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**SPORT NEWS**

**BETTING COMES IN FOR TALKING**

Sports Writer Believes Wagering in Ball Games Always Unethical

By Billy Evans  
 Betting on ball games by players is unethical in all cases.  
 It is certain there is nothing crooked about a wager made by a player in which he bets his own team to win.  
 From the days that has emanated from the recent scandal gossip, the impression is created that betting on ball games by players is a modern habit. Far from it.  
 Many of the veterans of a score or more years back, the pitchers in particular, invariably had a bet down on their team to win any game that looked up as important.  
 Possibly they worked on the theory that such a wager was an incentive for them to do their very best. To most ball players money is a prized possession.

**Jack Powell's Case**  
 I know of no veteran pitcher who backed himself as consistently as did Jack Powell, who finished his career as a big leaguer as a member of the St. Louis Browns.  
 Jack Powell was a great pitcher. He would be in the Alexander-Johnson class of right-handers were he playing today. In addition to remarkable natural ability, Powell had superlative confidence in himself.  
 Given good support by his teammates, Powell figured he had a better than even chance to win over any club he opposed. His favorite expression as he walked out to start a ball game was: "If you fellows give me two runs today, that other gang will have a mighty tough time trimming us."  
 A working margin of two runs was all that Powell wanted. Not many modern pitchers would enthrone very much over so slight a lead.

**Dumbness No Alibi**  
 Powell's favorite wager on himself was \$100 to win any time he stepped on the rubber, but he would bet any amount from \$10 up to a century on his ability to trim the opposition.  
 Ball teams as a rule have much more confidence when a pitcher is working who has superlative confidence in himself. Powell, as the pitcher, always created that feeling among his teammates.  
 If there is such a thing as a good loser in sports, Powell was that individual. If the opposition hit him freely or some player tossed off his game through an error, he accepted the bad break as a part of the game.  
 A dumb play, however, was an excuse for much raving on the part of Powell, and he was a past master when he started.  
 Well do I recall a ball game that will show the confidence Powell had in himself. St. Louis was opposing Chicago. At the time the White Sox were fighting for the lead in the American League, while St. Louis was trailing in the second division.

**Just a College Trick**  
 If it is possible to accurately dope the odds, Chicago was at least a 2-1 favorite to win.  
 Going into the last half of the eighth inning, Powell was leading the great Ed Walsh, then at the height of his career, 1-0.  
 Chicago had runners on first and third with one out. A rookie college catcher was handling Powell's stuff. For no reason whatsoever, the rookie, excited by a strike start the runner on first had made for second, threw the ball to that base, which was uncovered.  
 It rolled far into the outfield. The runner on third scored; the man on first went to third, later scoring on a sacrifice fly. St. Louis led, 2-1.  
 Powell could see his ball game floating away as the "rah-rah" catcher made the "home-head play." I was the umpire. Turning to me he merely said:  
 "When I bet that century on myself, I didn't figure on any of these college trick plays."

**STILL IS BEST PLAYER MME.**  
**SUZANNE ASSERIS**  
 Six times woman's champion of the world as an amateur, Suzanne Lenglen is confident she remains the champion regardless of whether she is paid for her tennis. "Your golf amateurs play your professional championships," she argued. "I can see no reason why your tennis amateurs can not do the same."  
 "I see no sense in saying because one is paid for what one does best means one becomes beatable. I still feel I can beat any woman tennis player in the world, and therefore, I am yet champion."

**Pigeons in Search of Gravel**  
 are damaging the masonry of some of London's public buildings.

**Union Defeats Imbler Quintet; Girls Whip Elgin**

UNION, Feb. 1 (Special)—After losing three games of basketball this last week, Union ended the schedule for the week by winning the last two played. On Saturday night the Imbler boys played here, and although they put up a good scrap, the score was 29 to 4, and these four were gained mostly while Union had in three subs during one-quarter of the game. Union shot for the basket almost at will and three players, Parent, May, and Brown, each had five field baskets to his credit. Imbler boys have been handicapped by not having any place in which to practice till the last few days when they have been in their new gym, which is almost finished. This lack of training soon shows up in their play.

**Girls Win**  
 The girls went to Elgin the same evening for a return game with the Elgin high sextet and this game was easily won by a score of 25 to 10. Geertsen, of La Grande, refereed the Elgin game and Gene McNeal, also of La Grande, had charge of the game here.  
 The Friday night game with Joseph was evenly matched for the first half, the quarter ending 6-6 and the half 10-10, but then the visitors began to forge ahead, getting in several long shots. The final score was Joseph 25, Union 17.

**Karasick Defeats Hollywood Matman**

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Al Karasick spotted Bull Montana, movie actor and wrestler, took his match last night at the Hellig wrestling card.  
 Montana won the first fall in 25 minutes on a stepover toehold. The second and last fall came when Karasick caught the Hollywood man in a winglock. He hit him high over his head and hauled him to the canvas. Montana lit on his shoulder, and was unable to resume the match.  
 Chet Wiles, Portland speed cop wrestler, took a fall and a decision from Dan Quinn, of Eugene, in the 30-minute preliminary.

**FEWER ROUNDS URGED AS BOOST TO BOXING**  
 English boxing authorities are urging that fights be confined to fewer rounds in the interest of more scientific, brighter bouts. Hemharder Billy Wells favors it, saying, "It would be a good thing for boxing generally," while J. W. H. T. Douglas, the cricketer and referee, suggested that a change would cause the boxer to fight all the time in the shorter contests, instead of wasting time sparring about in the first few rounds. The boxers themselves would appreciate the innovation in the opinion of C. R. Cochran, promoter.

**OREGON FISHERMEN PLAYING MORE GOLF**  
 To the popularity of golf, F. E. Averill, state game warden, attributes in part the shrinkage of \$148,199 in the state's annual revenues from hunting and fishing licenses. Changing the dates of the fiscal year would account for a sixth of the decrease, but the remainder, Averill believes, can be ascribed to desertion of streams for the links.

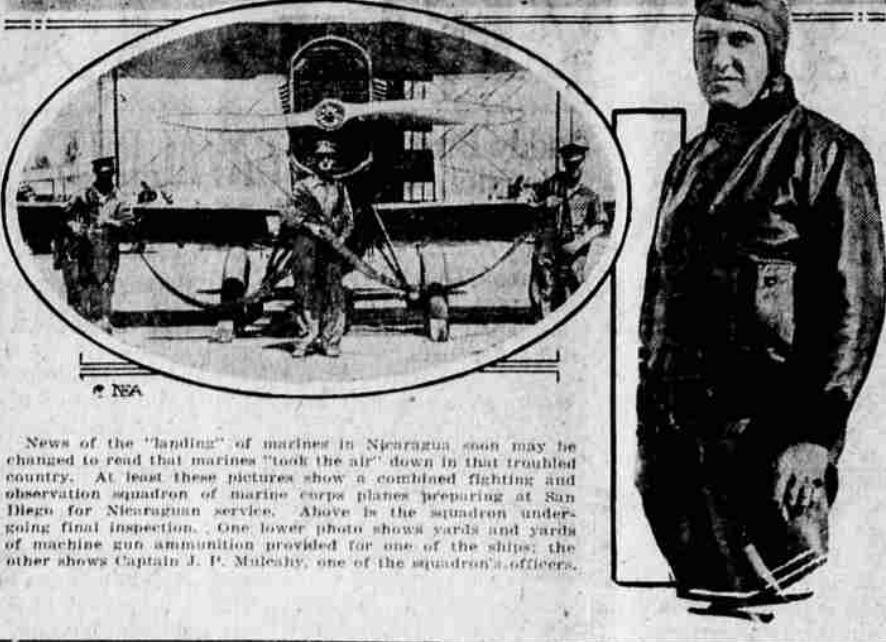
**PLAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**  
 PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—A three-day amateur hockey tournament here with teams representing cities of Pacific coast states and Western Canada, is planned by Bobby Rowe, manager of the Portland Coliseum. He has sent invitations to teams and when replies are received, a schedule will be worked out.

**In New Role**



Here is Allan Sotheron, former star pitcher, who will serve as assistant to Manager Bob O'Farrell of the St. Louis Cardinals this season. Sotheron was always rated a smart twirler.

**U. S. Air Force Heads for Nicaragua**



News of the "landing" of machines in Nicaragua soon may be changed to read that machines "took the air" down in that troubled country. At least these pictures show a combined fighting and observation squadron of marine corps planes preparing at San Diego for Nicaraguan service. Above is the squadron undergoing final inspection. One lower photo shows yards and yards of machine gun ammunition provided for one of the ships; the other shows Captain J. P. Mulesky, one of the squadron's officers.

**SENATORS SIGN UP TRIS SPEAKER**

Cleveland Indian Veteran to Play Under Washington Colors

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Tris Speaker, gray haired veteran of 29 major league baseball campaigns, who still packs a powerful punch in his warlike but in his 11-year-old Cleveland Indian uniform for the tops of a Washington Senator.

Word that the stocky "spoke" had agreed to play center field for Clark Griffith this coming season was received here last night by long distance telephone from Tampa, Fla., where the Washington club president is taking a brief rest. Griffith later amplified his statement at Tampa, while Speaker, at New York announced he would report to the Washington training camp March 1.  
 "While neither Griffith nor Speaker, who reached the agreement in a telephone conversation between Tampa and New York, would divulge the salary to be stipulated, it was understood to be a fancy one.  
 "I was determined to get 'Tris', Griffith said, "and it would have taken a neat pile to get him from me."

**Investigators Reopen Murder Mystery Case**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Chronicle says District Attorney Stephen E. Metzger and T. P. McGilligan, county detective, of Eureka, have begun an investigation into the Carmen Wagner murder mystery of October, 1925, on the theory that the body found in the wilds of Coyote Flats was not that of Miss Wagner but in reality that of another woman dressed in Miss Wagner's clothes.  
 Miss Wagner, Eureka beauty parlor worker, went on a hunting trip in October, 1925, with Henry Sweet, after telling her mother that a "married couple" would accompany them. A few days later Sweet was found shot to death in his auto. Ten miles from the scene the body of a girl was found in a shallow grave. It was partly burned and could not be definitely identified, but was assumed to be that of Miss Wagner.  
 Jack Ryan, a half breed Indian was charged with the murder but was acquitted by a jury.  
 The investigators now are going on the theory that Sweet and the girl were accompanied by another couple, that the other man slew his woman companion dressed the body in Miss Carmen Wagner's clothes and then disappeared with the beauty specialist. They said the body would be disinterred in an effort to check up on their theory.

**NEBRASKANS POISED FOR OLYMPIC DASH**

Nebraska expects to send a large state delegation to the Olympic games at Amsterdam next year. Hopefuls include Roland Locke, world 200 yard champion runner, Lloyd Hahn, A. A. U. mile champion and Alva Martin, now a minister at Otoe, Neb., who set national collegiate and A. A. U. half mile records running at North-western.  
 Corinne Condon, 16-year-old Omaha school girl swimmer, holder of the world 50 yard mark and the A. A. U. 40 yard record in the backstroke, wants a place on the swimming team and Harold Trumble, hurdler, Frank Wirsig, vaulter, and Billy Hein, sprinter, all regional or national titlists, are other candidates.

The Pickelhaube, or German helmet, has been replaced by the American police cap in the Swedish police uniform.

**Enterprise High Plays Attract Much Attention**

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 1 (Special)—The high school auditorium was filled to capacity Thursday evening when the seniors, juniors and sophomores each gave a one-act comedy drama.  
 The senior class presented "Suppressed Desires," with Stoehton Boyd, Eva Smith and Catherine Dohbin taking part. The juniors gave "Up of My Thumb" with a cast of Wendell Dohbin, Thelma Murray, Hazy Stickney, Francis McAlister, Helen Miller and Ellen Buchanan and the sophomore class presented "The Maker of Dreams," the parts being taken by Fred Becker, Jane Jordan and Vernon Hays.

All of the plays were enthusiastically received. Much credit for the success is due Miss Annette Dohbin who coached the players.

The second act of the play "The End of the Lane" was presented Wednesday and Thursday evenings in connection with the motion picture at the People's theater. There was a large crowd present for the play.  
 Besides the play there were several vaudeville stunts by the participants in the play and a men's trio sang several popular numbers. All of the play, three acts, will be given in two weeks.

The fire department was called out Friday evening when the home of C. A. Miller caught fire from a defective flue. The damage done was small.

The almost unknown phenomenon of snow for Christmas was experienced by the people of Lebanon, Portugal, last Christmas.

**Officer Shoots Farmer in Legs**

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Percy Turnidge, son of Jasper Turnidge, prominent farmer of the Ankeny bottoms near Jefferson, was shot through both legs by Marshal Cecil Libby, of Jefferson, in a raid on a still near Talbot early today. The still was located on an island in the Santiam river. Officer Libby said he shot when Turnidge started to run. The wounded man was taken to the hospital at Albany.

**USES MACHINE GUN**  
 TRENTON, N. J.—Miss Agnes Jones, member of the state assembly, has a winning way with her. She pointed machine guns at assemblymen in successful advocacy of a bill to prohibit the sale of such.

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