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JOHN PONDER'S PERSONNEL OF GIANTS' SQUAD

McGraw and New Assistants, Schalk and Niehoff, Have Big List to Cull for 1929 Giant Outfit—Six Pitchers Form Nucleus.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(AP)—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, probably will have to go into many battles with himself and his new assistants, Ray Schalk and Bert Niehoff, before he decides on the permanent personnel of his 1929 outfit.

Second base, the outfield and pitching staff will give the veteran manager food for much thought. Three-fourths of the 1928 infield cast will remain, Bill Terry at first base, Travis Jackson at short, and Fred Lindstrom at third. Second is uncertain. Andy will play the bag but whether it is to be Reese or Cohen remains to be seen. No matter which Andy is given, the assignment the other will remain on call.

McGraw thinks the outfield problem may develop into an abundance of riches. He added a clever and experienced major league performer to his club when he procured the services of Fred Leach by trade from the Phillies and Ed Roush, Melvin Ott and Jim Weiche are brought over from last year. If he should decide to have two outfielders he has Tony Kaufman, a reformed pitcher; Art Velman and Chick Fullis to complete the array of talent.

Another player who may make a place for himself as a utility man is Pat Crawford, the Tar Heel foot ball and baseball star, who did great work at first base for Toledo last year. For much of the season Crawford's batting was a sensation. The North Carolinian has played third base as well as first and his neighbors say he asks only "What have you?" in the way of position.

Pitching Nucleus

The pitching staff may be built around Larry Benton, Virgil Harnes, Fred Fitzsimmons, Joe Genevich, Bill Walker and Jim Faulkner with half a dozen other newcomers purchased from the minors. Two of the newcomers, Kelly, late of Memphis, and Ogden, from Lufkin, won 21 games each last year while losing only 10.

The catching trio of Hogan, O'Farrell and Cummings may grow to a quartet by the addition of Cracker Schalk, former White Sox manager, who will be a coach and assistant to McGraw, but is still an able and smart receiver. Schalk certainly will be carried on the active player list until June and perhaps longer.

Bert Niehoff, who once before was on the Giant payroll and played with the Phillies in a world series, is the other new coach. Niehoff, for years one of the most crafty of minor league managers, came back to the majors as a coach for the Giants in preference to managing lower down in the scale. His services should be especially valuable in the spring when untried players from the minors are being put through their paces at the San Antonio training camp. The Giants have also changed camps and have finally returned to Texas after a stop in Georgia on the way from Florida.

Little Brown Men Hard Fighters



These battling islanders know their tilts. Knockouts against them are as rare as pennants in Boston.

By Victor G. Sider
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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Like rubber balls, little brown men from the Philippines have bounced through the prize rings of the United States for six years, but in that time, so available records reveal, only three have tasted the bitterness of a 10-count knockout.

The parade of the islanders first began with the importation, in 1922, of Pancho Villa, later to die with the world's flyweight championship secure in his small, but mighty fists. Since then two more or so—they include Clever Sencio, Pete Sarmiento, Young Nationalista, Kid Chocolate, Speedy Date, Armando Soriano and Ignacio Fernandez—have essayed "the ocean voyage to show their fists" across the mainland rings.

The records yield but three instances in which these swarthy-skinned mites of fighting hearts and "die-hard" spirits have had the count of "10" talled over them. Flores, junior lightweight, took the count from one of veteran Tommy O'Brien's potent rights in a Chicago ring. Sarmiento was stopped by Tony Canzoneri in New York about a year ago, and Nationalista was knocked out by Newshay Brown at Hollywood, Cal., in 1926.

Technical knockout acts are infrequent in the Philippines' records. Three boxers who met with this misfortune are Nationalista, Johnny Hill and Trip Lindaco. The towel was thrown into the ring by Nationalista's seconds to save him from being badly cut up by the flashing fists of Bud Taylor, the "Terra Haute Terror" here in 1927. Hill had a technical knockout chalked up against him in Detroit six months ago. Lindaco dislocated his shoulder in a bout here and his handlers tossed the towel within the empen square.

Boxing men credit the lack of knockouts in the Philippines' records to the main to their fighting hearts. Secondly, they list the islanders' fighting, whirling-dervish style of fighting, which makes them a difficult target to hit, and, thirdly, their ability to assimilate punishment.

Perhaps the two greatest Filipino fighters were Villa and Sencio—both dead—and neither, so one-time followers say, was even knocked off his feet.

CALIFORNIA TEAM CHOSEN FOR GOLF AGAINST OREGON

DEL MONTE, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Earl Coleman, southern California golf champion and W. W. Campbell of Los Angeles have been chosen to fill out the California team, which will meet Oregon in interstate golf matches beginning January 26.

Dr. Paul Hunter, Pasadena, president of the California Golf association, announced the complete California team today, which includes, besides Coleman and Campbell, George Ritchie, John McHugh, Jack Neville and Hunter.

The Oregon roster reads: Radio Wilhelm, captain; Dr. O. P. Willing, Frank Del, Don Moe, H. Chandler Egan and Russell Smith.

The California Golf association will hold its annual meeting and election at Del Monte during the tournament.

PASADENA COURSE NEXT ATTRACTION GOLF CONTINGENT

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The site of the last western stand of the fairway troops who for 3 months have been battling up and down the coast was this foothill city's 6425-yard municipal course today.

Attracting with but one or two exceptions the same brilliant field that competed in the \$10,000 Los Angeles open, the 54-hole Pasadena tournament with a purse of \$1000 promised another close finish. With fairways sportingly narrow and greens well trapped, the course in the Arroyo Seco stood as a fair test of golf.

The entry list of over 200 included such figures as Macdonald Smith of Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y., and two-time winner of the Los Angeles tournament; Tommy Armour of Washington, D. C., who took second place in that event but only after a valiant battle; Walter Hagen of Detroit and British open champion, and Leo Diegel, national professional king.

Diegel, off to a poor start in the Los Angeles meet, made such a rousing finish and revealed such form in the closing rounds that he was installed as a strong chance, with "Mac" Smith and Armour, to take first money in the Pasadena event.

Play today was confined to 18 holes of qualifying, with the 64 scorers and ties going into the final 36-hole drive tomorrow.

CALDER AND KARASICK WIN ON MIXED CARD

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Frankie Grandetta of Hollywood was checked in his fighting comeback by Joe Calder, Seattle Filipino, who won an unpopular six-round decision in a slashing battle featuring a mixed card here last night. Grandetta weighed 121 pounds and Calder 123.

Al Karasick of Portland flopped Tom Ray of Aberdeen, light heavyweight wrestler, in 22 minutes in a mat preliminary.

Fights Last Night

By the Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA—Benny Bass, Philadelphia, outpointed Davy Abad, Panama, (10).
BALTIMORE—Kid Williams of Baltimore, outpointed Bob Garcia, New York (10).
CHICAGO—Joe Arzarella, Milwaukee, outpointed Horshie Williams, Danville, Ill., (8). Mickey O'Neil, Milwaukee, outpointed Kid Kober, Dallas, Texas, (8). Vic Walker, Milwaukee, outpointed Sammy Adducci, Chicago, (5). Jack Elkhart, El Paso, Texas, knocked out Senegaleso Gazzo, France (2).
LORAIN, Ohio—George Gaffrey LePerville, Pa., knocked out Francisco Croz, Portugal, (2).
PORTSMOUTH, Ohio—Joe Dundee, Baltimore, outpointed Johnny Roberts, Huntington, W. Va., (10).

PLAN TO SELECT FOOTBALL CHAMP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A plan to select an actual national football champion each year has been suggested by John W. Heisman, former Georgia Tech and Pennsylvania coach in a letter to H. C. (Charly) Byrd, football mentor at the University of Maryland. Heisman proposed dividing the country into four sections and from each choosing the best team to meet teams of other sections in elimination contests that would end two Saturdays after the end of the regular playing season.

His first division would be composed of states east of Ohio and north of the Mason-Dixon line. The second division would fall between the Mason-Dixon line and east of the Mississippi river. The third division would include the mid-west states from Pennsylvania to the Rocky-mountains and the southern states lying west of the Mississippi river. In his final group would be the far western teams in states west of the Rocky-mountains.

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LEWIS BARS HOLD THAT MIGHT HURT HIS SORE TUMMY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Ed (Strangler) Lewis, who lost his heavyweight title to Gus Sonnenberg, the "wild bull of the campus" in Boston two weeks ago, does not intend to have his soft stomach made the target of another attack by a mat foe, if he can prevent it.

Promoter Lou Daro, of the Olympic here, where Lewis is slated to wrestle "Admiral" Paul Jones on January 23, today was in receipt of a telegram from Lewis stating the former champion would not meet Jones unless the Texas' hook body scissors was barred in the match.

Daro and Jones were expected to get together today to discuss Lewis' request. The experts say that Jones, without his painful hook body scissors, would be just as ineffective as Lewis without his "headlock," which they point out is no tender embrace itself.

FILM MANAGER DIES IN FLAMING CAR ON COOS BAY HIGHWAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—James M. Linn, Portland manager of the Fox Film corporation, was believed hurried to death yesterday on the Coos Bay highway by a Camarou motor car, while en route to Marshfield, when his automobile left the road on a sharp curve and went into a six-foot ditch. Linn's body was burned beyond recognition and identification was made by Secretary of State Hal Hoss from the license number on the car.

Fitz Henry, assistant manager of the Fox Film corporation here, verified the report and stated that Mr. Linn was expected to be in Marshfield last night.

Roseburg advised the sheriff and coroner were quickly on the scene, but could do nothing for Linn owing to the severity of the flames. They believe Linn was either asleep at the wheel or that something locked in its mechanism making it impossible for him to take the curve. Linn was pinned under his steering wheel.

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