Tommy Gibbons 7 to 5 Favorite in Coming Bout With Harry Greb

Winner Will Be Contender for Jack's Crown

Pittsburgh and St. Paul Scrappers Meet in 15-Round Bout in Madison Square Garden Tomorrow.

By RAY PEARSON.

There are three classy light heavyweight scrappers in this world of ours, and one of the trio is going to be eliminated from the slim but selected field tomorrow night when Tom Gibbons of St. Paul and Harry Greb play to the mob in Madison Square Garden, New York. The other member of the present select trio is Georges Carpentier, but it begins to look as if Georges has no intention of ever returning to this country to put up his dukes in battle, so we can forget about him when thinking of pugilistic activity in the old U. S.

Harry Greb.

Those who claim to be boxing wise will slip a thumb through the buttonhole and hold a fan tight to hammer in the argument that this fellow Gibbons is the real class of this engagement tomorrow night. They'll point the figures of 7 to 5, with Tom the favorite over Greb, which figures have been quoted for several days by the equally wise birds who do the doping in Gotham.

Gibbons Favorite.

There isn't any disputing the fact that the odds favoring Gibbons are about right. Even those who "like" Greb agree the dope isn't out of line and that they should get the edge if they throw the swag into the betting pool.

But these Greb admirers, and there will be a lot of them at the Garden ringside pulling for Harry to put it over Tom, won't be betting their jack simply because the odds are in their favor. Greb has a mighty big following and these fellows who string their money on the Pittsburgh "rubber ball" will do so because they believe he has the class and the flashy boxing skill to travel the limit of 15 rounds and catch the eyes of the judges and the referee.

Tommy Gibbons.

It looks almost as certain as that we'll have to cough up the old income tax that the one way for the Pittsburgher to win is to travel at heart-breaking bounds for the full route and even at that get no better than an even break to be awarded the decision.

There is more than one reason why Gibbons should be returned the winner, but perhaps as important as any is the fact that Tom will outweigh Harry by something like 10 pounds, even a couple more. In light heavyweights that difference in poundage, especially when both boys have a lot of speed, is sure to count heavily against the lighter of the pair. Therefore one needs to consider little more than this to arrive at the conclusion that the 7 to 5 odds pretty closely fit the case.

Even Up on Cleverness.

Gibbons and Greb have met before in these no-decision combats and the results have been rather unsatisfactory. Tom has been credited with having outpointed Harry and Harry has been handed the popular decision over Tom, so past performances may just as well be thrown out. They won't do a bit of good for the dopester who has been burning the midnight oil for the last week trying to figure out what is going to happen tomorrow night.

Those who have seen both in action will say that both are clever and that there isn't anything to choose between them on this score. That may be so and perhaps Greb should be given a bit the best of it on speed. But one can't get away from the margin in weight favoring Gibbons and of far greater importance the fact that Tom is the boy who carries the "poison" in his fists.

St. Paul Boy Has Clout.

If Tom can get a clean shot at Harry's jaw, the show will be over, for the St. Paul boy has the clout in his right hand to score a knockout. On the other hand, Greb never has given evidence of knockout ability. He usually travels the route and pulls out with the verdict by clever milling. He's always moving too fast to get set for a solid smack.

Undoubtedly this scrap will be one of the greatest ever held in the garden, chiefly because Gibbons will play for a knockout. If he can put over the sleep producer it will be a killer for Greb's chance of winning the decision. Then, too, Tom's ability to punch might serve to slow up Harry, in which case it would be up to Greb to do his prettiest to stick around until the final gong sounds.

Must Win to Be Title Contender.

Another thing that is certain is that Gibbons must win and win decisively either by a knockout or on a decision to justify claims of his friends that he deserves to be classed as a contender for Jack Dempsey's crown. He should knock out Harry or beat him to the decision if Greb manages to stick around for 15 rounds, regardless of the argument set forth by Greb's adherents.

Yes, sir, 7 to 5 is about right for this battle.

Win State Conference Title

Peru, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—Coach W. G. Speer's Peru Teachers' college basket ball team won the championship of the Nebraska intercollegiate conference when it finished the season by winning the last game of the season's schedule on the Peru floor Friday, March 3.

In the Pedagogue list of victories is included two wins from the Kearney Teachers, two from the Doane Tigers, two from the Midland Warriors, two from the Cotner Bulldogs, two games forfeited by the Wayne Teachers, one from the York Panthers, two from the Tabor college (Ia.) quintet and one from the Syracuse Athletic association.

It has been a number of years since any college in the circuit has taken the title with a clear record, and the Bobcat list of 11 conference victories and three out-of-conference wins is quite an enviable accomplishment.

The Peru quintet is a team of fast, aggressive players who have responded in fine shape to the strenuous season of training and instruction that Coach Speer put them through. An almost impregnable defense was worked out with Captain Toft and Bitzenbaugh holding down the guard positions, while Rothert, Rosenquist and Frary have been the main cogs in a fast, accurate passing offense.

Captain Toft is a two-year man on the Peru squad and has done some excellent work in his position at stationary guard. Toft hails from Superior, where he was largely responsible for his team taking the Class B high school championship. He has directed the playing of the championship five during the games in a very capable manner and has performed his work at guard so effectively that no team has been able to run up a high score on the Bobcat quintet.

Rosenquist is a three-year man on the Peru team and is one of the main cogs in Coach Speer's smooth working offensive machine. He has a valuable habit of tossing the inflated leather through the ring whenever the Peruvian quintet needs scores.

Bitzenbaugh has played two years on the Bobcat team. He plays a running guard and is a valuable man both on the defense and the attack. While in the United States navy in 1920 Bitzenbaugh captained a team which took the Pacific fleet title honors.

Rothert is a one-year man who has worked into the victorious combination in fine shape. His excellent floor work has been recognized in conference circles as an important factor to Peruvian success.

Frary is a one-year man on the squad and hails from Auburn, where he played on the Class A high school team last year. He has remarkable ability at caging the leather from the floor and combines speed with headwork in his playing. He is a hard man to guard and is a dangerous shot when he is in range of the basket.

Wilcox is a two-year man on the squad. He starred for Peru last year and received all-state honorable mention, but has been out of most of the games this year on account of injuries received in the early part of the season.

Somon is a one-year man who has proven that he can go into a game when called upon and not weaken the machine one particle. He is speedy and aggressive and handles either a forward or guard position in a capable manner.

The schedule and scores follow:

At Peru—Tabor, 9; Peru, 26.
At Kearney—Kearney, 15; Peru, 18.
At Crete—Doane, 12; Peru, 23.
At Peru—Midland, 13; Peru, 19.
At Tabor, Ia.—Tabor, 22; Peru, 32.
At Fremont—Midland, 17; Peru, 18.
At Peru—Kearney, 17; Peru, 21.
At Bethany—Cotner, 11; Peru, 27.
At Peru—York, 13; Peru, 39.
At Peru—Cotner, 18; Peru, 38.
(Wayne forfeited two games to Peru.)
At Peru—Syracuse, 13; Peru, 34.

At a meeting of the letter men Fred Rothert, Harvard, Neb., was elected captain of the next year's team. All the letter men but one signified their intentions of returning to school next year, and Coach Speer is planning on another championship year.

TEE, FAIRWAY AND GREEN By "CHICK" EVANS

Golf's Hall of Fame—Vardon

IN every field of human effort some individual climbs to the pinnacle. In the field of golf, the world's greatest sport, this pinnacle is occupied in solitary grandeur by Harry Vardon, the great British stylist, champion and star! I would yield to but one other man a place in golf's hall of fame more secure than Vardon's. This single figure who might be greater than Vardon if he could be identified would be the man who originated the game.

Vardon, born in 1870 in Grouville, Jersey, one of the Channel islands of England, has so many outstanding distinctions in golf that it is difficult to name them all. Here are a few:

He marked out in the sands of the island the first course he ever played on, it being of four holes of about 50 yards each.

He fashioned his first clubs from branches cut from the trees of the island.

Won Championship.

He won the British open championship six times and is the only player who ever captured that honor six times. He was American open champion in 1900.

He originated the best golfing style the game has ever known and tens of thousands of golfers, perhaps without knowing it, have been taught methods of play created by Vardon. His stances and his swings are the game's standards for balance and grace.

His book on the methods of golf play is the most exhaustive and the most authoritative treatment of the subject ever contributed to the sport world.

Vardon's last appearance in America was in 1920 when he participated in the American National Open tournament at the Inverness club, Cleveland, O. The great master, then in his 50th year, should have won the United States championship that year and only one of the freaks of golf tournaments denied him the honor for a second time. He was ahead by a comfortable margin and had but six more holes between him and a victory that would have thrilled the whole golfing world, when a young hurricane burst. This threw Vardon off his game and he went down to defeat before his great teammate, Ted Ray.

I played Vardon for the first time at the Ravisloe club, Chicago, in 1913, and beat him. I was 23 at the time. Gladin and I played Vardon and Ray at the Skokie club in 1919 and again I was successful in the match. It was at this time that Vardon so greatly complimented me by making public his opinion that I was the greatest amateur golfer in the world. I have always deemed this compliment from Vardon to be one of the greatest honors I ever won from the game. I say this because the championships I won, afterward, were largely the result of Vardon's having changed my grips. Without the very sound and important instruction he gave me regarding grips I should never have won a championship in American tournaments.

Proper Way to Hold Club.

Vardon discovered that the proper way to hold a golf club is with the fingers. He discovered that the game is one of feel and delicate touch. I had always held my clubs in my palms—like baseball bats—and it is obvious to me that a finished game could never be played with such grips.

"I still feel as if I can play as well as I ever did," Vardon wrote me some time ago, "but I cannot endure the hardships of tournament play as I used to. I might add something that you perhaps already know, which is that I still require my usual three putts on every third or fourth hole."

Vardon holds that golf's finest shot is the intentional pull or the intentional slice when either of these takes the player out of a difficulty from which he could extricate himself in no other way without the loss of a stroke. It is needless to say, of course, that he was a master of the intentionally curved ball, being able to make the ball break quickly or break later, when it was well on its way.

In his visit to America in 1913, when he competed for the National Open championship, Vardon took part in what perhaps was the most thrilling and exciting day of tournament championship play the game has ever known in this country. That was when he was nosed out of the American championship by Francis Ouimet, after Ouimet, finishing one of the most sensational tournament games ever played, tied with Vardon and Ray by playing the last four holes of the Brookline Country club in one stroke under par, then beating the two British stars in the play-off.

Vardon is the king of golf's hall of fame—long may his drives be far and straight and his putts not more than two to the green!

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Six-Day Bike Racers Eat Many Times a Day to Have "Steam" for Grind---Snatch Sleep in Winks

Chicago, March 11.—Men who eat as often as ten times daily and snatch their sleep in minutes rather than hourly doses, make up the coterie of athletes who ride in the six-day bicycle races in America.

Aside from the riding itself, eating is one of the best things the athletes do. Nor is their appetite during the six-day grind of the "pork-and-beans" variety. It is nothing if not epicurean, the riders displaying in some cases marked flashes of temperament in selecting articles of food.

Food for Fuel.

Some riders are satisfied with four or five meals daily, while others eat double that number. Trainers explain these lusty appetites are due to the constant tearing down of tissues of the riders' bodies, owing to the continued pedalling about the track. The body requires plenty of "ammunition" to enable the rider to drive his wheel along the wooden track for the 146 hours of the race.

As far as sleep is concerned, there are no Rip Van Winkles' riding in the six-day races. The riders' sleep comes in periods that average three to four hours, are more often less than an hour and very rarely are stretched out to eight hours.

Highest Type of Athletes.

There is no certainty about the length of the sleeping period. A rider may doze off when a "jam" is started on the track and he is aroused by his trainer and obliged to mount his wheel and resume pedalling to relieve his partner, who, by reason of the "jam," which is nothing more than a sudden sprint, cannot continue the fast pace.

Men who have followed the six-day bike racing sport closely declare that the highest type of athlete is required for the event. For a rider in perfect physical trim, they declare, the long grind has no deterrent effect, and he finishes in as fresh condition as when he started, although naturally with many hours of sleep to make up. Strangely, the rider upon the completion of a six-day race, does not feel sleepy and it generally is several hours later before sleep comes. Drowsiness is noticeable, riders declare, for several days after a race.

Piker Coach Selects All-Star Valley Teams

Kansas, Drake, Oklahoma, Missouri and Washington Represented on Applegram's First Team.

St. Louis, Mo., March 11.—Kansas, Drake, Oklahoma, Missouri and Washington universities are represented on an all-Missouri Valley conference basket ball team selected by Clarence Applegram, coach of the Washington university five. A second all-star aggregation gives Missouri three places and Nebraska and Kansas each one.

The lineup of the first and second teams, as chosen by Coach Applegram, follow:

Position.	First Team.	Second Team.
Roday, Kansas	f.	Knight, Missouri
Payseur, Drake	f.	Browning, Missouri
Waite, Oklahoma	c.	Smith, Nebraska
Bond, Missouri	r. g.	Endicott, Kansas
Thumser, Wash'n	l. g.	Bunker, Missouri

Applegram believes that Rody and Payseur are the best players in the conference on offense. Both are leading in scoring, but Rody probably is the most accurate thrower. Payseur was named captain of the first team because of his ability to encourage his teammates to win, according to Applegram. On the second team Knight and Browning of Missouri are inferior to Rody and Payseur only slightly, the coach said, they being consistent scorers and excellent defensive players.

The position of center went to Waite on the first team. Applegram asserted Waite is one of the most polished players, is the punch of the Oklahoma team, has perfect control of the ball, is an excellent jumper and a consistent scorer. On the second team Smith of Nebraska is named captain. Smith's regular position is forward or guard, but Applegram declared he was too good a player to be left off the second team and that Bunker, Missouri, guard on the second team, could do the jumping in his place.

Smith is a good shot from the floor and would handle the tossing of free throws.

Bond of Missouri is given first choice at right guard, with Endicott of Kansas close second. Both are first-class players, but Bond is a much more accurate shot from the floor.

Applegram thinks Thumser of Washington is the best man for left guard. He is a fine runner, excellent defensive player, and shows splendid form on the floor. Bunker of Missouri is named left guard on the second team because of his general utility.

Two Million Pay Roll for Majors

Ruth to Receive $375,000 for Five Years—Big Salaries Menace Game?

New York, March 11.—George Wright, star shortstop of the Cincinnati Reds, played throughout the entire season of 1869 for a salry of $1,200. The Reds played 57 games that year, of which they won 56 and tied one, a record which has never been duplicated. Wright was the highest paid member of the team.

Babe Ruth, homerun hitter extraordinary, signed a contract with the New York American league club which will net him approximately $75,000 during the coming season. The contract is for three years with a renewal option for two seasons additional. If continued for the full five years, George Herman Ruth will receive a total of not less than $375,000.

These figures give an idea of the development of professional baseball in this country during the past 50 years. They also are the cause of frequent conferences behind closed doors in which baseball magnates argue the question as to whether they are building a salary frankincense which will in the end turn and destroy what has been in the past a reasonably profitable business. Big league baseball club owners will not discuss publicly this subject except in the most abstract way. It is the consensus of opinion, as expressed by the magnates, however, that the situation is serious.

It is estimated that the salary lists of the 16 clubs of the two major leagues will aggregate more than $2,000,000 this season. The maximum figures for any one club are placed at about $125,000 and the minimum at a trifle over $100,000.

"Davis Cup" Play for Women Is Urged

Another attempt is under consideration by the United States Lawn Tennis association to start international lawn tennis competition among women. The original attempt was made two years ago, when Mrs. Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman of Boston, former women's national champion, offered the Wightman cup as a trophy to be contested for by players of her sex, the intent being similar to the Davis cup competition for men.

When the suggestion was first made the nations approached approved the idea, but encountered various difficulties which prevented the starting of the matches. The association believes that present conditions are more favorable.

Homerun Record of 1906 Doesn't Compare With 1921

In 1906 only 123 home runs were made in the American league. The Athletics with 31 were the leaders and the White Sox with seven were the low boys in this respect. Last season Messrs. Ruth, Williams, Meusel and Walker of Ban Johnson's circuit knocked 130 homers, which was better than the entire circuit of American swatsmen did in 1906.

Champ Britton Says Ted Lewis Likely to Beat Carpentier

Cleveland, O., March 11.—Ted Lewis has a chance to beat Georges Carpentier if they meet this spring, Jack Britton, welterweight champion of the world, declared on a visit here recently.

Jack Britton.

"I beat Lewis by pounding his body," Britton said, "but Carpentier seldom devotes any attention to his opponent's stomach or ribs. He prefers to slam his men with straight rights and lefts to the head. You can't beat Ted that way, I ought to know, for I fought him 21 times and knocked him out but once."

Added Money With Toledo Race Stakes

Toledo, O., March 11.—An innovation in Grand Circuit racing will be introduced at the opening meeting of the Grand Circuit at the Fort Miami track here July 10 to 15, when the eight stakes to be raced at the meet will carry $10,500 added money. While the stakes will be for the same classes as were raced here last year at the opening meeting, all of the events, except one, will carry added money instead of purses.

Derill Pratt Will Join Red Sox at Hot Springs

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 11.—Derill Pratt, second baseman for the Boston Americans, will leave Ann Arbor about March 10 for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will join his team for spring training. Special permission was granted Pratt to return several days late, as he has been working out each day with the Michigan baseball nine in Waterman gymnasium. Pratt, who was coach part of the last season, has been helping Ray Fisher with his 1922 nine.

Cleveland Nine Celebrates.

June 9, 1908, the Cleveland team celebrated in a wonderful manner. In the fifth inning of that game every player on the lineup made a hit and a run off the Boston hurlers, a circumstance unheard of in baseball.

"TWO AND THREE"

"PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER" WITH "BUGS" BAER

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 11.—Everything is sweeter than sugar in the bowl. Taking complete control of the perfect weather today, McGraw sent his entire circus over the route.

There were boys on the flying trapeze, players leaping over elephants and clowns jumping through paper hoops. About 50 amalgamated old-timers and new timers are in the bunch who are trying to get important enough to gain that pinnacle of baseball fame which includes a reprimand from Judge Landis.

McGraw dragged himself away from 35 grand in cash and players for Shinners, of Indianapolis, and it begins to look as if it weren't enough. John is tickled pretty over Shinners's showing in two short days of practice. Ralph steps into the ball at the plate like a walrus into a school of sardines. In the field he spears flies with either his fork or knife.

Boone of New Orleans also has all the earmarks of a ball player, if ears make a ball player. He is built like a ferry boat. Wide on both ends and thick in the middle. When he pops that ball of wool, it goes away from there like one of Geronimo's flaming arrows.

A mob of new players is something like voices in a choir. They all may be good, but there are one or two who stick out like flagpoles on a steeple. It might not be doing justice to the other boy scouts to single out Boone and Shinners. McGraw has plenty of other boys recommended by his scouts. But most of them are handcuffed by nervousness. Soon as that wears off you will be able to tell the sheep from the goats.

The Giant training trips have long been a school for big league players. Even if McGraw can't use a youngster, he generally places him in a spot where he can eventually branch out as a league in two or three years. As he says, it is impossible to tell whether a rook is only three years away from the league or whether he is fifty.

When a manager lets a youngster go and the kid bobs up a couple of years later as a star, the home town fans seem hurt personally. But remember, Galli Curci came to New York once and couldn't even start as a singer in the moving picture theaters.

There are many reasons why a good young player must be let go. Sometimes he breaks training rules. Often he is too nervous to show anything. But generally it's the player limit that holds a manager down to 25 players during the league season.

London Startled by Electric Signboards

London, March 11.—A new marvel has been added to London life. It is by far the biggest improvement that has struck the town in many years. Londoners stand for hours admiring it and write letters to their country friends about its strange and startling ways.

The marvel is a collection of electric display advertising that has been erecting on buildings fronting Picadilly Circus, the heart of the theater district.

Perhaps a dozen huge electric signs, brilliant with flashing colored lights, tell of the merits of British pills, automobile tires and theaters.

The New Yorker sees nothing extraordinary in this. The display makes him think of Times square 20 years ago. But to the Englishman it is the greatest thing in the world. The signs have all appeared in the last few months.

Russian Planting Halted; All Farm Animals Eaten

Riga, March 11.—Prospects that the peasants will be unable to plant the seed grain received from America due to the fact that all farm animals have been killed and eaten is stirring the soviet national commissariat of agriculture to activity, according to the Rosta.

Preparations are now being made to repair hundreds of American tractors which are now lying broken and disabled in the Volga district, as well as other farming machinery.

The Moscow machinists' union is now equipping a frieight car which will be a small machine shop on wheels.

Machinists working in this shop will be allotted several wagonloads of clothes, which it is hoped to exchange for food, concludes the Rosta.

Cleveland Business Men Play Indoor Polo on Kiddie Kars

Cleveland, O., March 11.—Staid Cleveland business and professional men, members of the Exchange club and Electrical league, are playing a new indoor game at their headquarters on the top floor of a downtown hotel—indoor polo, not on ponies but on small kiddie kars, the same as used by the youngsters. This latest addition to the list of local indoor sports is proving highly exciting and interesting, the game furnishing plenty of thrills and spills.

The match is played with four men on each team, a goal tender, two defensive men and one forward. The ball is about the size of an indoor baseball and the mallets are the same as used in parlor croquet.

Each goal counts five points and a foul counts one. A foul is called when a player strikes at or hits the ball while not on his "pony" or when he touches the ball with his foot or hands in an endeavor to retard it. Four 10 minute-periods of actual play constitute a game, but time is taken out when a "pony" is damaged by breaking a wheel, or when the ball is out of bounds.

Tenth Public Course Planned at Chicago

Chicago, March 11.—Plans have been drawn for the 10th public golf links in Chicago, giving the city the largest number of public courses of any place in the world, although some Sotch towns have more links in proportion to population. In addition to the 10 links, four of which are 18 holes, the outer park commissioners are planning another full course and the extension of some of the nine-hole links.

Besides the public links, conducted by the park boards, and the forest preserve, there are four pro rata, or semi-public links, either in operation or under construction, while the plans of the forest preserve commissioners call for the gradual building of several more courses.

All these courses are over-crowded, players waiting in line for hours to get a chance to play.

Soccer Fan Falls Off Stand and Breaks Leg

During the La Sultana cup game at St. Agatha oval in Brooklyn between the Norwegian Turnverein and the Red Stars one of the excited Norwegian rooters fell off the grand stand and was taken to the Norwegian hospital with a broken leg.

Mexicans Need No Introduction to American Baseball

Teams of baseball players which recently invaded Mexico City from Texas for a series of exhibition games in connection with the Mexican centennial celebration found the American national pastime well played there, even though with a Mexican accent. Some of the players expected to find a city unaccustomed to baseball and a public attending the games merely out of curiosity to see the sport that sets all the United States on its ears for so many months each year.

Instead they found a city with at least ten first class diamonds, two full fledged leagues, and a number of independent clubs—all of them Mexican or Spanish. They met critical rooters who were not loath to tell the umpire that his eyesight was lost or to "pan" a runner for making a por slide to third.

Baseball is a popular sport in Mexico and has been for many years. Introduced by Americans, it was readily taken up by the Mexicans, and for some time a city league has been maintained there which each year meets the champion of a league comprised of outlaying cities such as Vera Cruz, Puebla and Montgomery.

Newspaper sport pages each Monday give the standing of the various clubs.

Fifty Men Report for Oklahoma Nine

Norman, Okl., March 11.—More than 50 men reported for the first official workout of the University of Oklahoma's baseball squad, and the practice period evidenced a wealth of material.

The baseball squad will be under the supervision of Elmer Ponder, a former O. U. pitcher, who plans on building a strong battery as the nucleus of the varsity team. Only one member of last year's pitching staff will be on the squad this year, but a number of promising men have reported for trial.

Expect Large Entry List in Iowa Cage Tourney

Iowa City, Ia., March 11.—Athletic Director Howard Jones of the Iowa State university expects between 75 and 80 high school teams to clash in the high school basket ball tournament to be held here March 16, 17 and 18. There will be two divisions of play, A and B, and in both there will be lively contests, for all of the better "prep" schools of the state are entered.

Hoppe to Train Ten Days Prior to Title Match With Schaefer

St. Louis, Mo., March 11.—Willie Hoppe, who will attempt to regain the world's 18.2 balkline championship from Jake Schaefer, jr., of Chicago in a 1,500-point match at Chicago, March 27, 28 and 29, plans to train in St. Louis for at least 10 days prior to the contest. This announcement was made by Charles C. Peterson, local billiardist, who accompanies Hoppe on exhibition tours.

WILLIE HOPPE.
[World balkline champion.]

Peterson said he would aid in conditioning Hoppe for the championship match and that a physical trainer also would be employed in putting the former champion into shape. Hoppe held the title for 16 years.

McGraw Is Highest Salaried Manager

A sportive world is a bit aghast over the fact that the Giants have concluded a new contract with John McGraw which will net the peppery Irishman $65,000 in annual wages.

It's a figure without parallel in baseball history, a sum of money twice or three times greater than ever was paid to any manager, it is within a few thousands of dollars of being equal to the entire payroll of a whole major league ball club a few years ago.

Signing Up Players for Mississippi League

Dubuque, Ia., March 11.—Reports received here from the majority of the teams represented in the new Mississippi Valley association baseball league show that the signing up of players for the individual clubs is going forward in good shape and that the beginning of the baseball season is expected to show a final selection equal in playing ability to any other league of its class in the country.

To Lead Missouri Nine

St. Louis, Mo., March 11.—Dick O'Reilly of St. Louis has been elected captain of the University of Missouri baseball team. He played left field on the team last year and was a heavy hitter.