Boxing Tourney for "Old Boys" to Decide Bantamweight Title Proposed

Frankie Mason, Seeking Crown, Springs Scheme

Former Flyweight Suggests That Earl Puryear, Buff and Himself Fight It Out for Title.

Some wise fistic promoter might pick up a little loose change by accepting a suggestion which comes in a letter from Frankie Mason, the Fort Wayne (Ind.) scrapper. Mason is one of those glove pushers who find it possible to mingle not alone in bantamweight 'society' but among the flyweights as well, for he can weigh in most any old time at 110 to 112 pounds and every time he scraps a banty he gives away a few pounds. This concession, however, doesn't make a great deal of difference, for Frankie has shown that he is well able to take care of himself.

FRANKIE MASON.

This however, has nothing to do with the above mentioned suggestion, which is in effect that some promoters stage a triangular tourney with only the old boys of the bantamweight ranks permitted to contest. That would limit the field to World's Champion Johnny Buff, Earl Puryear and Mason himself. Incidentally Frankie mentions in his letter that he has no mercenary methods, for he is well heeled with the bank account, but he admits that he is simply brimming over with confidence that the conclusion of such series of bouts would find the world's bantamweight crown securely resting on his dome.

Plan Interesting.

As Mason's little plan appeared interesting, the writer got busy with the dope book in an effort to see if one or two other veteran ring banties couldn't be discovered to enlarge the field. But the effort resulted in failure, for Buff, Puryear and Mason stand out as the real old boys. Buff is 33 years old and admits it. He has every reason to be proud because a scrapper who achieves the success he has gained after he has reached 33 certainly has accomplished something out of the ordinary.

Then take Earl Puryear. The little Denver scrapper doesn't admit it, but he is also 33 years old. Earl, however, always dodges conversation when a party of gloves wielders discus ages. Earl is a good scrapper today. He goes along picking up nice money and seldom does one hear of him finishing on the losing end of an encounter. Earl has fought Champion Buff and doesn't fear Johnny even a little bit. His bouts with Buff took place before the Jersey City scrapper defeated Pete Herman for the title. But Puryear is sure that if he got a chance at Buff for the title he would put up a battle that would end in the appearance of another old boy champion.

Has Creditable Record.

Now let's take a peek at the Mason corner of the triangle. Frankie, who has fought all the good ones and acquitted himself creditably, has managed to get an edge on the other two in the matter of age. The dope book informs us that Frankie was born in 1896. That would make Frankie only 26 years old, and he would have been fighting when only 14 years old, but if you ask him how old he really is he points to the dope and refuses to be interviewed. But the wise birds who buzz around in this fistic game only smile at the 26 stuff, for they say Frankie has that shaded aplenty. No one believes that Mason hasn't passed the 30 mark, but even if he has it hasn't affected his fighting ability, for he is a great little fighter right now.

Mason, like Puryear, has swung the padded mitts at Bluff's anatomy and says that the champion isn't "so many." They clashed in New Orleans a year ago in a contest billed for the flyweight championship. The result of the combat was a victory for Buff on a decision, but Mason claims that he was handed the hot end of things, because the Jersey fighter didn't make the required weight.

Mason Claims Title.

Mason was the flyweight champion before that bout, but the fact that the weight was raised to 116 certainly should have thrown the bout out as a championship affair. However, Frankie has this to say about that encounter:

"I am still American flyweight champion. The articles for my bout at New Orleans with Buff called for 116 pounds ringside and I have the articles still in my possession to prove this is correct. I think I was jobbed out of the decision, but whether or not I won I could not lose the title under the weight conditions."

Mason writes that he is in fine shape and "rarin' to go" with any of the banties. Frankie recently ended a long layoff which was caused by rheumatism. He slipped the gloves on the other night at Detroit and defeated Jimmy Katz, a rather classy performer, showing that he is to be reckoned with in the race for the crown worn by Champion Buff.

All-State High School Basket Ball Selections

Left to right: Brown (Lincoln), forward; Warren (University Place), forward; Kinney (Crete), guard; G. Wieland (Sutton), guard; Black (Grand Island), center.

A SPLENDID opportunity for anyone who cares to choose a phantom all-state high school basket ball team presents itself each year when the high school basketeers flock to the capital city for their annual tournament. The teams are classified according to their records and these records show them in the string of teams that play a certain kind of basket ball. The class "A" teams are usually made up of fast aggregations from towns and cities of such size as to insure that the team has plenty of material to draw from. There is a vast difference between the class A and class B teams, as anyone will admit who sees the games. Class A takes in the best teams and all of the best teams.

Because the best teams are always placed in class A and the others graded into other classes below this, the teams selected for the phantom all-state this year will be composed almost exclusively of players taken from the top circuit. There are a few cases in which it is necessary to pick a man from the second class, B, and give him a position on one of the teams or at least honorable mention, for, although the best teams are in class A, there are a few players in class B who are able to give as good a game individually as the average class A player, or a better one.

Pos.	First Team.	Second Team.	Third Team.
R. F.	Brown, Lincoln	Vermillion, Hastings	Shively, Hastings
L. F.	Warren, Uni. Place	Beerkle, Omaha Central	Buehrer, Geneva
C.	Black, Grand Island	Schwarz, Sutton	Dailey, Alliance
L. G.	Kinney, Crete	Haylett, Clay Center	C. Carskadon, Gothenburg
R. G.	G. Wieland, Sutton	Mandeville, Grand Island	McIntyre, Lincoln

HONORABLE MENTION.

Forwards—Crow, Grand Island; Krebs, Omaha Commerce; M. Wieland, Sutton; Steinhauer, Sutton; Ackerman, South Omaha; Frundell, Crete; Jones, Clay Center; W. Ramsey, Seward; Clarke, Columbus; Smaha, Ravenna; Cottrell, Fremont.

Centers—Page, Crete; Percival, Omaha Central; Manning, Geneva; Bean, Hastings; Rector, North Platte; Oehlrich, Columbus; Goehring, Ravenna.

Guards—Weisenburg, Omaha Commerce; Spielman, Sutton; Gregg, University Place; Olds, Lincoln; Emigh, South Omaha.

First String Selection.

Brown of Lincoln, forward, has been selected to flip baskets on the mythical quintet for several reasons. "Jug" was the main tally getter on the Red and Black five the past season. The Lincoln high school team was defeated but twice before the tourney and these defeats were administered by Omaha Central and Sutton. Brown was the backbone of the score which Lincoln piled up in every game during the season. He is fast, certain, careful, accurate and plays the game clean. Brown is excellent on passing, can dribble through any defense and is dead sure when under or near the basket.

Warren, of University Place, will hold the other forward position on the phantom all-state. Warren is fast and is an excellent goal tosser. His work with the young Methodists has been of an excellent character the past season. Warren's accuracy in the Wahoo game coined many points for the suburban quintet and had he not been under the supervision of at least two Grand Islanders in the next round it is doubtful that the suburban quintet would have been eliminated by the westerners. Warren did splendid work for his team throughout the season as well as during the tournament.

Black, of Grand Island, is universally chosen for the center position. Black is tall and rangy with enough heft to keep him on his feet when the stampede starts and can drive his way through any defense that Class A could exhibit at the tourney. The former captain of the Grand Island football team has carried his renown from the gridiron to the cage and his ability in the latter is at least as good as on the former. He is fast, accurate from field or foul and plays an all-round game that is hardly to be equalled in the high school circuits.

Kinney on First Team.

Kinney of Crete takes a place on the first string as a guard. The work of the fast "Miller" during the tournament was practically all of a defensive nature. He rarely passed the center of the floor, but in his position as standing guard the speedy Cretian broke up play after play, handling all of his points like a veteran and smashing a double attack as nimbly as he did a single. The work of the Crete guard had as much to do with the landing of the team in the finals as did any other combination of players on the Crete team.

G. Wieland, Sutton guard, holds the other guard position on the mythical five. Wieland has an ability to cover more hard flooring than any player in the guard positions of class A teams. He is also an excellent goal shot, and after taking his crack at the loop is back on the job like a flash. Wieland was a great help to the Sutton champion team in the final game of the tourney when he broke up numerous shots and smashed Crete plays, returning the ball to his own attacking force.

Three "Pro" Cue Matches Assured

Jake Schaefer Will Defend Title Against Hoppe in One of Important Plays.

New York, March 18.—(Special.)—Three more professional championship billiard matches are assured before the close of the present season, and it is possible that a fourth may be played. The three matches that are definitely scheduled are at different styles of play—balkline, three-cushion and pocket billiards.

The latter part of this month in Chicago Jake Schaefer will attempt to defend his world's title at 18.2 balkline against Willie Hoppe in what will be one of the most interesting contests that have ever been held at this style of play. If Hoppe should be successful in regaining the crown which he wore for 16 seasons he has intimated that he will play Welker Cochran, the next challenger in line, some time in April. This is the fourth match that is in prospect.

Charles McCourt has already challenged John Layton for a three-cushion championship match. Layton successfully defended the title against Alfredo de Oro in a match at Milwaukee 10 days ago and McCourt immediately challenged him.

Walter Franklin of Kansas City has challenged Ralph Greenleaf for the pocket billiard championship, the title which Greenleaf so impressively defended against Tom Huestons. Dates have not been set for either of these events, but they will be held within a month.

Greatest Reformer a Sunday Golfer

John Knox, Strictest of Teachers, Couldn't See Harm in Game on Sabbath.

Chicago, March 18.—That Sunday golf has been a mooted question since the game was youthful, is shown by the researches of a student of the game's history.

Many scoldings by preachers, public condemnations by magistrates, and even fines by judges have been uncovered from the lore of Scotland, but also an antique writer of the native heath of golf has recorded that no less strict a teacher than John Knox was not opposed to golf during the afternoon of the Sabbath. The Golf Book of East Lothian contains the following about Sunday golf in a country where golf is not now played on the Lord's day:

"Our greatest reformer, John Knox, who was an East Lothian man and a golfer, did not believe in a Sunday observance that was wholly made up of religious exercises. Tradition has it that he was seen more than once golfing on Leith Links on Sunday afternoon.

One Change in Pilots of Majors From Last Year

Clyde Milan Only New Face on Big Circuit Managerial Roster—Is a Heady Pilot.

By I. E. SANBORN.

If for no other reason, the major league base ball season of 1922 will be notable for the fact that only one change of management was made between campaigns and that change was compulsory. Fifteen of the sixteen pilots who handled the wheel at the end of the last pennant race started in on the same job this spring.

CLYDE MILAN

The single exception was in Washington, where George McBride was replaced by Clyde Milan, because of the physical inability of the former to continue in the game. Promoted from the ranks last year by Boss Griffith, McBride made good as a manager, but late in the season he was injured during practice by a batted ball so seriously that he informed the club in mid-winter he would have to retire from baseball.

Regrets Losing McBride.

Clark Griffith expressed much regret at losing the services of McBride, but more regret at the ill luck of his protege who was robbed by an accident of the fruits of many years of faithful service and valuable experience on the diamond. McBride's worth to the Washington club as a player never was fully appreciated by the fans of that city during all the seasons he made the position of shortstop almost impervious to batsmen. He never was a brilliant performer nor a great batsman.

Always on Job.

McBride was another Monte Cross in that respect. Like the former Athletic shortstop, McBride always was on the job, seldom injured and never laying off on account of bad health. At bat both Cross and McBride were men whom the opposing pitchers hated to see come to the plate in a pinch almost as badly as they fear Babe Ruth. Although never reaching the .300 class in stick work, both Cross and McBride were dangerous when runs were within scoring distance, for both had the brains and the courage to make the pitchers pitch them where they could hit them instead of being overanxious in the tight places.

Milan Popular Choice.

Reports first had it that Griffith had obtained Roger Peckinpaugh in trade to make him manager of the Senators, and there is no doubt that Peck would have made a good manager, judging by his work in all the years he has played shortstop, for he is the same sort as McBride—never looking for the limelight, but doing his work in a reliable and brilliant way, with brains behind every play. But in selecting Clyde Milan to succeed McBride the chief of the Washington club has made a diplomatic choice, because there is nothing that counts more for the morale of a team than to have one of its veterans promoted to the managerial berth in preference to an outsider. It gives the other players an incentive to work for the same promotion.

Peoria Gets Regatta July 7-8

St. Louis, March 18.—The Central States Rowing association announced today that the regetta of the association which has been awarded to Peoria, will be held July 7 and 8.

If you could gather into one group the first 10 amateur golfers of America and Canada you would perhaps note, after you looked them over, that for some reason your eye and your interest rested on one youngster in the group.

Rudolph (Rudy) Knepper of Sioux City, Ia., the welterweight Iowa state champion and one of the most promising amateur golfers in America, is the youngster I have in mind.

Several things about Knepper make him an outstanding figure among golfers, aside from the superb game he unwinds when he tees off. One of these is his modesty, which is a little too great when he is on the playing field. Another is his tremendous hands. Still another is his very pronounced personal magnetism. He comes into your presence with something of the electric effect that Fred Stone sends across the footlights.

I place Knepper in eighth position in my list of the first 10 amateur golfers in America. You will grasp from this how finely the lines have to be drawn in placing these players one against the others. I find myself thinking that Knepper is our best amateur, then I review the work of the players and observe that for some small reason Jones, Guilford, Ouimet, Bob Gardner and the others must come ahead of him—yet. How long this may be so is more or less problematical. Knepper may shoot all the stars we have clear out of the golfing constellation before the approaching season goes into history.

Has Shown Up Well.

Knepper is so good that George Duncan, the great British professional, got interested in him last summer. Duncan pronounced Knepper a wonder and said his style, his finished work on the links, were certain to make him a champion.

Knepper is a shot-maker supreme. For this reason he has always shown up well in our national open tournaments, and undoubtedly he will come on stronger than ever before in this year's open in Chicago. As things stand right now, Knepper is a better medal than match player, and this one factor alone, I think, is all that enabled anybody to nose him out of the last National Amateur Championship. He seems to have the utmost confidence in his ability to make shots, but to lack the full measure of confidence that he can beat a match opponent.

Knepper's great hands and steel wrists compensate for his rather slight build otherwise. These hands portend great things from him, as a golfer. Big, strong hands in the possession of a golfer of championship caliber are enough for the slight advantage necessary to send him under the wire. Knepper has great strength in his hands, he one place where super strength is desirable. He plays with perfect rythm and grace, which indicates a true foundation for a championship. He lifts his clubs slowly and accurately, applies the power stream perfectly on the down stroke, and then gets in the wrist snap with his strong hands just where it can do the greatest good. Spectators at Chicago and St. Louis last summer, during the championships, marveled that a player of Knepper's stature could slap a ball so hard, the impact of his wood clubs against the ball often sounding like the crack of a rifle.

Knepper played off the Western Amateur championship with me in Chicago last summer and I had a fine opportunity to see his game. I was glad to see him as the finalist because, to tell the truth, I thought the title was to go to Iowa with him. His work during the week and his presence about the course had caught and held my interest, the same as it would catch yours in similar circumstances.

Knepper Medalist.

Knepper was the medalist in the Western Amateur, while at St. Louis a couple months later, he romped in with a round that was surprising—a 68, I think it was. That was a qualifying round, however. As soon as Knepper had to face matched opponents he had to fight all the way. I know he could make any course in four or five less strokes, playing for a score, than he could do it in with a matched opponent. He seems to fear the opponent, whereas he has everything to make the opponent fear him. It must not be inferred from this, however, that anything even remotely resembling the factor of "quitting" enters into Knepper's play. His record in the Western and the National Amateur and in the recent National Open tournaments is sufficient on that score.

Knepped is a finished performer with all his clubs. I can suggest but one thing to him: Observe the brass of the brassie; learn of the ways of brass.

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Coach Bachman to Remain at Kansas Aggies

Manhattan, Kan., March 18.—(Special.)—Head Coach Charles Bachman has given a definite negative reply to the athletic authorities of Purdue university who recently tendered the Kansas Aggie mentor a job as football coach at the big Indiana State college.

The Purdue feeler was the second which has come to Bachman from a "Big Ten" school since last football season. During the Christmas holidays Bachman was approached unofficially by alumni of Northwestern university regarding his return to the Evanston school as head coach of Northwestern before he came to the Kansas Aggies.

Last season he coached the most succesful football team in the history of the Kansas college.

Puts Away His Pick to Pitch for Boston Braves

Baseball is more profitable than coal mining and so Charley Paul of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, has put away his pick and is now hustling at St. Petersburg, Fla., with the Boston Nationals in the hope that he may pitch for Fred Mitchell's Braves during the coming season.

Paul is 23 years old. Stowed away in his suitcase is a record of 16 games won and four lost as a twirler for the Waterford, N. S., team in a three-cornered professional baseball league last season.

Legion Posts to Stage Basket Ball Tourney

North Platte, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—A basket ball tournament under the auspices of the American Legion posts of the Sixth congressional district will be held in this city March 23-24. Just the number of teams that will enter the tournament will not be definitely announced until next Monday, but so far a dozen or more have stated their intention of taking part, among which are several of the fastest teams in the state.

Will Allow Sunday Ball

Geneva, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—The board of county commissioners in regular session here voted to allow Sunday baseball games in the county. The vote stood five to two. A number of baseball supporters from various parts of Fillmore county were present. At the February meeting representatives from Geneva, Exeter, Ohiowa, Shickley and Fairmont addressed the board with arguments against the sport being allowed on Sunday.

U. S. Soccer Title at Stake in Game at St. Louis Today

St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—Teams of the Todd football club of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Scullin football club of St. Louis meet here Sunday in a game for the soccer championship of the United States Football association. The teams engage in the title contest by virtue of being the respective winners of the elimination series in the eastern and western divisions of the association.

The local eleven is considered to be 50 per cent stronger than last year, when the Scullins were beaten in the east by the Robins, the present Todd team, 4 to 2, for the soccer championship. Improvement also has been made in the Todd lineup, according to word received here. Most of the changes are in the backfield.

Manager Tate Brady of the Scullins said his forward line is the best that has been seen in action in St. Louis for many years, and that the halfbacks are stronger than last year and the fullbacks as strong. Smith and Whitehead at fullback, and Fryer and Campbell, halfbacks, are the only new men on the Todd team, while Oellerman, goal; Bentley, right back; Mulvey, outside left and Cliff Brady, inside right, all of whom did not play in the finals last year, will be in action against the Todds.

Baseball Practice Starts at Washington

St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—Outdoor baseball practice has been started by the Washington university team, which is optimistic over its chances for the Missouri Valley conference championship this year.

Coach Davis, who is directing the activities of the candidates declared that the Pikers have been conceded to be among the leaders in the race.

The schedule follows:

April 14-15—Ames at St. Louis.
April 21-22—Oklahoma at St. Louis.
April 28-29—Missouri university at St. Louis.
May 5-6—Washington at Ames.
May 10-11—Nebraska at St. Louis.
May 18-19—Washington against Missouri at Columbia.

Champ Leonard Refuses to Meet Lew Tendler Because Latter Took His $5,000 Forfeit Money

New York, March 18.—(Special.)—Lightweight Champion Benny Leonard insists that he will not meet Lew Tendler, the strongest contender for the title, because the Philadelphian took his $5,000 forfeit last summer. This probably means that the match already has been agreed upon. Leonard's stand is the best kind of publicity stunt that could be devised.

Benny Leonard.

There is no doubt that the champion and his manager were greatly peeved last summer when Tendler took Leonard's forfeit following the champion's refusal to go through with their match at the Philadelphia ball park.

Leonard declared he had injured a thumb and he wore a plaster cast for many days. Tendler said that was merely camouflage and that if Leonard were not afraid to fight, the champion could have his $5,000 back whenever he entered the ring with him. Leonard came back with the retort that Tendler never would get a match for the championship as long as he held the crown and he probably meant it at the time.

Since then the match has become the most desirable that is possible to make outside the heavyweight division. If held in the open air next summer the receipts probably will double the present record for lightweight bouts. With so much money at stake it is unreasonable to think that Leonard would allow his ruffled feelings to prevent him from collecting his share.

LEW TENDLER (Lightweight challenger.

If Leonard were foolish enough to bar Tendler, the champion would run the risk of losing prestige. Boxing followers want this match. They have decided that Tendler is the one man who can give the champion a real fight. They are not greatly interested in Leonard's likes and dislikes, but they do want to see the best man on top. Leonard has not the right to vent his personal spite at the expense of ring followers in general, they say.

That Leonard will pass up his share of the big purse that will be offered for this match, if he thinks he can win, is altogether unreasonable. If he does sidetrack Tendler this summer there is only one reason that would cause him to do it and that has nothing to do with the enmity that he feels toward the Quakertown entry.

Bloomfield to Stage Track and Field Meets

Bloomfield, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—Coach Feelhaver of the Bloomfield High school reports that arrangements have been made to stage two field meets here during April. The first will be a dual meet with Creighton on Friday April 14, and the other will be a triple affair with the Wausa, Crofton and Bloomfield High schools participating. A baseball game and a girls' basket ball game will be the feature of each day. The Bloomfield Dramatic club will stage the "Daughter of the Desert" each evening, proceeds to go to the local high school.

Pawnee City Names New Golf Course

Pawnee City, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—The new golf club recently organized in Pawnee City was officially christened the "Fairview Golf Club" at the first regular meeting of the members. Officers were elected as follows: President, O. H. Schenck; vice president, Ed Henry; secretary and treasurer, M. L. Van Horne; directors, George Sawyer and A. M. Huston. The new links on the county fair grounds will be ready for use in about a month, and many fans are now supplied with their necessary equipment.

North Platte to Have Team

North Platte, Neb., March 18.—(Special.)—Baseball enthusiasts of this city are raising a fund of $2,500 with which to finance a team this season. With the exception of a player-manager and possibly an addition to the pitching staff, the team will be composed exclusively of local players. Each player will receive a salary.

Shooting Team Hard to Beat

TO SETTLE all gossip regarding an All-American five-man trapshooting team, which could be selected from the amateurs who shot enough of all kinds of targets to show their true wares, it would be necessary to consider only trapshooters who shot at least 1,000 singles, 16 yards rise; 200 targets in doubles and 500 targets in distance handicaps. This, it is true, would show the all-round ability of a shooter. The five high men, considering their performances on singles, doubles and handicap taregts would be:

	Singles Ave.	Doubles Ave.	Handicap Ave.	General Ave.
Frank M. Troeh, Vancouver, Wash	.9740	.8977	.9423	.9538
Dave Fauskee, Worthington, Minn	.9645	.9130	.9280	.9561
James S. Day, San Antonio, Tex	.9587	.8800	.9237	.9536
Charles A. Gunning, Longmont, Cal	.9623	.9000	.9200	.9611
R. A. King, Delta, Col	.9626	.9000	.9200	.9498

Team record: Shot at 25,540 targets; broke, 24,442; average, .9561. That's what we would call a real good shooting team.

Boxing Increases in Popularity in New York Under New Law

New York, March 18.—Boxing has increased in popularity throughout the state under the new state athletic laws, said a joint report of the state athletic and the license committee, made public this week.

Excess receipts over expenses, derived from taxes and license fees amounted to $200,087.62.

The commission declared that sham or collusive contests were no longer perpetrated on the public and that since the enactment of the law "there has not been a single serious accident in the state." The safety feature was attributed to the commission's rigorous physical examination of contestants.

"The contests have been entirely free from brutality," the report continued.

Football Practice Starts at Iowa Uni.

Iowa City, Ia., March 18.—Spring football practice has been under way in the state university gymnasium for a number of days, according to Coach Howard H. Jones. Nearly all of the past season's men are in the lineup. The practice consists chiefly of light work and plays.

Several of the freshman squad are reporting with the regulars. As soon as the weather permits the squad will be given outdoor practice.

Captain Locke is assisting Coach Jones. Hancock, Handy, Otte and Scantlebury are among last year's freshman squad who were out for practice.

Eddie Collins Will Celebrate Thirty-fifth Birthday on Diamond

FEW YORK, March 18.—"Eddie" Collins, known as the king of second basemen, will celebrate his 35th birthday on May 2. This will be his 16th consecutive season as a professional baseball player, and he still is in a class by himself.

As captain and second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, Collins expects to remain in major league company at least two more years, but when he retires from the game, who will succeed him as the most brilliant player at the middle bag? Will the new king of keystone sackers be Frank Frisch of the Giants, Rogers Hornsby of the Cardinals, Horace Ford of the Braves, Bill Wambsganss of the Indians or Jimmy Dykes of the Athletics?

At the present time Hornsby ranks next to Collins, but Frisch, who will cover second base regularly for the world's champions this year, seems destined to surpass Hornsby in fielding skill, and unless accidents happen, he may develop sufficient ability to be rated in the same class with Collins before the latter leaves the national game.

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