

BUGS TINKER TEAM BRAS DELIVER EDGE

Bill Essick Starts Out With Last Season's Winners.

BEAVERS ARE PROBLEM

Local Fans Believe Portland Team Now in Prospect Has Little Chance to Beat Tigers.

The bugs and buglets who make the winter merry with carbstone baseball played in conversation only will have it that Bill Essick's Vernon Tigers have a cinch on repeating their pen-pant-winning performance of last season.

As for the Beavers—oh, well, you know. They may and may not look pretty good in the spring, perhaps make a rush late in the summer, and then crack under the strain and drop to the same old second division ignominiously when the real stretch comes along.

In other words, the said bugs and buglets realize that Bill Essick has practically no problem of rebuilding, having almost the team he had last season.

On the other hand, the Beavers will have the same material to build with again this year, but last season the building material proved very shaky. It spots the framework held, but in others it collapsed, and it seems impossible for one to believe that the club can be put through a stage which stands on an even, competitive basis with the flag-grabbing Tigers.

Other teams in the league are planning not to let Vernon repeat this coming season, and are gathering some mighty fine knockout blows together, making it all the tougher for a weak-cogged outfit to get along. There will not be a single club to walk over to fatten the percentage column. Every week's series promises to be a hot one.

Five Beaver regulars have signed up to date. They are Del Baker, "Suds" Southern, Art Koeber, Gene Kingdon and "Biff" Schaller. Contracts are in the hands of all the players and are drifting in daily. Walter McCredie expects Tex Webster, all and Leroy Mabel to fall in line next. Lefty Schroeder and Lou Blue, last year regulars, are hanging on terms and several of the men turned over by Detroit, including Rudy Kallio, are in the hands of the club.

It is not likely that Jack Farmer, outfielder, or Carroll Jones, pitcher, will be with the team this season, as both are slated to figure in looming trades.

A complete list of Beavers, signed and assigned, follows: Catchers—Del Baker and Art Koeber. Pitchers—Right-handers, Rudy Kallio, Carroll Jones, Art Koeber, Gene Kingdon, Harry Pomeroy, Ernest Frye, Carl Johnson, Frank Tunney and Harry Johnson; southpaws, C. M. Schroeder, George Hjer, W. J. Leebner, Fred Libbe and R. K. Durkin.

Infielders—Lou Blue and Ray Tama, first basemen; Jimmie Hester, second base; George Witter and Ray Springer, third basemen. Outfielders—Biff Schaller, George Mabel, Jack Farmer, Dick Cox, Cyline and Barnie.

Detroit offered to give Macon, Ga., the glassy state of the world, but when Frank Navin, prey of the Bengali, sent word that the famous Tonus Raymond, who would be the only player with the organization, the southern owners could not see the Tigers for the fact. Without Cobb the Detroit, despite the fact that the Tigers, Helmsman, Flagstead, Bushes, etc., lack a lot of their drawing power.

"Buffing Bill" Essick, baseball Napoleon in command of Eddie Maier's army of toasters, has selected the St. Louis American League club will not train south this spring. The buffing one in the matter is the manager of Phil Ball, owner of the Browns, conveying the sad news that plans previously made for exhibition league and other clubs for exhibition purposes, going and returning from the southland, where the St. Louis men will conditionally necessary to call the coast trip off.

The players who are figured to be in the Seals' training camp at Stockton up to date are as follows: Pitchers—St. Louis, Seaton, Lundberg, Steele, Jordan, Couch and McQuaid. Catchers—Baldwin, Agnew and Anfinson. Infielders—Korsner, Cavney, Corbett, Kamm, Kerr and Coddington. Outfielders—O'Brien, Fitter, Fitzgerald, Schick and O'Connell. Utility player—Jambuch.

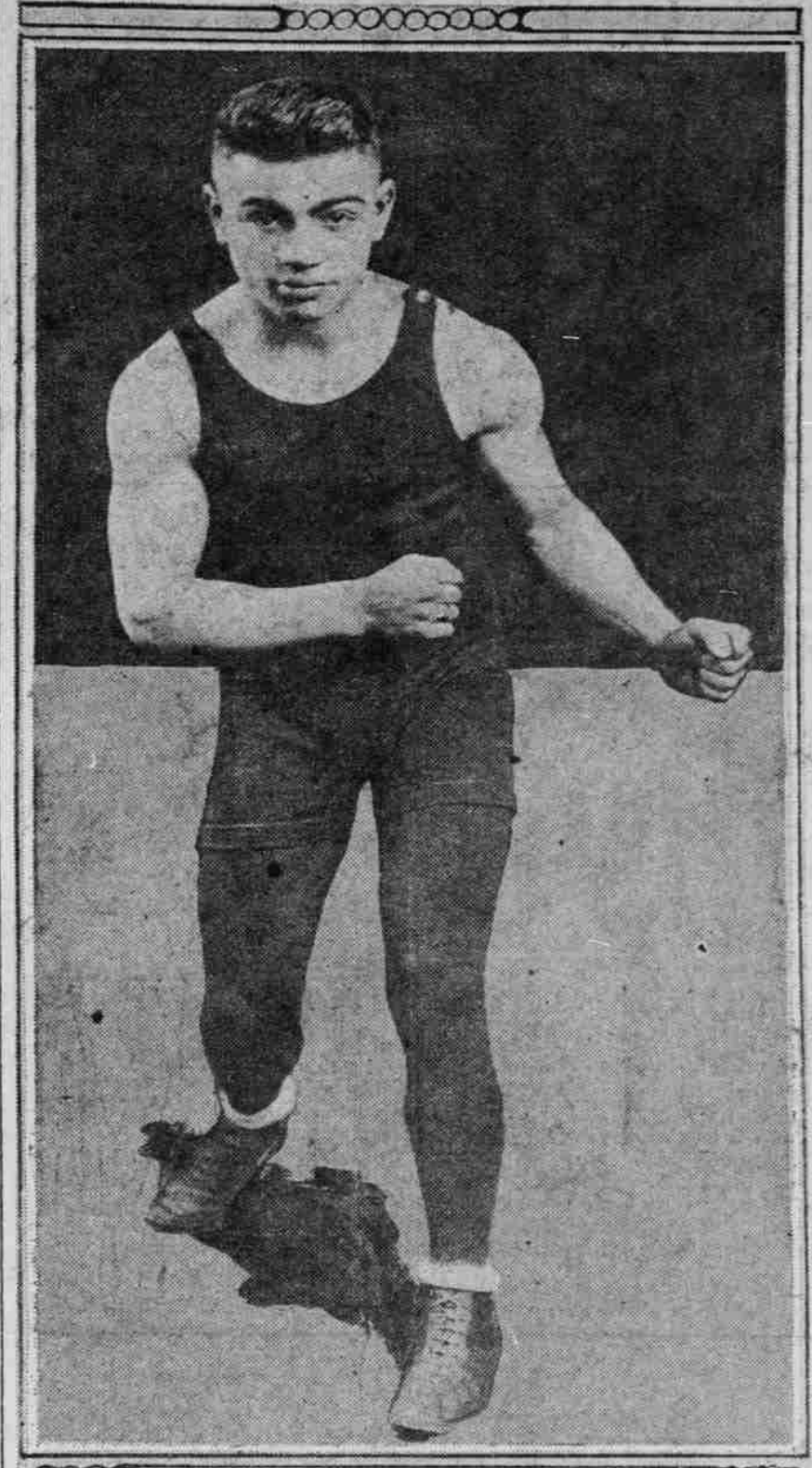
Ernie Johnson pulled off a good deal when he traded Pitcher Dale to Dallas for Pitcher Lester. He has the belief of many baseball men here that Dale is a good pitcher and it is believed he will help Salt Lake more than Dale would.

Tuck in your chin, fellows, and tread the diamond, for the time for the chronic "crabs" of the diamond to get by in the Coast league next year.

Dangerous Dan McGrew was killed long ago in a fight with a namesake, twice as dangerous and thrice as courageous, is going to umpire in the Coast circuit this coming season.

Ted McGrew, who threw a mean indicator in the Virginia league, was signed by President Bill McCarthy to decide on balls and strikes. While Dangerous Dan has been the most press agented member of the McGrew family, Ted has been making the eastern players lay down and say "Uncle" when he hooked his thumb over his right shoulder.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF ENGLAND WHO IS IN UNITED STATES FOR BATTLES.



Johnny Sheppard, lightweight champion of England, who arrived in New York on the Prince George to see the Johnny Dundee-Benny Leonard bout, only to learn the fight had been called off, after he had traveled 4000 miles to see it. He expected to challenge the winner. He is now trying to arrange a bout with Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, and might take a bout with Dundee.

the afternoon he was at bat six times, but did not get a hit. Babe isn't a "waiter." He generally takes a walkoff at the first one.

Coast league fans will smile when they hear players are refusing to play with the Wined M basket-losers, manager of the Columbus team of the American association. Clymer failed in the coast league, but near the big league where he can get players over night from the faster circuit, they say he is a great pilot.

FOOTBALL PLAYER SCUMMBS

Virgil Ellwatt, Pullman, Wash., Victim of Blood-Poisoning.

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Virgil Ellwatt, a sophomore of Pullman high school, and brother of Arnold Ellwatt, guard on this season's state college eleven, died today as the result of blood poisoning received while a member of the local high school football team. The player succumbed at Colfax this morning but will be buried here.

PULLMAN TRAINER NAMED

Sam Glabe to Have Charge of Mat and Boxing Aspirants.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Sam Glabe, of Spokane, has been selected to have full charge of the training of the state college grapplers and boxers. Glabe was formerly connected with the Spokane Amateur Athletic club, but was obtained by Athletic Director Bohler to train the mat artists for the coming college season. Glabe was the winner in the 115-pound class at the San Francisco exhibition last year, and he will return to his duties in Spokane as assistant director of the Spokane Amateur Athletic club there.

YACHT RACE SET FOR JULY

America Cup Events to Be Held, Weather Permitting.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Under arrangements now being completed by the New York Yacht club, the first race for the America's cup will be made on July 17, 20, 22 and 24, or until either the American defender, the Defender, or the challenger, Shamrock IV has won three out of five races.

JERSEY GETS LEONARD BOUT

Lightweight Champ Will Meet Johnny Dundee February 9.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Benny Leonard, world's lightweight boxing champion, will meet in an eight-round bout in Jersey City, February 9, it was announced tonight. They were to have met at New Haven in a round no-decision bout on January 16, but the authorities interfered, citing the contest as "a prize fight."

ATHLETICS RELEASE TURNER

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—The Philadelphia Athletics have given the veteran Terry Turner his unconditional release and no one has been named to replace him.

LEADING TO REVENUES

MANAGING MANAGER

Sponsor of Jack Dempsey Attacks Martin Pilot.

PROPAGANDA IS ALLEGED

Titleholder's Backer Accuses Jimmy Bronson of Using Legions to Advance Personal Interests.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, today announced he had sent the following telegram to Jimmy Bronson, manager of Bob Martin, heavyweight champion of the A. E. F. in France:

"In justice to Jack Dempsey, world's champion, I must demand that you cease immediately and stop propagandizing that you are now starting throughout the country in your efforts to boost Bob Martin and to promote a fight between him and Carpenter by sending out literature which is false and misleading, in which you are attempting to convey an impression that Jack Dempsey is a draft-dodger and traitor to represent America in a titular battle.

Letter Angers Kearns. "I have in my possession now a letter which you are sending broadcast quoting unwarranted resolutions to show Dempsey was a draft-dodger and traitor to the country, and to discredit Dempsey and using the American Legion in an effort to boost your fighter.

Your action is the most outrageous injustice ever attempted by a manager and rival fighter. Real sportsmen do not have to adopt these methods, and if there are any more moves like that on your part I will be forced to take the proper legal action.

War Record Defended. "Dempsey followed the dictation of his government and acted according to the instructions of his draft board, and the chairman of said draft board, John S. Hogan, states over his own signature that Dempsey was a valuable in the field in which he was placed that if he were carrying a gun he would have been given the assurance from you that you will stop at once the propaganda which would limit the sum to be paid him.

Dempsey Request is Denied. Justifying Exemption Held No Business of American Legion.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—Answering a letter from Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, requesting that the American Legion take steps to prevent criticism of Dempsey by the American Legion, today wrote Mr. Kearns that the American Legion is not a business organization and is not a business of the American Legion during the war.

The national headquarters of the American Legion contemplates no action in reference to the subject matter of your letter of January 14. "It is not a function of the American Legion to act as a censor for the government during the war in connection with the classification of men subject to selective service act, or to review the claims of any individual who finds it necessary to justify his exemption from military service."

MILWAUKIE HIGH FIVE WINS

Beaverton Boys Take Short End of 21 to 17 Count.

MILWAUKIE, Ore., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Milwaukee high school defeated Beaverton high in a rough and tumble basketball game on the local floor Friday night. The game was officiated mainly by the fast and relatively slow and repetitive with uncalled fouls.

WILLAMETTE WORKING HARD

Quint is Preparing for Double-Header With O. A. C.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—With another double-header scheduled for this week-end against the Oregon Agricultural College, the Willamette basketball team is driving its basketballers at a fast pace.

COUGAR HOOPERS TRIM IDAHO

Superior Condition Tells in First Conference Battle.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The University of Idaho basketball team succumbed to the Washington State college team tonight, 32 to 17.

REED TEAMS CLASH TODAY

Championship Basketball Series is Under Way.

Reed college Daydodger and Dormitory basketball teams clashed in the first of a championship series. The meeting of the old rivals was a close one, with the Daydodgers winning, 22 to 20.

RECENT PHOTO OF EUROPEAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.



Matchmaker Frank Kendall of the Milwaukee boxing commission commended his card for next Wednesday night yesterday by signing two special events. Tommy Hayes, a San Francisco brawler, will be the main event, will fight with Mike Pete of Seattle in one of the special bouts of six rounds' duration, while Lackey Morrow, featherweight champion, will box Nell Zimmerman six cantos.

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POLO CHALLENGE DELAYED

Try for International Cup Will Wait Until Summer of 1921.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The United States will not try to regain the international polo cup from England until 1921, it was decided at a meeting of the polo association today.

A letter from Lord Valerian, chairman of the polo committee of the Hurlingham club, was responsible for the decision to delay a challenge. The letter stated that the polo cup was a trophy of war, and that it was not proper to challenge for it until after the war.

SEAL TO MANAGE SAGINAW

"Red" McKee Will Try Hand As Pilot in Mid-West Circuit.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—"Red" McKee, catcher of the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast league for several years, will go this season to the Saginaw club of the Michigan Ohio league as manager, according to announcement today by Manager Charles F. Sullivan.

Anglers' Club to Meet Friday

Multnomah Club to Meet Friday.

Champion Hurder Dies.

Harvard Eleven Chooses Captain.

O'Dowd Puts Murphy Away

E. of C. Quint Beats Farmers.

Pitcher Walsh Goes to Bridgeport.

TWO SPECIAL EVENTS CARD

BRACE OF SIX-ROUND BOUTS PUT ON AT MILWAUKIE.

PETE MEETS L. MORROW

Captain Bob Roper Arrives From Chicago For Argument With Boy McCormick, Esq.

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They are not talking of a 45-round match between Battling Ortega and Mike O'Dowd at Tijuana for the mid-western title, which is the world's, it is said that James Coffey favors staging such a contest if O'Dowd would consent.

Fred Fulton is scheduled to meet Tom Cowler in a six-round go in Philadelphia tonight. Cowler fought more in good standing as the result of his knockout victory over Al Reich in Dubuque, Iowa, when he was 14 years old in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout. The bell saved Moran from a knockout by Reich, but he was knocked out by Moran in the third round of a scheduled eight-round bout.

McGowan of Kansas City, knocked out Carl Leonard of Red Wing, Minn., in the third round of a scheduled eight-round mill.

Rhines Beat Portland Team.

In the second game of the series of special matches being rolled between the A. E. F. and Portland, the bowling alley team of the Rhines won last night by a margin of 31 pins, which gives them a lead of 83 pins over the Portland team. The game last night was rolled on the Portland alley drives.

TRAFFIC PLAN IS UP TODAY

Council to Hear Final Arguments on One-Way Measure.

Final arguments both for and against the one-way traffic proposal as outlined in an ordinance prepared by Mayor Baker will be heard today by the city council this morning, starting at 10 o'clock. The ordinance proposes that the city streets be closed to the more crowded streets of the congested districts, and the recommendations of the city engineer, Captain Lewis of the police traffic bureau.

BIG HATCHERY PLANNED

Poultrymen Announce Big Plant at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Poultry day at the weekly luncheon of the live wires of the Oregon City commercial club today was signaled by the announcement that a private hatchery will be established here within the next year, with a capacity of 1,250,000 eggs annually.

U. L. Upson, manager of the Oregon City Hatchery, said that the hatchery of Oregon's climatic advantages and other speakers were B. Sullivan of Highland, George DeBok of Willamette, and Mr. Gribble of Canby.

Stockmen to Fight Thefts.