

BURNS WOULD JOIN 'COME BACK' CLASS

Ex-Champion Getting Ready to Fight Johnson or McVey.

ALL 'HOPES' DEEMED EASY

Tommy Returns From Australia With Added Weight and Confidence—Langford, He Says, Was Robbed of Decision.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion of the world, returned to Seattle tonight from Australia, where he has been for several months, looking after the interests of Jack Lester and getting in shape for a match with Johnson or McVey, promoter McIntosh having promised to give him first chance at the winner of the negro dual.

"Yes, I'm coming back," said Burns tonight. "This is serious this time and I am going after that heavy weight title again. I am in better shape right now than I have been at any time since I met Johnson before in Australia, and I have added weight and strength until when I fight now I will enter the ring at about 175 pounds. I only weigh 174 now, so you can see that I won't have to train down much more.

"While I am figuring primarily on the fight with Johnson or McVey, I am more than likely to sign up for an American fight before going into the title battle, either with Flynn or one of those white boys who seem to be so much in evidence over here. Burns does not think very much of Sam McVey, plainly estimating that he has shown a large streak of yellow. He says that Langford won in his fight by a mile and that the decision giving the battle to McVey was the worst robbery in the history of the prize ring.

"McVey was a beaten man," said Burns, "and he knew he was beaten, for when the referee called him the winner he was so taken aback that he wanted to kiss the referee. Langford landed three blows to McVey's eye, and led the fight to the end of the going. It was the worst decision I have ever seen or heard of and I have seen some fights in my time, and have made a close study of ring records.

"Just to show you how wise this McVey is, that he was beaten and badly beaten, he has been dodging a return match with Langford ever since." Jack Lester, Burns' protege, will return from Australia in the next boat or in about three weeks.

ATTELL PROBE TO GO DEEPER Charges of Perjury May Grow Out of Boxing Investigation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Application has been made by the State Athletic Commission to Attorney General Carmody to investigate the testimony of Abe Attell and his manager, during the recent hearing of the Attell-Kneekout Brown fight here, as the result of which Attell was convicted of "fixing" and barred for six months from boxing in this state.

O'CONNELL TO MEET KENNEDY Portland Wrestler Rematched With Man Who Gave Him Hard Bout.

SEALS SIGN LANKY SOUTHPAW Barry Long Announces Acquisition of William Moore, of Texas.

BEAVER WHO DISPELS NEW ORLEANS TALK BY SENDING IN SIGNED PORTLAND CONTRACT.



BILL LINDSAY SIGNS Ex-Cleveland Third-Sacker Sends in Contract.

McCredie Has Surplus of Men for Hard Corner but Lacks in Material for Shortstop—Status of Lindsay Seems Certain.

Bill Lindsay, infielder or outfielder? Portland or New Orleans? This is the buzz one hears about baseball headquarters in the corner cigar stands and wherever the dry-in-the-wood fan is wont to congregate.

Lindsay signed his Portland contract several days ago and as President McCredie received the precious document yesterday under a Madison, N. C. postmark, it's a safe bet that the Southerner will not covet on the sword either in New Orleans or Toledo, as Eastern scribbles have been circulating.

Whether or not Lindsay will be used in the infield or the outfield is uncertain. Lindsay wants to gamble in the outfield, but there is still a vacancy at third base, left by the lifting of the outlaw ban from Tommy Sheehan's shoulders.

But Peters, the Trenton Tyrus Cobb, who is attending the Stanford University law department, is a third sacker and Manager McCredie is figuring on using him at third base. What sort of a catcher he is, more than anything else outside of the battery is a shortstop to fill Peckinpugh's shoes. McDowell, of Nebraska; Bancroft, of Wisconsin; Kibbie, of Montana; Peters and Coltrin are the recruit contenders for jobs along the plate.

Further to complicate the situation Peters may not report until the middle of the month, though McCredie is bringing influence to bear upon the California youngster. The complete Portland Coast League roster is as follows: Infielders—Rapps, Rodgers, McDowell, Bancroft, Coltrin, Lindsay, Kibbie, Peters; outfielders—Krusner, Glavin, Cuthaw, Deane, Strait, Mathes, Fries; catchers—Howler, Murray, La Longe, Burch; pitchers—Kosatser, Henderson, Harkness, Lamline, Ehrlich, Greenwell, Osborne, Byrd and Doty.

Lindsay Asks for Transportation. In his letter inclosing his contract yesterday, Lindsay asked for transportation before February 23, when he expects to leave for California Spring training.

SPOKANE TAKES SHOOT AGAIN Inland Empire Trappers Make It Six Straight Victories.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 7.—Spokane made it six straight victories in the Northwestern touring trap shooting tournament held here under the auspices of the Walla Walla Gun Club today. F. J. Chingren, the Spokane amateur, was again high man with a score of 99 out of 100, Willet with 97.

M'CREE BELLS OF BEAN BEAVERS

Many Present-Day Stars Once at Point of Draft or Purchase by Portland.

CHANCE PLAYS BIG PART

Doyle, Cuthaw, Merkle, Sauer, Bodie, Gardner, Houck, Fletcher, Johnson, Konetchy, Cobb and Alexander All Watched.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT. "Ball Players I Might Have Fed" would make a most appropriate title for a volume edited by—well, say any of the members of the Wait-McCredie, of the Portland Beavers has a list of "almost rans" that o'er shadows the average recapitulation like an Egyptian sphinx leering out above a prairie dog village.

By Cobb, Walter Johnson, Ed Konetchy, Grover, Alexander, Ping Bodie, Merkle—these are only a few of the immortals who, but for a false memento of fickle fortune, might have been the stars of the major leagues in a given length of time as any other developer of talent in the country.

The sudden death of Jimmy Doyle, third baseman on the Chicago Cubs, put Mac into a reminiscent frame yesterday. "Doyle's demise will be a sad loss to Frank Chance," surmised Walter. "There's a young player who would have made a splendid catcher in another season. I had been watching his progress with more than ordinary interest, because I intended drafting him from the Reds when the Cincinnati Reds beat me to it in 1909.

Cobb Get Doyle First. "Doyle was an outfielder then, Tommy Madden, now with Sacramento, being drafted by me," said Mac. "Friends back East scouting tipped both off and I had drafts prepared. The New York Americans took Madden and Cincinnati got Doyle. I got Doyle the latter over to Louisville, where he was converted into a third-sacker. Last season he replaced Steinfeld at third for Cuthaw.

Cuthaw, of the Oakland club, whose record of 90 stolen bases sent him to Brooklyn last fall, was lost to Portland, but for the fact that he played a portion of one season with Bloomington, in the Three-Eye League, and that he had the reputation of swiping his identity, Cuthaw would undoubtedly now be contending for an infield berth with the Cleveland Americans.

Name Change Deceives. "I was writing the Birmingham team when Oakland paid \$1000 for Cuthaw," said Bill Steen, who goes to the Naps, last night. "McCredie had been watching the hope that he would be prepared to suddenly noted the absence of his name from the box scores. That was when Cuthaw took his real name, Mac drafted him to the Naps, and I turned to Cuthaw until he later inquired about Stevens."

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Gregg Approves Krapp's Act. Vean Says He and Gene Will Win Flag for Naps if They Play.

Lewisville, Idaho, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Vean Gregg, heard through the Oregonian today that Eugene Krapp was also a holdout. He said that he hoped his former teammate would make a go of it.

Golf Champion Going Abroad. BOSTON, Feb. 7.—J. J. McDermott, the National open golf champion, who is in Boston, will sail for England on May 5 to compete in the British open at the Royal and Ancient Club on June 27 and 28. The conflict in dates is doubly unfortunate in that not only McDermott, but two or three other leading professionals from this side, will be abroad at the time.

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'MYSTERY' BID FOR Happy Hogan Wants to Sign Temperamental Mitchell.

FLINGER DOESN'T AWE HIM Vernon Manager Believes He Can Get Along All Right With Pitcher Who Was Sensation With San Francisco Two Years Ago.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—"Happy" Hogan, manager of the Vernon team, made a definite proposition to "Mysterious Mitchell," who twirled last year for the San Francisco team. "Mitchell," whose real name is Walker, has an unconditional release from the Seals.

I believe I can handle Mitchell and I believe that he will not give me any more trouble than any of the other players on the team. I have found that the players who have reputations of being hard to handle generally are very good players. Mitchell has proved that he can deliver the goods in this league, and there is no reason why I should not have him on the team."

MAJ SUTTON ISN'T QUITTING Famous Tennis Player May Meet Hazel Hotchkiss in Match May 30.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Maj Sutton isn't quitting tennis, notwithstanding announcements of her intention to take a year's rest from the game, and to return to the Coronado and Hotel Virginia tournaments.

BOWLERS GATHER IN SOUTH Players Flock to Los Angeles for Western Tournament.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Bowlers are still arriving in bunches from all over the West to take part in the big tournament this week.

PASADENA BEATS CORONADO Leading Canadian Players Arrayed on Two Polo Teams.

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 7.—By a score of 11 to 14, Pasadena "A" team defeated Coronado in the first Maryland cup game of the midwinter polo tournament. The Maryland cup is the trophy offered for California teams only.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Packey McFarland today called off his six round bout with Young Ernie tonight at the National Athletic Club. The bout is that his left eye, which was damaged by Kid Burns in a bout in New York last night, is too sore for him to go on.

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