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CLASSIC MILE TO BE FEB. 7 EVENT

Ray Conger, Leo Lermond and Dr. Paul Martin to Race in New York.

By Foster Halley (Associated Press Sports Writer) NEW YORK (AP)—Three of the most colorful runners competing on American tracks this winter will face Johnny McHugh and his starting pistol in Madison Square Garden February 7 in the classic Rodman Wanamaker mile.

Ladies and gentlemen, in line on Ray Conger, America's premier mile, the announcer for the Millrose A. A. games will be Leo Lermond, a light-haired, skinny looking chap, the Illinois A. C. circle on his chest, will take a few steps down the track and quickly fade back into the crowd at the starting line.

In line two, Leo Lermond, Boston's great mile, will run cockily down the track and back again. One rather expects to see Leo clasp his hands above his head as a boxer does to answer the plaudits of the crowd. He's that kind of a fighting runner. "And in line three," the announcer will call, "Dr. Paul Martin, European champion."

A slight, boyish looking little fellow, with yellow hair nonchalantly will trot down the track and back again. Retiring Conger, confident Leo, nonchalant Martin. As diverse in style and temperament as their names, Conger always laying back in a race, ready to checkmate the other fellow's move, but slow to set the pace himself. Leo, always ready and anxious to battle it out for the lead. Martin, the Swiss surgeon, with the jockey little stride, running his own race, pacing himself on his best effort.

The first "mile of the century"—Conger, Lloyd Hahn and Dr. Otto Peltzer—carried no more color than these three competitors have. As a foil for the three headliners will be Joe Sivak, of Butler university, and Gene Venke, fighting Swede from Newark, who haven't a lot of crowd-catching color, but who can do a lot of running.

The Wanamaker mile, which Conger will be attempting to win for the third time in his permanent possession of the historic cup, headlines a meet which has several other events that would be headlines on a less pretentious card. It will carry much of America's hopes for a long awaited victory in the Olympics at the middle distance. Dr. Martin and Conger probably will be the leading contenders at Los Angeles when 1932 rolls around.

BEARCATS ARE WINNERS OVER PUGET SOUND

TACOMA, Feb. 6 (AP)—Willamette university's basketball quintet defeated College of Puget Sound, 33 to 24, here last night without being forced to the limit, in the first game of their Northwest conference series. The Bearcats had easy going in the first half, leading 21 to 14. The Loggers came back with a show of strength in the last half, but were unable to overcome the lead.

Lineup and summary: Willamette (33) fg ft pf. Seales, f. 14 1 1. Adams, f. 4 3 4. Kronstra, c. 1 2 3. Carpenter, g. 1 0 1. Gibson, f. 1 0 1. Peterson, c. 1 0 0. Totals 22 9 9. Puget Sound (24) fg ft pf. Bokers, f. 1 1 2. Kegley, c. 0 2 4. McCoy, g. 0 3 2. Gimes, g. 1 0 1. Bates, f. 1 0 1. Plety, c. 1 1 2. Totals 4 9 14.

MAX BAER AND LOUGHRAN TO MEET TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP)—Max Baer and Tommy Loughran, who are matched in a ten round bout in Madison Square Garden tonight, have at least one thing in common. They've both been beaten by Ernie Schaaf of Boston.

Loughran, after he retired as light heavyweight champion, and joined the heavyweights, dropped two decisions to Schaaf after a sensational career in the far west, made his eastern debut a few weeks ago against Schaaf and was outpointed. Few boxers ever came east more highly touted than Baer and the Californian has not shown much to justify the ballyhoo. He looked aggressive enough against Schaaf, but he did not appear to advantage in his knockout victory over old Tom Heeneey. Heeneey was giving the youngster a fine beating when he was shoved out of the ring in the third round and counted out when the officials got their mathematics all tangled up.

On the basis of Baer's showing in his first two New York bouts, Loughran looks like the logical favorite to win despite the fact that overnight he has on the short end of 7 to 5 odds.

DON FRASER WINS TACOMA, Feb. 6 (AP)—Don Fraser, Spokane welterweight, won the six-round decision over Leslie "Wildcat" Carter, Everett negro, here last night. The match was fast with Fraser having a decided advantage in the last four rounds. Jimmy Beck, Tacoma welter, and Jack Sweeney, Bellingham, drew in the other six rounds.

OUT OUR WAY



Triple Threat Man Valuable In Two Sports

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)—Knut Rockne, the Argonaut of American football, remarks in his characteristic jocular vein, "there are two games I don't like—basketball is both of them." This is another way of saying that there is too little of mimic warfare in the indoor game. That, in short, the sport hasn't enough of contact and combat, of dumping the interference of throwing a runner with a clean tackle; of gathering in a punt in proper style and of power plays, the football coach's delight.

However, there are many coaches who contend that the sports are taking on a resemblance—that football has become "basketballized" and that basketball has become "footballized." The triple threat man in football—one who can run, kick and pass, has his counterpart on the basketball courts in the man who shoots, dribbles and passes. Hyatt of Pittsburgh and Thompson of Montana were two great examples last season of the basketball triple threat man.

A basketball coach is employed by many gridiron mentors as an assistant to teach his gladiators the fundamentals of pivoting, passing and ball handling. The pivoting in both games is identical. Passing in each has the same technique. Ball handling in basketball, however, is much more difficult, due of course, to the restriction against running with the ball. The clever passer in basketball proves himself a very useful man to have around a football field if he has a football make-up; that is, a well knit body.

The better passers in both games, I have found, never focus on any one man. Indeed, a lack of focus is a great help when a receiver is sought. The "far away stare" is a passer's eye greatly widens the field of his vision. The passer must employ a technique not unlike that of a juggler who handles many objects at one time. To center on any object renders the passer less able to control the whole situation.

Players and officials, I have found, frequently clash in friendly jest much to the amusement of the crowd. I recall a particularly amusing example that occurred prior to the World War. Howard "Scrubby" Laslett, later

Hollywood Nine Hopes To Make It 3 In a Row

By Russell J. Newland (Associated Press Sports Writer) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6 (AP)—Hollywood's Stars won the Columbia pennant in 1929 and '30 and take it from Manager Oscar Vitt, his boys are going to be in there hustling to make it three in a row. Oscar Vitters in Oakland. He spends much of his time digging in the garden to "keep in condition and figure out baseball problems for the coming season." It must be an agreeable way to keep in shape because at the present time he weighs 122 pounds and could substitute for a barrel. His normal weight is about 122 pounds.

For one thing, Vitt confided Oscar, "we've got the greatest outfit in the league. I'll put Jesse Hill, Cleo Carlyle, Dave Barbee and Marty Callaghan against any of them." Callaghan and Pat Crawford are the boys we got in trade from Cincinnati for Mickey Heath. I figure on using Crawford at first base. He may not be as good a fielder as Heath, but as long as he can hit the old apple, no apologies required. Fair Pitching Staff

"Our pitching staff isn't the worst in the world and we will have three newcomers to experiment with. Foster Edwards, a right hander coming down from the New York Yankees should make the grade. Got a couple of young fellows, John Anderson and Bray, coming from the Piedmont league. They are right handers. If they show up like Jim Turner and Vance Shaw, who came from the Piedmont circuit last year, we won't miss Hank Hulvey and Hollister. Hulvey was sold to Chattanooga and Hollister is to be farmed out to Omaha." The rest of our pitching staff will do. Augie Jones and Emil Yde are the left handers and Frank Sheltenback and Ed Wetzel are the right-handed veterans.

Crawford is the only new pitcher but the only worry we have over him is whether or not he will, or fear. He wrote out asking for leave of absence until June as he is going to college in Boston. He is taking up a course in physical education but we hope to convince him it will pay to play baseball. Ozzie Grann will take care of second base. Dad Lee will be at short and Mike Garella will hold down third. Harry Green and Louie Catina, who pitched the county roles, will be the best catchers in the league and laugh it off if you can. "Next to my team, I like Los Angeles and the Seals. Portland should be stronger. "That is about all I know but try to get down to San Diego during

New Navy Coach



Edgar E. "Rip" Miller, navy line coach for the last five years, successor "Navy Bill" Ingram as head football coach at the naval academy.

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the training season. I'm going to lead the callisthenics and make the boys run around the park, ten laps a day. If any of them trip me this day, it means a \$5 fine right off the bat." This season's squad is the smallest ever taken to camp by Hollywood. Among the promising recruits are Elmer Evert, a San Diego boy who may hook on as a third string catcher, and Ed McMurry, a right handed pitcher from Fresno. The Stars will go into training, March 2.

SEATTLE, PORTLAND TIE. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6 (AP)—Vancouver continued to lead the Pacific Coast hockey league today. The Lions advanced one point to a two-point lead over Portland and Seattle by playing the Portland Buckaroos to a 2 to 2 tie in an overtime game here last night. The game was a fierce battle throughout. All scores were counted in the first and second periods.

of old-fashioned fighting spirit in argument. The fourth, says Ruth, was smacked down the middle again, of pugilistic spirit. He relishes the memory of one such outburst, however. "It concerned a short, snappy argument with 'Brick' Owens, the umpire. It happened when Ruth was a fast-ball southpaw pitcher for the Red Sox, before he wielded the home run scepter. "I threw what I thought were two as clean strikes as I could put over," said the Babe. "Owens called them balls. I beefed plenty, suggesting to Owens that if he went to bed nights he would be able to see straight once in a while. "One more crack from you and you go," retorted Brick. "One more leucy decision like that and I'll bust you one," hollered back Ruth.

Sport Slants. By Alan J. Gould (Associated Press Editor) It was just a social call, the visit I paid to the Polyclinic hospital with Babe Ruth to see how the celebrated patient, Jack Dempsey, was getting along. Cameramen were barred, but it was a great picture, anyway. Propped up in bed, his infected hand encased in a heated solution that kept the perspiration pouring down the old mauler's dark brow, Dempsey had a ruddy in front of him, a telephone at one hand and a secretary taking dictation in answer to the flood of letters and telegrams. "I like to hear from the folks but those flowers—" With a gesture of disdain, the ex-champion pointed to another room. "This is no time to send a guy flowers. I'm superstitious." So was Ruth, for he jumped up hastily to blow out the match I started to use to light the third cigar in the room. As I say, this was just to be a polite call, though a pleasant one, for Jack and the Babe have always been keen admirers of each other's particular ability to sock. As two of the highest paid professional athletic performers of all time, they know the money value of the well known man, whether it's a blast into the bleachers or a wallop to the whiskers. But as two old gentlemen will become at times, they got a little garrulous. I felt like calling "beaver" as they grew reminiscent over the "old days"—days and times and thrills that go so far back into ancient history as ten years ago. Just two old timers—Ruth is 37 next month, Dempsey 36 in June! Baseball habits have changed. So has Ruth but the Babe regrets the passing of the days when the players scurried on the field or under the stands. Rather, he regrets the lack

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