

Wills to Challenge Winner of Lewis-Carpentier Fight From Ringside

Negro Also Will Hurl Defi at Other Topnotchers

Dempsey to Be Hounded Into Match With Black Contender If Possible.

New York, May 6.—(Special).—When Georges Carpentier and Ted Kid Lewis crawl through the ropes in London this month there will be a big black American boxer rising from a ringside seat and not only challenge Carpentier and Lewis to meet him in the same ring on the one night, but will ask that Joe Beckett be tossed in for good measure, with the stipulation that unless he stops each one of the European fighters within four rounds he will not demand a single penny.

The American boxer also will publicly challenge Dempsey. The American fighter is Harry Wills, who says that he will leave for London shortly. A friend of Wills says that Harry will meet Dempsey anywhere, any place, any time the champion wants, and before Harry returns from Europe he hopes to have an iron-clad contract, which will not leave Dempsey a loophole to crawl out of. Harry is going to hound Dempsey until he does get such a contract.

Alexa Stirling Still a Contender

Former Champion to Compete in Many Golf Tourneys This Season.

New York, May 6.—(Special).—Miss Alexa Stirling will occupy a conspicuous niche in the metropolitan and national hall of fame this summer. Hereafter she will play with the North Hempstead Golf club of Long Island.

Miss Stirling, who last year lost both the Canadian and United States titles as a result of overgolfing, is affiliated with a New York brokerage house now, and as a result will appear in all of the metropolitan fixtures.

Firpo to Box

New York, May 6.—Luis Firpo, the South American boxer, will meet Jim Tracey, the Australian heavyweight, at Ebbets field, Brooklyn, on the afternoon of May 13. This will be the first big outdoor boxing show of the season.

Ruth's Value to Yankees Is Questioned as Team Continues to Win With Star in Grandstand

The suspension of Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel is costing the Yankees a lot of money at the gate, but in many respects these suspensions are proving a mighty good thing for the club.

Track and Field

By Frank Loomis, Jr.
World's Champion Hurdler

THE HALF MILE.

The half mile requires lots of stamina, but speed is again a big factor in this race. The quarter mile is run at a steady pace, but the half mile is a shade slower than a sprint. The half mile is a shade faster than distance runs. Although I have said that speed is a big factor, stamina is the most important for the half mile.

A good half-mile runner should have a long, easy stride. It is true that many wonderful half-mile runners are of a stocky build, but their success has been because they possess an enormous amount of stamina. The champion half-mile runner, Ted Meredith did 0:52-2-5 for his quarter and came through the half mile in 1:52-2-5. It is evident from this performance that the speed obtained at the start of the race is very important. The last quarter is the "telling one." It is then when the strength and stamina plays its part.

"Tip" Long Tackles Ivories in "Jiggers"

"Tip" Clifford Long, who made football history for Creighton university in the last three years, has turned musical comedy star.

Kilbane Receives Cool Reception

Europe Loses Interest in Champs After Refusal to Fight Crique.

New York, May 6.—Johnny Kilbane received a rather cool reception in Europe and the featherweight champion has cut short his visit. Unlike Dempsey, who wants to fight without an opponent, Kilbane found a first class opponent awaiting him, but he would not accept the match. When the Cleveland turned down the offer of a match with Eugene Crique, boxing followers in England and France lost all interest in him.

Belgian Billiardist Makes High Run

By running 221 points before he missed on an easy one cushion shot, Edouard Horemans, the Belgian cue star, shattered his own previous high run mark with a total of 818 points. Horemans' achievement was registered in the course of a special 18.2 ball game exhibition match with Edward W. Gardner, a class A amateur player.

U. S. Golfers in Tourney

American amateur golfers who are to compete in the British championship at Prestwick May 22 to 27 are Edward Van Vleck of Garden City, John D. Chapman and Reggie Lewis of Greenwich, George Dixon of the National Links and Donaldson Parson of Youngstown, O.

New Additions to Ak-Sar-Ben Stables



Golden Lass and Lady Letty, three-gaited saddle mares, were purchased last week by T. C. Byrne and George Brandeis, respectively. Both saddle mares were purchased from the Parview Riding academy, Kansas City.

Ban Clamped on Net Exhibitions

"Boosting Competitions" to Be Investigated by National Association.

New York, May 6.—(Special).—All exhibition tennis matches are to be carefully scrutinized during the coming season by the national association. Stars who persist in appearances characterized as "boosting competitions" will be checked up. Likewise, they are likely to be requested to explain the reason for favoring such contests.

Fielding Yost Plans to Give Up Coaching

Fielding H. Yost, for years leader of the University of Michigan football squad and athletic director of the university, is considering retiring from active management of the eleven, possibly at the close of the next season.

Ten Teams Estimated to Be Out of Major Race

New York, May 6.—(Special).—Baseball shays now figure that 10 of the major league baseball teams are out of the running and must encounter lack of interest on their own grounds. The expensive struggle of the rival New York clubs for patronage and supremacy has caused intense ill feeling among the other magnates, who fear disastrous financial results. There is such a thing as too many victories on the diamond.

Co-Ed Makes Rifle Score

Consistent high scores on the rifle range have been made by Miss West Anderson of Sand Point, Idaho, a freshman in the University of Oregon. Miss Anderson made a high score of 99 out of a possible 100.

Daughter of Veteran Omaha Turfman Only Successful Girl Jockey in World--In 37 Starts Miss Braden Has Won 28 Firsts--Total Winnings Are Greatly in Excess of \$20,000

Started Racing When Eleven Years Old--In More Than 500 Races Throughout West.

OMAHA boasts the only successful girl jockey in the world. She is Doris Braden, 18-year-old daughter of D. Braden, a veteran Omaha turfman.

Pennant Raising on Opening Day a Jinx to Clubs

White Sox Hoisted Flag on First Day of Season in 1907 and Had a Long Run of Hard Luck.

By I. E. SANBORN.

Dame Fortune apparently has queer notions, one of them being that a major league pennant should not be hoisted on the opening day of the season, although that occasion appeals to nearly everyone else as eminently fitting and proper for reminding the rooters of the joyful days of the previous year.

Once upon a time, when the nation's pastime was less than 15 of 1 per cent commercial, it was the variable custom to hoist a championship flag on the opening day of the next campaign. That was before somebody realized that opening days meant a big crowd anyway, and it would mean a few more dollars to withhold the pennant until midseason or later so as to whet the appetites of the fans after interest had commenced to flag.

Inbued with the desire to infuse more of the old-time sportsmanship into baseball, the two colonels, Rupert and Huston, who own the New York Yankees, revived the custom of christening the emblem of victory on opening day at the Polo grounds. But Dame Fortune clamped a clammy jinx on the joyous occasion by sending a gale which blew the pennant off the pole and out of the lot almost before the rooters had ceased yelling about it.

Italian Wrestling Fans Have New Heavyweight Champion in George Calza, Who Beat Gardini

New York, May 6.—(Special).—Italians of Newark and those of New York interested in wrestling have a new heavyweight champion of Italy to honor, in George Calza. Calza, a magnificently conditioned athlete weighing 208 pounds, kept pounding at Renato Gardini, who claimed the Italian championship for two hours and 48 minutes at the Newark armory some nights since. He won a fall by disqualification when Gardini fouled by punching the referee.

Suspension of Gotham Ring Officials May Help Game

New York, May 6.—(Special).—The action of the New York state boxing commission in revoking the licenses of a judge and a referee has aroused hope in the hearts of the boxing public that there will be a continued investigation of the activities of ring officials. It is felt that the commission will clear up one of the most unsatisfactory features of the game if it can eliminate the constant rumors of a too strong alliance between the officials and the betting element at the ringside.

Select Philippine Net Team

Francisco Aragon, tennis champion of the Philippines, and Gil Fargas were selected to represent the Philippines in the Davis cup matches this summer.

Western Association Racing Rules Bar Women From Riding at Ak-Sar-Ben Meeting.

Provided a jockey can be hired who is willing to risk his neck on Old Coin, the animal will be run in several Ak-Sar-Ben races, however.

Gamblers Are Reported Active in Grandstands at Polo Grounds

New York, May 6.—(Special).—Several complaints have been received from baseball fans who charge that gamblers have been plying their trade in the grand stand at the Polo grounds despite the vigilance of private detectives employed by the Giants and Yankees to carry out the orders of Commissioner Landis to suppress this evil.

U. S. Must Find New Talent for Olympic Games

United States' Track and Field Supremacy Threatened Unless New Stars Are Produced.

By WALTER ECKERSALL.

With the outdoor track and field season officially opened by the staging of the Drake and Penn relay games yesterday, athletes will now be pointed to the many intercollegiate and dual meets on the spring schedule.

The eastern intercollegiate will be held on the last Saturday in May, while the western conference will be decided on the first Saturday in June. During next month nearly every university and college of athletic importance will conduct an intercollegiate for the benefit of the prep school athletes in the different sections.

Athletes Must Be Developed

Athletes must be developed to take the places of the prep schools are the places to find them. Each year is productive of its quota of promising material and upon the development of these boys will greatly determine America's chances in the next Olympiad at Paris in 1924.

Encourage Prep Stars

If reliable point winners are to be developed for the American Olympic team of 1924, something should be done with the prep stars who show promise in next month's meets. Such athletes should be made to specialize in whichever events they show most promise. A sprinter should be kept out of field events and a distance runner permitted to run only one race in one day.

Team Must Have Balance

Those who have been behind movements which resulted in former American teams are well aware of the death of promising material. There are, of course, some men who will be available, but to win honors in an Olympic meet a team must have balance and be composed of enough men so that at least three can enter each contest.

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University and college athletes who win their specialties in the various intercollegiate will undoubtedly join athletic clubs following graduation in order to get more competition for the final tryouts for the American Olympic team. It is a trip worth while, and the average college athlete who is good enough to win his event in the intercollegiate will not overlook an opportunity to try for the Olympic team.

Joie Leonard a Fighter

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Purdue Beats Ohio State

La Fayette, Ind., May 5.—Purdue won its fifth straight victory today, defeating Ohio State in a Western conference baseball game, 7 to 3.

K. O. of Leonard May Be Avenged by Brother Joie

Champ's Younger Brother to Fight Brother of Boxer Who Stopped Benny in 1912.

Take a slant at the fistic news as it develops from day to day, then open up the old record book and one may concoct some mighty interesting dope. Perhaps it might appear a doubtful conception, but just the same the near future may prove it fact.

Leonard Knocked Out

Back in the Year 1912, which was Leonard's first year as a fighting man, he stepped into a match with a young man by the name of Joe Shugrue, who hails from Jersey. Shugrue at that time was a mighty nifty glove wielder, and besides being a clever chap knew how to sock a merry wallop. He socked our present lightweight champion one of this type of punches in the fourth round, and Benny dropped to the canvas, completely knocked out. He remained there for several seconds, too, after the 10 seconds spelling defeat had been tolling off.

That was the first time Leonard ever had tasted the knockout drops that are carried in a glove fist, but another young man later on also fought Benny's jaw with a knockout force, this being Frankie Fleming, a Canadian. When Leonard was knocked through being knocked out by Fleming he severed fistic relations with that young Canuck and finished the business of being handed the fistic anesthetic.

First K. O. of Benny

We have heard from many scrappers that the first "first" knockout, and it is true of Leonard as well as of others. Naturally Benny hasn't forgotten what Mr. Shugrue slipped him, and he probably never will permit it to fade from his memory, no matter how painful the recollection.

This is information that we get out of the record book. Now we close it and write about things that concern the present. Only the other night we saw an account of a bout staged in an eastern ring between Johnny Dundee, the junior lightweight champion, and a boy named John Shugrue. This bout was fought at Worcester, Mass., and to the surprise of those present Shugrue not only won the decision handily, but gave the "Scotch Wop" an artistic lacing.

John Shugrue Joie's Brother

Now this Johnny Shugrue is none other than a young brother of the Joe Shugrue who knocked out Benny Leonard 10 years ago. It is said that Johnny is a better fighting man than his brother Joe, and we are inclined to accept this, for we know that anyone who can take Dundee around the ring and win off by himself must be some shucks in this fighting game.

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Now, what could be more natural than for Benny and his manager, Billy Gibson, who also is going to handle Joie, to go out and match Joie with Johnny Shugrue? That would be one way for the lightweight champion to square accounts with the Shugrue family—if Joie could soak a knockout jolt to Johnny's jaw. That match is very likely to become a reality before long, now that Johnny Shugrue already has made good and Joie Leonard is making good.

So we find the past and present have a rather intimate relation in the glove game.