

CURRENT GOSSIP IN THE ATHLETIC FIELD

Tennis Season Is in Full Swing—Japanese Team Play a Fast Baseball Game.

IN PUGDOG'S REALM

Tommy Burns Seeks Match With Jack O'Brien.

BRITT HAS A HARD GAME

White, the English Champion, Gave Him a Battle Which Greatly Surprised the Californian at the Outset.

Tommy Burns, who beat Dave Barry at Tacoma last Tuesday night, returned to Portland several days ago. Tommy Burns will remain here until he secures another match. Burns is hot on the trail of Jack O'Brien or Tommy Ryan, O'Brien and Mike Schreck, who is matched to fight Bob Fitzsimmons, are the only two fighters who have a decision over the Chicagoan, and he is exceedingly anxious to wipe out the O'Brien decision. Burns has fought 32 battles and won 23. In the two battles mentioned he has been returned a winner. The decision that Schreck gained over him was wiped off the slate a year ago the 28th of February last. Burns met Schreck at Milwaukee, knocked him down four times in six rounds and beat his man to a pulp. The battle was called a draw, but that is the way they do things in Milwaukee.

Burns is not a boastful fighter and he takes his victories as a matter of course. In talking of his recent fight with Barry, Burns says a high tribute to the Californian's gameness and ability to take punishment. Up until his fight with Barry, Burns was maintained that he gave Mike Schreck one of the worst beatings he has ever given any fighter. Now he says that Barry took a harder lacing from him. "Barry is the toughest man I have ever met," said Burns. "He is on top of you all the time. He is not clever, but he has a wallop in either hand and the way he has of boring in, keeps you fighting every minute. I confess that Dave had me up in the air for the first three rounds. I took me that long to figure him out. I found that he did his best work at in-fighting and I made up my mind to take a hand in that style of fighting. I did, and instead of waiting for Dave to bore in, I was on top of him during the rest of the fight. Though Barry's made of iron, I thought I had him out in the sixth round, but he came back, when the bell rung and seemed to be as strong as ever. It was the hardest fight I have ever had, and anyone who says that Barry can't punch with his right hand, ought to get in the ring with him.

The fight that Burns lost to Schreck was his 13th battle. For a long time he camped on Schreck's trail for a return fight, and instead of waiting a year ago that he got his man. Burns was fighting around Chicago at that time. He had a battle with Schrock and whipped him in five rounds. This was on Friday night. Schrock, who was to fight Jack O'Brien in Milwaukee on Saturday night, was at the ringside. Word had been sent that O'Brien would not be on hand, and Schrock hit Burns and asked him to take O'Brien's place. In spite of the fact that he had just fought a hard battle, Burns said that he had a couple of punches left that would hurt and he accepted the invitation and fought Schrock the following night. It is not often that a boxer will take on two fights in as many nights, but Burns did, and from clippings telling of the fight, it must have been a great one.

Burns Would Meet O'Brien.

Burns had not as yet met Jack O'Brien, but Schrock had met the Philadelphiaan at Chicago and had fought him to a six-round draw. When the fight fans learned that Burns was to fight Schrock they laid 3 to 1 against the Chicagoan. In the first round Burns planted a swing on Schrock's jaw and knocked him down. In the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds, he also turned the trick, yet the referee called the fight a draw. Burns admits that Jack O'Brien had the goods on him, but he firmly believes that if they should meet again, he could whip him. Jimmy Curran, city of the Tacoma Club, has been in correspondence with O'Brien, and is willing to meet Burns. Burns will try to have it take place in San Francisco. Burns is after the middleweight championship and he will never rest until he has had a battle for it.

Larry McKenna, who has managed Burns since he came to Portland, has dissolved partnership with Burns. McKenna has found that he cannot give attention to Burns' fighting engage-

ments and look after his personal business affairs. Both manager and fighter were unwilling to break up the pleasant relationship that existed between them. Burns will make his own matches and look after his own interests from now on.

The Britt-White Fight.

Jimmy Britt's victory over James White, while almost every American fight fan picked the Californian to win, proved a great surprise. White was looked upon when he first landed as an old man, and there were many who thought Britt would tear through him like a buzz saw through soft pine. The fight by rounds shows that Britt for 15 rounds had the fight of his life on his hands and the showing that the British champion made has made him a host of friends. In the early rounds White, by his cleverness at blocking and by his foot work, fooled the Californian greatly. He also demonstrated to James Edward that he had a punch. He cut Jimmy's eye and sent him to the floor with a wallop on the jaw. But few fighters who have been knocked down by Edward that he had a punch. He cut Jimmy's eye and sent him to the floor with a wallop on the jaw. But few fighters who have been knocked down by Edward that he had a punch.

A close study of the fight by rounds shows that Britt was the same old Jimmy that fought Gans. He might have whipped the Englishman, but before he did if he had used his head a little better. Britt's tendency to wildness is a misfortune, for if he was cooler headed and fought carefully, he would not be guilty of landing so many blows that are really foul. His desire to tear in and kill his man off is something he cannot curb. What he becomes in Britt is some big battle if "Spider" Kelly is not behind him, croaking in his sing-song voice, steady, Jimmy, steady," can easily be guessed.

GAMBRINUS TEAM IS FIRST

Successful Meeting of Ten-Pin Knights Closed.

Gambrinus team finished first in the Portland Tenpin League, which closed its season last Monday with a game between the Gambrinus and Pin Knights. The Pin Knights took two of the three games. The Gambrinus team won first prize. The Gambrinus team was led by Captain Capen, who has been the best bowler in the league since he was elected captain. Capen has a record of 194 1-5 for 60 games. Eddie bowled a beautiful game all through the league season and justly deserves his medal. O. J. Kruse won second prize, with a record average of 154 15-20 for 60 games, which is very good bowling. Many other members of the league were there with big games.

The Portland alleys will pull off a handicap tournament of doubles this week. Manager McMenomy will arrange it so that the bowlers who enter, no matter what their average is, will stand a chance to win the prizes. The committee appointed to make arrangements for a Summer League will meet this afternoon at 3 P. M. All members of the committee are requested to be present.

The final standing of the Portland Tenpin League is:

Name	Won	Lost	P. C.
Gambrinus	41	18	.733
Bankers	29	21	.583
All Stars	24	26	.480
Gold Leafs	25	35	.417
Pin Knights	23	35	.400

Name	Played	Average
Capen	60	194.15
J. Kruse	60	154.15
Ball	51	141.47
Fickler	54	131.54
Pollock	21	130.62
Keating	45	125.36
W. H. Jones	57	124.87
Keyser	47	123.37
F. Christ	57	121.87
Hoffman	47	119.45
R. Case	24	117.94
Rusan	49	116.44
R. Case	45	109.45
Gaillard	59	106.53
Siebel	39	105.26
Mallett	39	102.29
Schoneback	21	104.21
Hymala	39	102.29
Lamond	60	100.63
Lilman	27	100.127
Johnson	18	100.00
Armstrong	54	100.44
Hinnkamp	48	100.26
Hague	60	100.00
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Boudjari	60	100.00

Won by Happy Valley Team.

MINNIVILLE, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—In a closely contested game of baseball, Happy Valley won from the local collegians by a score of 8 to 6. In the sixth inning the score was 2 to 6 in favor of the collegians, but in the next inning the visitors took a brace and made the score even. The score stood 6 to 6 in the eighth and two more runs were netted by Happy Valley in the ninth while the collegians were shut out. The batteries were: Happy Valley, E. Berry, Houser and M. Berry; collegians, Eimore, Miller and Reid. Umpire, Walter Holman.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE CRACK JAPANESE BASEBALL TEAM, WHICH MAY PLAY IN PORTLAND



Hashido, Shortstop and Captain. Yamawaki, Catcher. Kono, Pitcher.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS

Defeats Portland Academy on the Diamond.

SCORE IS EIGHT TO TWO

One-Sided Game in Which the Academy Boys Play Their Poorest and Allow the High School All the Advantage.

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Hill Military Academy	2	1	.666
Portland Academy	1	2	.333

A feeling that they were going to be defeated, ragged support to indifferent pitching, combined with excellent playing by the opponents, worked the ruin of the Portland Academy yesterday afternoon on Multnomah Field to the dirge of 8 to 2. The High School was playing fit and fine, and the Academy was in all respects away below its standard.

McPherson, in giving the High School hits, was not so much to blame for the heavy scoring as the rest of the team with its errors. McPherson did not have the support he deserved. Myers and Reed, the regular Academy pitchers, were out of it, and the team gave itself up to defeat and did not half try to hold down the score, even if it could not win under the circumstances.

The High School won through clean playing, hard hitting, good base-running and the excellent pitching of Goodell. True, they could not have very well helped winning, but they made the most of their opportunity. The game lasted only an hour and a half, and was quick and snappy, if not very good. The Academy's only runs were in the ninth, when Goodell walked Moreland and allowed Houston a hit, which brought in Moreland, Houston scoring when McPherson's drive was thrown wild to third. That was all the excitement the Academy rooters had. But the High School jassies who sat in the grandstand and put their little hearts into their cheers, had the time of their young lives. Everything came their way. Their pleasure began with

JAPS PLAY BALL

Little Brown Men Give Stanford Good Game.

IT IS BEST TEAM IN JAPAN

Organized by an Oxford Student, the Twelve Players Came to America to Display Their Diamond Prowess.

Ball Game Will Be Played Today.

A battle royal will positively take place today at the Vaughn-street grounds, when the strong Schiller team and the University Park club meet for the first of three games scheduled for today, May 14 and 15.

The Schillers recently won the local championship from the East Portland Club, by excellent playing, and are at present looking for new laurels. Their team is composed of a fast bunch of comers and are the excellent record of playing through the entire last season without a single defeat. Charlie Moore, their premier box artist, is considered by the wide acres as a second Cy Young. This lad will soon be heard from in fast company. A large crowd of rooters will accompany both teams, and a gala contest is assured the local fans. Ladies will be admitted free. Ed Rankin will umpire and the game will be called at 3 P. M. The lineup of the two clubs are as follows:

First Game for Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—The new ball park of the Gray's Harbor Lighting Company was opened today by the first league team of the Southwestern Washington League between Aberdeen and Hoquiam. Aberdeen won, 5 to 4. The formal opening of the park will take place tomorrow, when the same nines will play. The Mayors and Councils of the two cities are expected to attend.

Stanford University, Cal., May 6.

(Special Correspondence.)—The first international game in the history of baseball was played on the university campus Saturday, April 29, between the Waseda University, of Tokio, Japan, and Stanford University, the game resulting in a victory for Stanford by a score of 3 to 1.

The history of the circumstances leading up to this peculiar contest is an interesting one. In 1894, Ise Abe, manager of the Waseda team, was a student in Oxford University. While witnessing there an international field met between Yale and Oxford, he conceived the idea of some day bringing a Japanese baseball team to America. Completing his course of study at Oxford, he returned to his native land and accepted the chair of sociology and ethics at Waseda University. Not forgetting his cherished plan, he immediately laid it before the authorities, who assured him of their support, but reminded him that Waseda then had only a second-class team, and that if he took a team to America it must be the best in Japan. There were at that time four preparatory schools and colleges in Tokyo playing better ball than Waseda. With the object then in view of developing a team superior to any of these, Abe set about alone and unaided, to gather his material. For four years he and his men practiced faithfully, and the last two Summers the men even sacrificed their vacations to practice. Last Fall Abe and his doughty nine saw the fruits of their labor. They ended the season with a clean list of victories, having won all of their seven games.

Strongest Nine in Japan.

Having thus accomplished his first purpose of developing the strongest team in the islands, the little brown manager set about accomplishing his great ambition of taking his team across the water. He opened negotiations with the Universities of Stanford, California, and Chicago, with the idea of arranging games with each. Realizing that the American

DIG TENNIS GAMES

Tournaments Are Scheduled for Summer Season.

DOUBLES AND SINGLES

International Players Will Be Here to Contest for Prizes in Various Events, for Which Arrangements Have Been Made.

Much has developed during the past week which is of interest to all tennis players. Dates have been finally arranged for all the tournaments, and never in the history of Oregon has there been so much enthusiasm displayed, nor has there been such a chance as will be offered this Summer for the tennis crank to work off all surplus energy. The Multnomah Club has taken the initiative this Summer in providing six first-class courts, which will give ample opportunity for all to play. The two new courts on the hill are now ready, and were used for the first time on Thursday last week. These courts are very pleasantly located and will doubtless be used for all exhibition matches. The natural condition of the grounds has provided a most excellent opportunity for watching the games, and the courts themselves are of the best. Last week the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest International Lawn Tennis Association was held in Seattle, and the tournament for the present season was awarded to the Multnomah Club, of this city. The following officers were elected: President, A. T. Goward, of Victoria; vice-president, S. L. Russell, of Seattle; secretary and treasurer, Walter A. Goss, of Portland.

In addition, therefore, to the regular tournament held in this city, there will be held the international championship event and the Lewis and Clark championship. The week beginning July 17 will be given over to these two tournaments. The international tournament will be open only to the representatives of the different clubs, and members of the Pacific Northwest International Association. The following clubs are members of this association, and each club is entitled to two entries in gentlemen's singles, and one entry in doubles: Victoria Lawn Tennis Club, Victoria, B. C.; James Bay Tennis Club, Victoria, B. C.; Vancouver Tennis Club, Vancouver, B. C.; Seattle Tennis Club, Seattle; Tacoma Tennis Club, Tacoma; Olympia Lawn Tennis Club, Olympia; Multnomah A. A. Club, Portland.

Of all the tournaments held in the Pacific Northwest, this is, perhaps, the most important, since the high-class men of each locality have a chance to meet one another and vary materially in the resulting play. Great preparations are being made for the Lewis and Clark championship. Entries have already been received from all parts of the country, and California is to send up a large delegation to take part in this event. Prizes will be awarded by the Lewis and Clark Fair for the winners in gentlemen's singles and doubles, and the entries are open to players from all over the world. Monday, July 24, will open the Oregon State Championship tournament, and the entry list will contain the names of many who have come for the two tournaments held the week previous. Society has always looked forward to the annual Oregon State Championship Tournament with special pleasure and this year's affair will far surpass anything heretofore attended. There will be many out-of-town lady players, and the Portland ladies will have to work hard to keep the honors. The cups to be played for are: Gentlemen's singles, Fisk Challenge Cup. Gentlemen's doubles, J. Wesley Ladd Challenge Cup. Ladies' singles, Goes and Lewis Challenge Cup.

The item of immediate interest is the Multnomah Club handicap tournament, which will be held the first week in June, play opening on Monday, June 5. Great interest has been taken in this tournament and the matches have always been hotly contested. The ranking committee is already at work arranging a system of handicaps and the classification will be published two weeks before the tournament, so that any player who feels that he has not been done justice can have an opportunity of getting into a different class by means of a challenge match. The prize for this tournament is a very handsome cup, offered three years ago by Mr. J. Wesley Ladd. It is now held by Walter A. Goss, the other two winners being J. F. Bwing and Brant Wickersham.

Breaks Automobile Record.

NEW YORK, May 6.—After being continuously in motion from 9:38 A. M. yesterday in an automobile, Charles G. Wriggway, of New York, covered 100 miles in the Brighton colts race-track before noon today in 35 hours, 50 minutes, 1 second. This beats the record made by Schmidt near Detroit last year by four hours, three minutes, 2 seconds.

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