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BEFORE MEAT

CINCINNATI HAS PLENTY OF MEN
National League Club Has Over-supply of Pitchers and Outfielders

By Brian Bell
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
ORLANDO, Fla., Mar. 16 (AP)—Manager John C. Hendricks of the Cincinnati Reds is glad that the National League season will not open for a full month and that he will have 60 days after that to re-organize his roster. Hendricks would like to know how good Val Pileggi will be in 1929. The clever catcher had his best year in 1928, catching nearly 100 games and batting over .300 for the first time in his major league experience. If Pileggi, who has been slow to sign and has lost the benefit of early training, can repeat his last season's performance, Jack believes his club is as good as in the first division.

Infield Unchanged
No change will be made in the infield. Long George Kelly will play first, unthreatened by his co-worker of last season, Wally Pipp. Hughes' 1928, promoted to captain of the ship, at second and Horace Ford, at short will have a chance to break their record breaking double play performance. Charlie Dressen is the leading candidate for third base in the absence of Joe Stripp, convalescing from an appendicitis operation.

The outfield assignments are not so easy. Three recruits have shown ability and five of last year's outfielders are back. Only one, Jack Hill, a California university player, seems a year or two away. Crabtree, Swanson and Shaner certainly have a chance to push the former regulars completely out of the picture although the ability of Curtis Walker to play the treacherous Cincinnati right field places him in better position to defend his place than his fellows.

Pitching Situation
Cincinnati lost the services of two good pitchers, Ted Lucas and Dolph Luque, last season and Manager Hendricks thinks it unlikely that he will be visited by such a catastrophe again. Pete Donohue was late starting and Jack thinks the Texan will be able to move off in high gear this year. Eppa Hixey, tallest of left handers, Jackie May, another southpaw much lighter than a year ago and Ray Kopp, complete the veterans.

Ray Mosier, formerly with the Athletics, may make the major league grade at last after seeing long years in the minors. Ken Ash, former of Columbus, has not turned out as expected.

Of the youngsters coming up full of hope and confidence the work of Mike Johnson, graduate of Rock Island in the Mississippi Valley league, has been impressive. Johnson, who is not yet 21 years of age, seems wise in pitching beyond his years.

Hill Kahner, who pitched for New Haven last year and was almost overlooked by the majors, was brought from Newark by Cincinnati and has a great chance to make good. Another prospect is Marvin Gidat, who was drafted after he had a trial with the Cardinals and was sent to Dayton.

OUT OUR WAY



Horse Classic Causes Racing Fans to Gather

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Mar. 16 (AP)—There's going to be a real horse race tomorrow afternoon when Starter Marshall Cassidy gives the signal for the big field in the \$125,000 Coffroth handicap, stellar event of western racing, to leave the stalls at the head of the four furlong chute for the long grind of a mile and a quarter. That was a firmly established fact today in the minds of every horseman and expert of racing here. And the crowds that have come for the race are many who are classed as real experts.

The opinion had got about that the great Man O'War's fine son Gene, sent out from New York by Gifford A. Cochran of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., under the guidance of "Uncle Henry" McDaniel, trainer, might not be able to make a good showing. He had not shown much in his races here. But today the buzz of every conversation at the track centered on the brilliant workout which the big colt turned in yesterday with his coffeehouse jockey, Willie Keiser, and the full Coffroth impost of 126 pounds on his back. His mile in 1:27, unofficial, of course, but caught by several watches, was a fraction better than the track record for that distance, held jointly by Little Chief of other days and the brilliant Ervost of this spring, now out of the Coffroth because of an infection which took him out of training. So they all figure now that Gene is going to do a lot of running tomorrow.

No, also, it is believed, will a bunch of other fine horses, somewhat less famous than Gene, who has done a lot in the east, but track heroes just the same.

NIGHT FIGHTS

By the Associated Press
HOLLYWOOD—Tony Stabenau, Buffalo, N. Y., knocked out Rocky Adams, Hollywood, (1).
DULUTH, Minn.—Billy Light, St. Paul, Minn., outpointed Angelo Puglisi, Duluth, (10). Billy Petrolle, Fargo, N. D., outpointed Jimmy Borda, France, (10).
MILWAUKEE—Ignacio Fernandez, Manila, P. I., stopped Louis New, Milwaukee, (5).
EAU CLAIRE, Wis.—Russie Lewis, Fargo, N. D., outpointed Willie McElwaine, Eau Claire, (10).
ST. LOUIS—Dave Knott, St. Louis, outpointed Dave McAuliffe, Detroit, (10). Joe Ghannoley, St. Louis, outpointed Denver Kid, Kansas City, (6).
NEW ORLEANS—Eddie (Kid) Wolfe, Memphis, defeated Phil McGraw, Detroit, (10).

Billy Edwards Is Victor Over Wiles

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 16 (AP)—Taking advantage of an accidental fall which dazed him, Billy Edwards, Kansas City, pounced upon Chet Wiles, Portland traffic cop, to take the only fall in their wrestling match here last night. Using his knuckle hold, Edwards finished Wiles for the evening.

Tommy Loughran In Hard Training

CHICAGO, Mar. 16 (AP)—From now until after his bout with Mickey Walker, March 28, it will be all training and no play for Tommy Loughran, debonair light heavyweight champion.

Forced to trim eight pounds from his weight before the championship bout, Loughran has outlined the hardest training grind of his ring career. He intends to box several rounds daily, train several hours in the gymnasium and do plenty of road work.

LaBarba Beats South African Boxer in Sydney

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Mar. 16 (AP)—Fidel LaBarba, of Los Angeles, former world's flyweight champion, knocked out Willie Smith, South African boxer, in the twelfth round of a bout here today.

It was LaBarba's second victory over Smith, the American boxer having won a decision over the South African in a 15-round bout in Sydney Feb. 9.

Twelve thousand spectators gave the contestants a great ovation as they entered the ring for their scheduled 15-round bout. LaBarba weighed 121½ and Smith 122½.

Smith made a good showing in the early rounds with left leads and hooks to the jaw. LaBarba confined himself to body punches at close quarters.

From the sixth round on LaBarba became more aggressive forcing the fighting to the ropes which frequently saved Smith. The South African went down twice in the seventh, and for a count of nine in the eleventh.

Near the end of the twelfth round the American boxer rushed in with a heavy rip to the body and knocked Smith out.

LaBarba will start back to the United States on March 22.

Kansas City Team To Defend Title

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 16 (AP)—The Kansas City Cubs, national amateur basketball champions, will defend their title tonight against the Henrys of Wichita, Kas.

Climaxing a week of basketball, in which 41 teams started, tonight's fray should be a fitting finale to the annual race for the nation's supreme amateur cage award. The game also will be in the nature of a "rubber" contest, each team winning from the other once during the regular season of the Missouri Valley A. A. U. circuit.

In the game for third place, preceding the titular struggle, the Ke-nash-a five from Kenasha Wisconsin will mix with the south side Turners of Indianapolis.

By Williams **SENATORS TO HAVE QUARTET, SPITBALLERS**

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 16 (AP)—The Sacramento club will have a monopoly on the spitball pitchers in the Pacific Coast league, four most ball hurlers being on the Senator roster.

Harry A. Williams, president of the league, in a bulletin said that there are seven players listed as spitball hurlers in the circuit. Sacramento has Ray Keating, Vern Gregg, Al Gould and Otis Crandall.

Russell Arlett is carried on the Oakland roster as a spitball pitcher, but he only plays the outfield. Frank Shellenback, of Hollywood and Harry Kratze of the Mission club are the other spitballers.

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The half ended 13 to 8 with Washington leading. After the intermission the Colonials steamed up to some extent and tucked the same away.

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HIS NOT SO BAD
CHICAGO, Mar. 16 (AP)—Jack Hurst, 22-year-old bowler from Bedford, Ohio, may not be as spry as he used to be, but he can show many of his juniors how to heave a bowling ball.

Entered as a substitute in the American bowling congress tournament, Hurst displayed his class last night by spilling the maples for counts of 231, 245, and 196 a total of 672 which landed him in fifth place in the singles.

Character's Name Changed
In the quarto edition of 1003 of "Hamlet," Colambis was the character afterward called "Polonius."