ball player of sport at Pittsfield High, has umpired various school and independent ball games and his work always has been satisfactory. He has been recommended to the league.

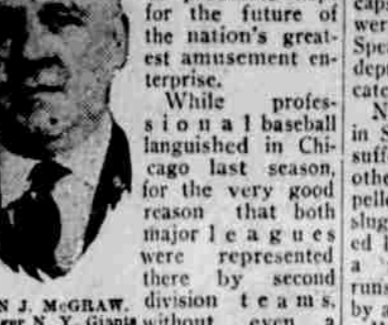
Record Year for Baseball; Circuits, Big and Small; Landis Irons Out Kinks in Sports

This is the day for every good baseball magnate to do a little re-trospic and turn over a new leaf. And there is much in the records of the last 12 months to predicate hope for the future of the nation's greatest amusement enterprise.

While a professional baseball languished in Chicago last season, for the very good reason that both major leagues were re-organized by a second division team.

The first year of the reign of Kenesaw Mountain Landis as supreme commissioner of baseball proved the wisdom of the men who selected him to preside over the destiny of the game and to iron out its wrinkles. Comparatively few disputes have come to the attention of the commissioner, for the good reason that no club owner in any league cared to carry a case into the "court" unless he had clean hands.

The comparatively few decisions of the high commissioner were obliged to make, were accepted without any of the former vociferous protestations by the losers under previous government of the business of the game.



JOHN J. MCGRAW, Manager N. Y. Giants without even a flutter of pennant hopes, the sport prospered in other cities, financially, artificially, not only in the big circuits but also in the larger minor leagues, and even in the smaller circuits which were conducted on a sane basis.

Landis Reign Efficient.

The pennant races in the two major leagues were exciting to the inhabitants of three cities, New York, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, but comparatively tame in the other eight ballparks included in the big circuits, although the two St. Louis teams gave the Mound City fans the greatest year they have enjoyed since the establishment of the present dual league organization.

Pittsburgh and New York hogged all the glory in the National League after the contestants got straightened away in the early weeks of the race. The Pirates set the pace for more than two-thirds of the way, and looked to be sure winners until the bank roll behind the Giants obtained new strength from the Phillies just before the home stretch was reached, and with that assistance enabled McGraw's team to climb into the front seat on September 11 and stay there to the wire.

Bad Breaks Hamper Indians, Cleveland and New York had a

Nebraska Mat Team May Have Tough Schedule

Dr. Clapp Angling for Wrestling Matches With Chicago, Minnesota and West Virginia Teams.

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Wrestling at Nebraska will begin to grow into some shape and form within a week, according to Dr. R. G. Clapp, instructor in the mat sport at the university. The tryouts for the team will be held this week and, possibly a week later, a trial match will be held with some nearby club.

The university has already clinched three meets for the season. These are with Iowa, Ames and Northwestern. An attempt has been made to get meets with both Chicago and Minnesota. The Chicago team, it is feared, will not be out for meets with teams from a distance. However, Dr. Clapp holds high hopes of tangling with the Minnesota team.

Two other teams have been asked to meet with the university grapplers. The University of West Virginia country during the first half of the university. The athletic director is wired asking Dr. Clapp if the West Virginians could extend their trip to Ames in February, so as to include Nebraska in the trip. This would necessitate that Nebraska meet the West Virginians on either February 8 or 14. Oklahoma has asked for a meet also.

Dr. Clapp has not decided what steps he will take, but is waiting for a reply from Minnesota before going ahead and scheduling meets with teams outside of the Western Intercollegiate Wrestling and Fencing association. It is necessary in this association, that any team claiming the championship of the Western Intercollegiate, participate in at least four meets with members of the association. With but three Western Intercollegiate teams scheduled, Dr. Clapp is very anxious to get either Minnesota or some other team in this association.

Boot Ball Speediest Game, Says Stagg

Football is speedier than any other sport, says Alton Stagg, coach of the University of Chicago football team and director of athletics at that institution. He declares that under the right kind of coaching a man can be made speedier in football than he can in any other branch of team athletics.

Stagg says: "Football is a glorious game. It calls for the highest in courage and sacrifice, for the good of the school and to win. It is a vigorous game and in a certain sense it is the glory of football that men will play the game in spite of injuries that quite often do come."

Hard Rowing Schedule Arranged for Cornell Crew

New York, Jan. 7.—Cornell will take on this year a rather difficult rowing schedule, one that calls for the most exacting type of dual races before the eight is tuned up for Foughkeepsie, or whatever course will be chosen for the intercollegiate regatta. This will be the second year of the John Hoyle regime, a system that brought home two winners and a very game varsity third last season.

Stanger Duffy of the Red Sox declares that his team during the coming season will be stronger than last year, but most of the Boston fans note the season which it comes to the increased strength of the Sox.

Billiard Game Changes Little in Last Century

During the last hundred years, ever since the substitution of the cue for the mace, the game of billiards has been played much in the same way as it is today, the chief alterations being made in respect to the size of the balls and table.

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