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Billy Evans Says:

TRICK PITCHING.
 Baseball may witness a revival of
 trick pitching next season. It is
 almost certain to come if the use
 of resin is legalized by the rules
 committee.

Eddie Cicotte might again call on
 his coach, Chief Bender. Lee Fohl
 would probably prevail on "Lefty"
 Leffeld to again take up southpaw-
 ing. Possibly Nick Altrock would
 be able to do a comeback.

While the above is written largely
 in jest, still trick pitching offers
 big opportunities to pitchers who
 are fast slipping.

Perhaps two of the greatest trick
 pitchers of all-time faced each other
 in the 1919 world series. Since
 it has since been proved that the
 1919 classic wasn't on the square,
 it seems fitting that the two magicians
 of baseball, Eddie Cicotte and
 Hod Eller should have taken part
 in that event.

When Eddie Cicotte was sent by
 the Boston Red Sox to Chicago he
 was regarded as just about through
 as a pitcher. As a matter of fact
 Cicotte attained his greatest fame
 after joining the Sox.

MANY INVENTIONS.
 Eddie Cicotte has a keen mind.
 When trick pitching got to be the
 vogue, Cicotte went deeply into the
 subject. He made all sorts of ex-
 periments.

It was Cicotte who was responsi-
 ble for the black and white ball.
 He saw to it that about half of the
 ball would be badly soiled, the other
 half kept as clean as possible.

Such a ball formed an optical illu-
 sion as it was hurled to the bat-
 ter, making it a very difficult mat-
 ter to follow its course.

It was Eddie Cicotte who proved
 that by loading the seams of the
 ball at a certain spot it was possi-
 ble to make the ball cut all kinds
 of queer curves. He got the idea
 from the once-popular loaded
 bowling ball.

It was Cicotte who started the
 shine ball. He demonstrated that
 by shining a spot on the ball about
 the size of a half dollar to a much
 higher luster than any other part of
 the cover, a pitcher was able to get
 the same effect as with the spit-
 ball.

As a matter of fact the shine ball
 was really nothing more than a dry
 spit ball. Instead of relieving fric-
 tion by applying saliva to the ball
 at the point of contact with the bat-
 ter, a smooth spot was acquired by
 rubbing the ball on the uni-
 form.

Cicotte used to carry a bag of
 talcum powder in his hip pocket to
 assist in getting the shine. He
 would first dust the talcum on the
 ball and then rub the desired spot.

These are just a few of the many
 trick deliveries that crept into the
 game when such style of pitching
 was permitted.

CICOTTE'S CASE.
 Barney Dreyfus, owner of the
 Pittsburgh club, has always been
 against trick pitching. He wouldn't
 tolerate a trick pitcher on his
 staff.

It so happened that after one of
 the 1919 series games Eller had
 pitched, I was seated at the same
 table in the Sinton hotel for din-
 ner. Eller had decisively beaten
 the Sox, and his excellent pitching
 was being much praised by those
 at the table when Mr. Dreyfus re-
 marked:

"I don't like him, he is a trick
 pitcher. Keep him from rubbing
 the ball across his shirt front and
 he won't be nearly so effective."

A few days later Eller again op-
 posed the White Sox. I noticed be-
 fore each pitch he would rub the
 ball across his shirt front. It was
 supposed to have emery powder on
 it. He used only a fast ball and
 he had the Sox swimming wildly.
 The rough spot caused by the emery
 made the ball break deceptively.
 He struck out 19 men, six of
 them in a row.

Any time a pitcher uses only a
 fast ball and is a big winner, it's
 a good bet he is doctoring the ball.
 Both Cicotte and Eller were trick
 pitchers.

The 1919 series really marked
 the passing of the two pitching
 stars. Cicotte was eased out the
 next year as the result of the un-
 savory facts dug up in connection
 with the series, while Eller couldn't
 make the grade after trick pitching
 was barred.

Salem Woman Injured.
 SALEM, Ore.—Mrs. J. O. Grimes,
 age 55, was taken to a hospital
 suffering from a fractured arm,
 lacerations about the face and head
 and probable internal injuries in-
 curred when she was struck by a
 Fair Grounds street car.

Mat Captain



Ted Buttrely is captain of the
 Princeton University wrestling team.
 He is a native of Havre, Mont. Ted
 tips the beams at 145 pounds. He
 hopes to lead the Tiger mat artists
 to many victories.

DUCK SEASON NEAR END.

PENDLETON, Ore.—With only
 10 days more remaining during
 which ducks and geese may be
 hunted, local hunters have about
 become resigned to put away their
 guns and admit the poorest season
 on record for years. The weather
 has been exceptionally mild this
 year, and ducks have had such a
 wide range of feeding grounds that
 they have been very difficult to
 shoot.

During the day the birds have
 remained on the government pre-
 serves at Cold Springs and Horns-
 ton reservoirs, and at night they
 roost on the grain put out as bait
 for them at private ponds. They
 leave the ponds, however, before
 daylight and hunters had very lit-
 tle shooting for their trouble.

CANADIAN CLAIMS TITLE.

SEATTLE (AP)—Young Jack
 Dempsey of Tacoma, matched with
 Gene Owens of Los Angeles for the
 main event of a boxing program
 here next Tuesday night, claims
 the light heavyweight cham-
 pionship of Canada by reason of
 having knocked out Jack Reddick
 of Winnipeg in the first round in
 Dempsey's home town New Year's
 day. Owens, whose manager is
 Jack Kearns, has knocked out Ed-
 die Hoffman and Roy Cliffe.

YANKS SIGN UP PITCHER.

NEW YORK (AP)—Myles
 Thomas, a pitcher recently acquired
 from the Toronto Internationals by
 the Yankees, Tuesday returned a
 signed contract for the 1926 sea-
 son, the first to be received by the
 New York American league club.

KARASICK IS AGAIN WINNER

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the As-
 sociated Press)—Al Karasick,
 Oakland, 118 lb. heavyweight
 wrestler, last night won two of
 three falls from Ted Thy, local
 grappler.

Karasick won the light heavy-
 weight championship from Thy
 several days ago in a match at
 Portland and the contest last night
 was in the nature of a return bout.

SALEM, Ore.—The city council
 deadlocked last night in its effort
 to appoint a city attorney. Names
 of two candidates were before the
 council, Chris Kowitz, incumbent,
 and Fred A. Williams, a member
 of the council and an ex-member
 of the state public service com-
 mission. The appointment goes
 over until the next meeting.

JAKE SCHAEFER REGAINS TITLE

CHICAGO (AP)—Young Jake
 Schaefer, twice former champion,
 Wednesday regained the world's
 title at 13.2 ballline billiards when
 he defeated Edouard Horemans,
 Belgian titleholder, 1500 to 899,
 after three 500-point blocks of
 play. The score for the final 500-
 point block Wednesday was: Schae-
 fer 500, Horemans 218.



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SPORT NEWS

WILL RESERVE SEATS FRIDAY

About 100 seats will be reserved
 for Friday's and Saturday's basket-
 ball games at the high school gym-
 nasium, according to Claire Mc-
 Keenan, business manager of the
 student body. The board will be
 open for choice of seats from 9 a.
 m. to 6 p. m. Friday and from
 noon until 7 p. m. Saturday. Busi-
 ness men's tickets entitle their
 holders to reservations if they de-
 sire them. The regular admission
 price will be 50 cents.

Zeal for the week-end's engage-
 ments will be brewed at a special
 assembly in the auditorium Friday
 morning. George Cochran and A.
 H. Hill, as well as a number of
 students, will address the gather-
 ing.

ton, will handle both games.
 Saturday evening, La Grande will
 meet Enterprise on the local court.

M. I. A. Teams Clash; La Granders Win 52-15

The M. I. A. basketball team of
 La Grande defeated the Union M.
 I. A. quintet 52 to 15 last night
 in the Union high school gymna-
 sium in a practice game.

YOUTH KILLED BY HORSES

THE DALLES, Ore.—Elmer
 Eakin, 14-year-old son of Mr. and
 Mrs. Doll Eakin of Grass Valley,
 was killed almost instantly when he
 was knocked to the ground and
 trampled by a runaway four-horse
 team.

ENGINEER HURT BY FALL

McMINNVILLE, Ore.—Fred J.
 Genter, 393 Hawthorne avenue,
 Portland, engineer on Southern

Pacific train No. 352, was injured
 when he sustained an electric
 shock as he was walking on top
 of a car on his train. He was
 found alongside the train, having
 fallen 15 feet.

Where Five Men Lost Lives



Five men were killed and four others hurt when a one-story San Francisco
 factory building collapsed due to undermining of the walls by a contracting
 firm that was excavating for a new building next door. Photo shows fire
 men working by lamp light in the search for more victims.