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Sport Slants
by ALAN J. GOULD

The experts appear somewhat skeptical of the announcement that the Giants obtained Hughie Critz from the Reds in exchange for nothing more than the right-handed pitching services of Larry (the Red) Benton.

The best guess is that it cost the New York club anywhere from \$75,000 to \$100,000 in cash or certified check to get the one article of baseball ivory that has become more valuable than anything else this year.

Critz, with Terry, Jackson and Lindstrom, gives McGraw not only the best infield in either major league but the greatest of the famous outfielders he had since the palmy days of Toney, Doyle, Bridwell and Devlin. The latter quartet of stars played together for only two years, 1928-29.

In more modern times, the combination of Kelly, Fritch, Fletcher and Groh was considerable help to McGraw's forces.

It is still open to argument, however, whether any infield quartet, past or present, rivals the famous four of the old Athletics—McInnis, Collins, Barry and Baker—appraised at \$100,000 but worth a million at current prices.

Consistency does not always have its own reward, as witness the cases of Ed. Hamm and Sabin Carr. Hamm for the past three years has broad-jumped every rival he has met in submission. He has cleared 25 feet more times than any other leaper, but one big jump by Silvio Gato, a Mallian, has cost Hamm possession of the world's record.

Carr, the Yale pole vaulter, al-

ways had something of an edge on his great Southern California rival, Lee Barnes. They met five times in major competition and Carr won four times, including the Olympic competition, but Barnes now is the world's record-holder.

"George Higgins," said Bucky Harris, "ought to be as nearly unbeatable as any pitcher in the league. He has speed, stamina and a great curve. When right he is as fast as Groves."

Frank Wykoff, if he is on edge, may be one of the toughest of all the college sprinters to beat in the closing spring campaign. Flying Frank was unbeatable on the Cambridge cinders two years ago in the final Olympic trials. Max Stiles, from his conning tower in Los Angeles, reports:

"Wykoff ran 9 3-5 twice at Fresno and I never saw any man run as fast as he did yesterday (May 16) when four watches had him in 9 2-5. He made that record by virtue of his speed between 25 and 50 yards. He was even with Hables at 25 and four feet ahead at 50. He won by little more than two yards. Hables himself is a great runner to be heard from in years to come. He runs with the smoothness of a horse. I think that Dyer can beat him. (Hables) a majority of times now but as you know Hables beat Dyer in 9 2-5 at San Francisco."

So much for Wykoff and Brother Stiles might have added that no one else anywhere has been observed traveling any faster, with or without starting blocks, unless it was during the flight of the natives from the vicinity of Mt. Vesuvius.

London—Rhoitpur Hazar, near Samsa, attacked by Moslems who take property valued at \$216,000.

Norfolk, Va.—Former American sub-chaser seized off Virginia coast with 1,000 cases of whiskey.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Thirteen women and 17 men arrested in violent drive on illicit liquor traffic.

Phillies Defeat Cardinals 9 to 6 At Philadelphia

By Herbert W. Barker (Associated Press Sports Writer)
The tawny Phillie, battling to get out of the cellar, have turned back the first western assault in the National league this season. While all other major league clubs rested yesterday in preparation for general east-west engagements, the Phils outslugged the St. Louis Cardinals at Philadelphia, 9-6, in a preliminary skirmish of inter-sectional warfare.

The victory lifted the Phils a half game closer to seventh place while the Cards, league leaders not long ago, now hold a lead of only one game over the fourth place Pittsburgh Pirates and trail the second place Cubs by one full game.

The Cardinals apparently had yesterday's battle won as early as first inning when Chick Hafey hit Collins for a home run with two on, bringing the total count for the inning to four runs.

Entering the seventh, the Cards held a two-run lead but Hallahan was driven out of the box in the last half of that frame as the Phils rushed into the lead with three runs. Bell pitched the rest of the game and was nipped for two more runs in the eighth. Arthur Whitney was the batting star of the day with two doubles and two singles.

The American league scored two victories over the National in exhibition games. The New York Yankees defeated Cincinnati, 8-5, and the Philadelphia Athletics conquered Pittsburgh, 8-2.

Alexander Faces Exit From Major League Circles

"We are sorry to let Alex go," said Gerald Nugent, business manager of the Phillies, "but he was not helping us and Manager Burt Shotton decided it was useless to carry him any longer. We are going to do everything we can to help Alex land where he wants to go and will see that he gets along all right until he locates."

"Alex hopes to land a pitching job in the Pacific Coast league. He feels he would like to pitch a little longer before turning to a job such as coaching. He says he realizes he can't win in the big leagues any more."

Alexander holds the National league record for victories with 373 triumphs.

SHARKEY MAKING READY FOR TEST

American Heavyweight in Good Shape as Time for Battle Nears.

By Edward J. Nell (Associated Press Sports Writer)
ORANGEBURG, N. Y., June 3 (AP)—The dining room of Gus Wilson's fight camp was jammed with the froth of the ring game—sparring partners, handlers, hangers-on, beer-barons and baronesses, visitors and curious neighbors, all munching food and killing time at the end of the warm lazy day.

They were there because Jack Sharkey was on the premises, training for the climax of his third campaign for the heavyweight championship. Some of them, the sparring partners for instance, had seen more of Sharkey than they wanted, to the handlers he was an old story, but for the remainder he was the object of a long dusty ride from the city, the savage demi-mond of the prize ring that stirs the primeval in ordinary citizens as nothing else in sport can.

Sharkey Takes Uke
An itinerant negro musician, strumming a guitar and singing blues, amused the eaters with his melodies and annoyed them frequently by passing his hat around for coins. Then Sharkey, restless and eager by training, lured by the music, stroled into the room.

"Give me that uke," he demanded. Sharkey tilted his hat down over his eyes, leaned a chair against the wall, and twanged a few chords. He was twangling the new song the guests had been waiting for. He played "The St. Louis Blues," played it in a way that shamed even the negro's facile strumming. He played it with variations and it was good. Then in a soft tenor voice he sang the blues.

Sharkey tossed the instrument back to the negro, the show was over, and the curious were satisfied. The music cleared and he came across the room to sit and talk fight, the thing that fills his mind every minute of the day and follows him to bed at night.

"Learned to play that thing in the navy," he said with a big grin. "Didn't know I could sing tenor, huh? I'm not so good in a quartet but I can be first."

Test on June 12
This Sharkey, priming for his June 12 battle with Max Schmeling, seems more matured, calmer, and more capable than at any time in a career that has carried him twice within one fight of the heavyweight crown. He "blew" a battle to Jack Dempsey when he seemed to have won in hand a victory that would have meant a match with Gene Tunney in the man mauler's place in 1927. He fought lazy fights against Johnny Risko and Tom Heeney in the elimination tournament to decide Tunney's final title opponent and lost the nomination.

He seems mentally and physically "right" for the third opportunity. His training has been uneventful and today, ten days before the 15-round test in the Yankee stadium, he is a marvelous picture of a fighting machine, heavier than ever about the shoulders, thinner through the legs and thighs, the best boxer in the heavyweight ranks, a sharp punishing hitter. There hasn't been a single irritating incident in the preparatory campaign to loose his hair-trigger temperament.

The big problem Sharkey has always faced—that of controlling his own emotions, restraining himself so that he fights sensibly—seems a worry of the past. He is buoyed by recent public acclaim, strengthened by the thought that he is the American greatest, and the championship against an invading foreigner.

"For five weeks," the Boston sailor said, "I've been studying to hold myself in check. When my sparring partners hurt me, I pay no attention and hump them with lefts. I won't lose my head against Schmeling."

Sharkey is not undervaluing the German but he has no great respect for his fighting ability either. He will pump left hands to Maxie's head, feint him into leading rights and then try to beat him to the punch, bob low and weave with the Teuton if Schmeling wants to fight that way.

"A plan of battle," he asks, "that's the bunk. I'll fight him anyway I want to. And I'll hit him. Remember he's never faced the kind of a fighter who'll be in there with him June 12."

EPSOM DOWNS DERBY WILL BE RUN TOMORROW

EPSOM DOWNS, England, June 3 (AP)—England's greatest sporting event, the derby, will be run here tomorrow before more than half a million spectators.

The nineteen probable starters in the great turf classic, run annually since 1780, include two American entries, William Woodward's Scout Second and A. K. Macomber's Parthenon.

Parthenon is a decorated outsider at odds of 100 to 1 against but Scout Second, winner of the recent Newmarket stakes, is considered one of the best of the "dark horses," despite the fact that the betting odds on him are 25 to 1 against. A victory for scout second would give Mr. Woodward the distinction of owning the winners of both the derby and its Kentucky namesake. Gallant Fox, which advanced to victory at Churchill Downs, is owned by Mr. Woodward.

YAGUI JOE WINS
MEDFORD, Ore., June 2 (AP)—Yagui Joe, Sonora, Mexico, defeated Henry Jones, Provo, Utah, two straight falls for the junior middleweight wrestling title here. Joe took the first and deciding fall with a flying toe hold.

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America Gets Five New World Track And Fields Records—Total Pruned

By Alan Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK (AP)—The latest toll call in world's track and field records, involving a big shake-up all the way from the 100-yard dash to the 25 kilometer mark, has reduced the American grand over the rest of the field.

In this classic list the Yankee total is now 29, three less than before and closely pressed by Great Britain's 27. Finland has 16 and Germany six record-holders in the latest list, revised at the Berlin conference.

Outstanding among the shifts is the replacement of the 100-yard dash record of 26 seconds, first set in 1909, by the fractionally faster 9.5, made by an American negro, Eddie Tolan of Michigan, a year ago.

Tolan thus celebrates his debut in world's record company by ousting sprinters such as Drew Paddock, Bowman and others. The bespectacled negro comes rightfully by his honors, however, as he is the present National A. A. U. 100 and 220-yard champion.

By sticking to the old-fashioned hole, Tolan gains the distinction denied to dash men such as George Simpson, who used starting blocks to chalk up as good or better time.

Sabin Carr of Yale and now Lee Barnes of Southern California, the new pole vault record-holder at 14 feet 1 1/2 inches, have restored Yankee supremacy in this event, lost for a time through the high-swinging stunts of Charley Hoff of Norway.

Carr, who held the former mark of 14 feet, yields to Barnes, although the Yale star beat his California rival in three straight years of I. C. A. A. A. competition as well as in the 1928 Olympics.

Bud Spencer, the great Stanford quarter-miler of a few years ago, now has his name twice in the record books. Spencer wore dark glasses, due to the loss of sight in one eye, but this handicap did not prevent him from running the fastest 400 meters on record, in 47 seconds, in the spring of 1928, his last college year.

After the Olympics, Spencer anchored an American mile relay team that set a new world record of 2:13 2-5 at Stamford Bridge.

to be arranged today or tonight. Montana has been assured of a place in the track schedule but will likely be excluded from the basketball program again. The Grizzlies are seeking to re-enter the hoop schedule but the other northern division officials have indicated that they will adopt the same schedule they had last year which did not include Montana.

The faculty representatives and graduate managers will close their meeting tomorrow night.

AIR MAIL SPEEDED, THANKS TO STORM
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico (AP)—Threatening weather over Santo Domingo and Haiti recently caused the Pan American Airways to send a mail plane back to San Juan.

The next day it was decided to make up the lost day by flying the mail from San Juan to Miami in one day. This was done.

As a result the mail reached Miami on schedule, although leaving San Juan a full day late. Letters from Porto Rico were in New York a little more than 24 hours after leaving San Juan.

This probably will lead to a one day schedule within a few months.

The California historical society has marked Col. John C. Fremont's camp near San Miguel mission. The western explorer camped near the mission in 1846.

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