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MANY WANT TO FIGHT JOHNSON

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WILL HE MEET LANGFORD?

Critics Believe Boston Negro Is Only One Who Has Chance to Beat Title Holder—Two College Athletes After Colored Man.

As was to be expected, new pugilistic phenomena are popping up all over the country and hurling challenges at Jack Johnson right and left since he defeated Jeff. Some of them have done but little boxing, but figure that owing to their great strength and build they would be a match for the colored man. Of course no one who knows anything about boxing will consider for one minute that Johnson will pay any heed to the challenges of these fellows.

Two college athletes, one from the University of Michigan, the other of Harvard, are among the white men who have hopes of winning back the heavyweight boxing title for the white race.

These men are Albert Benbrook of the Michigan college and Earl Van Meter Long, who has been a student at the Cambridge seat of learning for two years.

Among the bunch of ambitious men who are willing to risk their future health in a battle with Johnson are Frank Smith, the Chicago White Sox pitcher, and Larry McLean, the Cincinnati catcher. These men are on record as being willing to fight the champion. They are fine athletes and somewhat buggy on the boxing game. Playing baseball is one branch of sport.



SAM LANGFORD, WHO IS HOTFOOT AFTER BATTLE WITH JOHNSON.

fighting another, and these two fellows had better stick to their chosen profession.

Looking over the long list of men who desire to oppose Johnson in the ring, he finds that there are only two who stand any chance of getting on a match with the champion, and they are Sam Langford and Al Kaufman. There are many experts who believe that the former would stand an excellent chance of defeating Johnson should the pair ever meet. In fact, he is the only man at this moment who is fitted physically and scientifically to meet the champion in a twenty-four foot ring. Langford is conceded to be the most formidable biter and quickest finisher known to the ring since Robert Fitzsimmons' freckled mauleys became so brittle he was afraid to take a punch at even an inflated bag.

Although Langford would concede forty pounds in weight and almost five inches in height, which would seem to be an insurmountable handicap, yet he is willing to go into the ring with the big Galveston fighter. As Johnson also would have a great advantage in reach and Langford is not proof against a left hand jab, it can be seen that the smaller man would be likely to receive a terrific punching before he would be able to get to close quarters and turn loose his own Queensberry artillery. But Samuel is confident that if he ever got close enough to land one of his catapult punches on Johnson the title would change hands in a hurry.

SPORTING NEWS

MUCH MATERIAL BLUE ROCKERSTO FOR FOOTBALL SHOOT SEP. 1ST

OLD VETERANS RETURNING AND NEW ONES COMING IN

Prospects for This Year's Team Will Be Promising to Followers.

With six of last year's team back this year, and what new material there is, the local high school should have a strong football team this year.

Last Year's Men Will be Back. Those who played in the last year's team and who will be back this year, are: Joe Ingle, last year's captain; Vern Bean, last year's star center; "Jimmie" Irwin, quarter; Tom Williamson, captain-elect; Lowell Williamson, guard; Fred Groat, guard; Roy Rice, end.

Fine New Material

There is plenty of raw material in school to fill up the vacancies left in last year's team. Hal Bohnenkamp, who showed up so well last year, will be back and try to wrest the center position from Bean. Great things are expected of "Bill" this year. Fritz Lottes is expected to develop into a fast back. He has speed and the beef and all he needs is the experience.

Cecil Bolton is also out after a position in the back field. Bolton showed up strong last year but was kept out of the game the latter part of the season on account of the injuries received in the game with Enterprise.

Raymond Blystone, who played consistent ball on the second team last year, is expected to develop into a star tackle.

Other new ones that are going in to win are Lee Reynolds, Russel Ralston, George Currey, and Will Rush.

New Men Expected.

Vern Rhinehart of Summerville's, is expected to be in school this fall. He is a big fellow and will be a welcome addition to the line.

Wendell and Ray Oliver, who played good ball with Pendleton Academy last year, are expected to be in school this fall. Wendell is an excellent punter and as La Grande is shy on punters, he will be of great value. Ray is an aggressive tackle and will strengthen the line considerably.

With such splendid material, there is no reason why La Grande cannot have the best team in the Northwest. The team plays the strong college of Idaho team, Pendleton High school, and probably Baker High here this year, and will go to Spokane November 6.

A. A. U. Swimming Championship

New York, July 30.—In connection with the New York Athletic Club's swimming meet at Travers Island this afternoon, the Amateur Athletic Union national 440-yard swimming championship will be decided.

Dominion Handicap

Buffalo, N. Y., July 30.—Some of the best horses from both sides of the international border will start this afternoon in the great Canadian turf event, the \$10,000 Dominion Handicap, the opening day feature of the Niagara Racing Association's meet at Fert Erie. The distance is one mile and a quarter. Hundreds of followers of the game of kings are gathered today at Fert Erie and the season promises to be uncommonly successful.

Open Motor Parkway.

New York, July 30.—As a certain raiser for the Vanderbilt Cup and the Grande Prize races in October, the 1910 season of the Motor Parkway begins today with three events carded. The amateur sweepstakes is the principal race and will bring together a large field of entries from the Amateur Contest Association.

Kaufman's chances of defeating Johnson are very slim. At the training camp Johnson just played with Al. In fact, he could put Kaufman away any time he chose to. As far as Benbrook, Long, McLean and Smith are concerned, they have very little chance, if any, of getting a match or of beating Johnson if they do. If Langford cannot turn the trick Johnson will remain champion for many years to come.

OBSERVER MEDAL ONE OF THE PRIZES OF CONTEST

One Hundred Dollars Added Money Makes Even More Popular

Union and Wallowa county nimrods will have a one day shoot at Elgin on September 1, and the prizes will be especially attractive. There will be \$100 added money and the Observer is going to hang up a gold medal for the highest average man in the shoot. This affair is to be under the arrangement of the Union and Wallowa county Blue Rock Association, and already the details are being worked out for an exceptionally interesting shoot. Perhaps a dozen from here will attend the affair. With enough money and medals on hand to make the affair interesting, not considering the individual honors, the interest is widespread.

The Observer medal is to be a fine one, and will be inscribed with the winner's name as soon as the shoot is over.

Inter-club Tennis Match

The first inter-club tennis match this season was played last evening when Willie Pearce and George Currey of the B. M. A. courts, were trimmed by Will Selgrist and Charles Ramsey, on the down town court. The score was 6-1, 6-0, 6-1. Another match will be played tomorrow with Lottes and Pearce pitted against the Ramsey-Selgrist team.

British Bowling Meet.

London, July 30.—British Crown Green Bowling Association's championship will be decided today and Monday at Manchester.

BALL TEAM GOING TO JAPAN.

Chicago University Boys to Take Long Trip to Play Brown Men.

The alumni and undergraduate body of Chicago university are looking forward to the long baseball trip planned for the Maroon nine. Some time ago the Waseda university of Tokyo, Japan, sent a challenge to the Chicagoans for a series of baseball games to be played in the orient. It has been announced that the board of culture and athletics at a meeting to reconsider the proposition decided to accept the challenge. It is further announced that the men who will make the trip will practice regularly during the summer months in order to be in fit condition and will attend classes so as to be eligible for the next spring season.

The challenge calls for a series of five games, but it is thought that when the Maroon nine is in the land of Nippon other games will be arranged with Japanese universities. The departure will be made about Sept. 15, and the athletes will not return until after Jan. 1 of next year. Last year the University of Wisconsin baseball team played a series of games in Japan, this being the longest baseball trip ever attempted by an American college representative. The trip as outlined for the Maroon team in all probability will eclipse even that made by the Badgers.

BASEBALL CHIRPS

Outfielder Paskett of the Cincinnati Reds has become one of the National league's leading base stealers.

Tom Clarke is now getting his chance to catch a fair share of Cincinnati's games and is doing it excellently. Pitcher Barger of Brooklyn isn't the personification of poetic grace on the mound, but he can handle that sphere.

Pitcher Bill Burns' splendid work for Cincinnati has aroused wonder all over the circuit how he escaped the American league waiver gauntlet.

Ed Chase of the New York Americans makes more sensational plays around first base than any first baseman in the league. He handles poorly thrown balls with ease, and if they strike his mitt they stick there.

Block Has Sure Peg.

Block, the Chicago American catcher, is sure death to base stealing. He has a splendid whip and adds a deal of strength to the backstopping.

CLOSE RACES IN BOTH LEAGUES

Last Year's Winners Are Not Likely to Repeat.

ATHLETICS HAVE GOOD CHANCE

Connie Mack's Team Picked by Many to Capture Gonfalon in American. Chicago Appears Strongest in National League.

With the major league baseball season half over it begins to look very much as if neither winner of last year will repeat. It is too early to make any predictions, for there is ample time for a general shifting of the positions held by the teams in the National and American leagues before Oct. 15, but on the form shown so far by Detroit and Pittsburgh it looks as though some other club would fly the banner in each league this year.

Hughey Jennings has not given up hope of landing his fourth pennant for Detroit, and as the Tigers have had a reputation of making a strong finish ever since Jennings took charge of them this team must not be counted out of all chances for the championship. The Detroit team of 1910 does not look like the team that has won the pennant three times in succession. The Tigers sputtered and made up a lot of ground lost in the first two or three weeks of the season, but they have fallen back again, and it will take an unusual reversal of form to bring them to the fore.

Detroit does not play with the dash and spirit which characterized its work last year and the year previous. Jennings works just as hard and still has all the old fire and spirit, but his team lacks the speed on the bases, the terrific slugging and that spirit of confidence which made the Tigers a team to be feared at any stage of the game, no matter how far behind they were in the score.

Unless Detroit takes a brace very soon the team will be so far down in the race that it will be impossible for



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