

In the World of Sports

BLACKBURN IS NEW MANAGER OF WHITE SOX

Chicago Fans Elated By Appointment of 'Lena' to Pilot Faltering Team—Comiskey to Dig Deep for Talent.

By Paul H. Mikolson, (Associated Press Sports Writer.) CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(AP)—"Lena" Blackburne, man of action, at last has his big chance—a chance to lead Chicago's once mighty White Sox.

As manager in his own right of the team which was tumbled from its pinnacle by the notorious "Black Sox" scandal of 1919, the fiery leader, "Lena" has a chance to become the miracle man of present day baseball.

After applying his mastery of strategy as infielder and then coach to the faltering team for more than a decade, Blackburne was called upon to pilot the team last July when Ray "Cracker" Schalk resigned. But while the die was seemingly cast for another "Lena" season, "Lena" did wonders with the machinery left him, by piloting it to 525 baseball. His reward came yesterday, when he was named as manager for 1929 and given as free a hand as any White Sox manager ever had.

Chicago fans were elated by the news and the general prediction was that "Lena" was the man to turn the trick. If he does, the turnstile at Comiskey park, a giant stadium holding 65,000, probably will do a land office business again for the first time since the scandal.

Plays Task.

Blackburne, however, happy over his managership and free rein, faces a discouraging task. He needs a catcher, pitcher and at least one infielder. He believes he can get them.

Two newly purchased players, however, may mean a lot to Blackburne. They are Bob Wheland, young southpaw obtained from the Mississippi Valley league, and outfielder Clarence Hoffman, who was had news for Pacific Coast league pitchers last season. The White Sox paid \$30,000 to get Hoffman from Sacramento.

Owner Comiskey said he planned to give Blackburne whatever help he needed and that if "Lena" could lead the team in first division in 1929, he would be satisfied.

"My checkbook is open and we're all for 'Lena,'" the Old Roman said.

TRYING MOTHER'S FAMOUS STROKES



Shirley Mae Summeril, two and a half years old and Ralph, Jr., a year younger are starting early to master the swimming style which brought their mother, Mrs. Ralph Summeril of Los Angeles, the national women's two and a half mile title, as Marie Curtis.

SENIORS WIN IN FIRST GAME FOR BASKETBALL MEN

In the first series of the interclass basketball games at the high school, held Monday afternoon, the seniors defeated the juniors, 16 to 11; and the freshmen defeated the sophomores, 22 to 20.

The two winners and the two losers will play the final games in the high school gymnasium Wednesday afternoon.

Basketball practice will start the last of the week, and the first game of the season will be played with Klamath Falls, January 11. The schedule for the year has not been completed.

Coach Callison is negotiating for games next month with the Astoria high school. The Astoria team wants to come. They specialize in long shots from the center of the floor and have practically the same team that attended the state tournament last spring. Most of the members of the squad are Finps, and flashy.

It is also hoped to secure three games each with the University of Oregon Frosh and the O. A. C. Frosh during January. The Salem high school is also under consideration for two games here.

In the interclass games now under way Coach Callison has adopted a rule that basketball lettermen and football players play but one quarter. This gives the coach an opportunity to look over the new material and build for the future.

The senior team yesterday was composed of Melvin, Morgan, Garrett, Bowerman, McDonald and Cooke. All are football players and all but Cooke are lettermen from last year's team. Members of the football squad will stay in the background until well into the training season, as Coach Callison wants them to recover fully from the griddiron training grind and eat candy and ice cream and go to bed when they feel like it before another rigorous course.

The basketball squad will start with 22 members and be reduced to 15 or 16 in midseason.

The season, as for years, will close with a four-game series with the Ashland high school, which will have one of the best basketball squads in years.

SHARKEY LACKING IN FUNDAMENTALS BUT TAKES DEKUH

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Jack Sharkey, Boston heavyweight, who is assaying a comeback, won a decision last night over Arthur Dekuh, New York heavy.

Sharkey gave Dekuh a terrific beating in their 19-round encounter but lacked punch and fitness. He was heavy and slow, and his timing was woefully off with the result that he seemed unable to land his hooks cleanly.

Although Dekuh appeared paralyzed with fright when the bout started and contended himself throughout with merely staying the limit, he took all Sharkey had and never seemed in danger except in the sixth, when Sharkey had him down for the count of nine. But it took seven left hooks to the jaw and a hard right uppercut to turn the trick.

It was Sharkey's first fight since his meeting in New York last April with Jack Delaney. He weighed 194 pounds while Dekuh carried 201.

KRUSE WINS BOUT WHEN MUHAMMED UNABLE CONTINUE

The victim of an airplane spin, Hassan Muhammed, the Terrible Turk, lost last night at the armory to Bob Kruse of Portland in a spirited wrestling match, the first fall of which was won by Muhammed with a Boston crab hold coming after 14 minutes of wrestling. Kruse won the second fall in 14 minutes with the airplane spin and the Turk was unable to return for the third fall.

A good sized crowd witnessed the bout, which was regarded to be as good as any seen in Medford during the past year.

The semi-windup was won by Tommy Ryan of this city from Ceil Barlick of Grants Pass in 20 minutes, and provided good entertainment as long as it lasted.

A preliminary between Curly Woods and Bob Kennedy ended in a draw after 15 minutes of wrestling. Kennedy was larger of the two, but Woods seemed to be more scientific.

FIVE KNOCKOUTS IN FOUR BOUTS

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—With four events scheduled on last night's program, boxing fans had the unusual experience of witnessing five knockouts.

George Ingersoll knocked out Ken Kent in the first round of a scheduled eight round event.

Ted Rogaway scored a second-round knockout over Jack Dillon of Portland in what was to have been a six rounder.

Jimmy Anderson knocked out Hugh McKnight of Portland in the second round of a bout that was to have gone four rounds.

All this was witnessed after the evening had got off to an auspicious start when Harry Carlson of Knappa and Art Theodous of Astoria, middleweights, stood in the center of the ring and hammered each other into a double knockout in the first round of a scheduled four rounder. Carlson, who was credited with being knocked out the "worst," fell prone on his fallen brother and both were unceremoniously pulled from the ring.

LEAGUE WILL COMBAT SLEEPING SICKNESS

LUGANO, Switzerland, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A report was submitted to the council of the League of Nations today, saying that sleeping sickness is a veritable scourge among the natives of Africa and is rapidly decimating them. The report was adopted by the council, which approved the campaign by the league to combat the malarial.

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DIEGEL SIGNS WITH AGUA CALIENTE CLUB

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Leo Diegel, professional at the Fenimore Country club, White Plains, N. Y., for the last three years, will represent the new Agua Caliente club near Tia Juana, Mexico, next season. In addition to a salary of \$15,000 a year, Diegel's contract gives him all the concessions in the golf shop. The Agua Caliente course, which will not be ready for play until next summer, is the center of a large resort to be built near the Mexican racing center.

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News of Co. A National Guard

(Contributed)

Private Curly Woods, an able soldier of Company A, National Guard, made an exceptionally good showing last night in the wrestling match against an opponent who outweighed him considerably. Bill Davis, a first-class private of Company A, is expected to help Woods in upholding the honor of the company in the near future.

The American Legion Auxiliary has presented the company club room with curtains that for some reason parallel the taste of the en-

tire company. That's saying plenty, as they are a hard outfit to please.

Lindley has recovered from an attack of mumps.

We are glad to tell the public that the McPherson Lumber company has given the company \$20 for the construction of the club room.

The Medford high schools are using the armory for basketball, and from all indications they are going to have a team that will equal their football record.

Stock Market Takes Funds.

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Savings and loan associations which two months ago notified depositors they might expect reduced interest rates because of large amounts of funds

available for mortgages, have notified them anew that conditions have changed. So much money has been used in the stock market, it was explained, that less has been left for mortgage loans and the associations have profited to an extent permitting an increase in rates.

Letter From Hoover.

PITTSBURGH.—(AP)—Hazel Maltzer, 11, has received a letter from President-elect Hoover thanking her for a letter of congratulation on his election.

Eugene—Construction on Lane County's Lumberman's club building project on Fifteenth street and Fairmount boulevard practically finished.

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