

Red Faber Last Of Spitballers

Old Trick of Baseball Vanishing. Fear of Meddocr Bat smon Promps Chiefs to Eliminate Ancient Art. Frank Corridon Credited With Originating Spitter.

By Jimmie Donahue NRA Service Sports Writer Jack Chesbro and Big Ed Walsh pitched spitballs to glory. Then came Eddie Cicotte, Jack Quinn, Urban Shocker, Allan Sothoron, Bill Doak, Clarence Mitchell, Burleigh Grimes, Dutch Leonard and Red Faber—all members of that noble band who earned their living by wetting a ball and making it do funny hops.

Red is the one remaining hero in the saga of the spitter. The story doesn't go back so far. The delivery is only 30-odd years old. And yet this greatest of all trick deliveries is ready for its fade-out.

There is some doubt about the origin of the spitter. The accepted story is that of George Hildebrand, veteran American league umpire. George broke into baseball as an outfielder in an eastern league. One day he noticed a kid pitcher Frank Corridon, moisten his fingers and throw a ball that took a funny hop.

Corridon never achieved fame as a spitball artist, but Elmer Stricklett did. Elmer lost his job as a Sacramento pitcher, but got it back again when Hildebrand, then a catcher, taught him how to throw the spitter. Stricklett finally made the majors with his freak delivery. He taught it to Jack Chesbro of the Yanks and Big Ed Walsh of the White Sox.

Chesbro used it to win 41 games in one season and Ed became the most effective artist ever to fling the moist pill.

Until 1919, the spitter was the bane of all hitters. They hit mighty pop fouls to the catcher, or bounced puny punches for easy infield chances.

That year, however, big league moguls, fearing the quality of pitching and its effect on the batters would rob the game of its color, decided to ban the spitter in 1920. They provided hurlers using the ball with a means of earning their daily bread, officials allowed them to continue throwing it. Minor league stars using it were banned from the big leagues with that type of delivery.

In 1930 the official list of spitball pitchers was: American league—Russell, Boston; Faber and Cicotte, Chicago; Coleveckie and Caldwell, Cleveland; Quinn, New York; Shocker and Sothoron, St. Louis, and Ayers and Leonard, Detroit.

National league—Bill Doak and Marvin Gooden, St. Louis; Phil Douglas, New York; Filming and Rudolph, Boston; Fischer and Mitchell, Cincinnati, and Grimes of Pittsburgh. One by one these pitchers have dropped before the scythe of Father Time. At the beginning of 1933 there were only three spitballers working in the big leagues: Faber, Quinn and Grimes. Clarence Mitchell, one of the few left-handed pitchers of this type ball, left the ranks in 1932. Quinn was released by Cincinnati, and Grimes was released by the Cubs and Cardinals during last season.

So that leaves only Old Red—the guy who has been with the Sox since 1914, and who has pitched under Jimmy Callahan, Clarence Rowland, Kid Gleason, Johnny Evers, Eddie Collins, Ray Schalk, Lena Blackburn, Donie Bush and Lew Fonseca.

The mild-mannered redhead has labored faithfully in the vineyard. He hurled in more than 40 games, reaching the peak in 1915, when he worked 50 contests. His best year was in 1921, when his spitter won 25 frays for him.

Red saw little service with the Sox in 1933, winning three and losing four, but pitched splendidly during the city series.

Ross, Petrolle Fight Date Set NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (AP)—The New York boxing commission today approved January 24 as the date for the much postponed return 10 round bout between Barney Ross, lightweight champion, and Billy Petrolle, Duluth welterweight. It will be a non-title match at the Coliseum. Both Ross and the Fargo Express are expected to start training in New York next week.

Football Warrior Welcomed Home JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 10. (AP)—Al Barabara, hero of the Columbia-Stanford Tournament of Roses football game, was given a home city reception at Jersey City hall today. Mayor Frank Hague presided.

CANADIAN VICTOR FARGO, N. D., Jan. 10. (AP)—Jackie Stewart, 154, Winnipeg, Canada, defeated Ace of Spades, 154, Omaha, Neb., negro in a six-round bout.



BOXING

NEW TROUBLES BESET KLAMATH

Darrell Miller, Center, May Not Play Against Bend Bears.

The Klamath Pelican basketball team, beset by trouble even before the season started, counted one more misfortune today as it neared the close of its training for the Bend series here Friday and Saturday nights.

Darrell Miller, regular center, key man on the offensive and a stalwart defensively, has joined the dismaying hospital list. Dwight French, Klamath head coach, announced Wednesday morning he doubted Miller's ability to play against the Lava Bears.

Ankle Injured The tall center received a badly bruised ankle in the second game against Yreka Saturday night. Although he played the major part of the contest, he was unable to turn out for practice this week.

A few days of rest were expected to bring him back to the lineup. The bruise, however, has failed to respond to treatment. Miller became one of three regulars who have been handicapped by illness and injury all season.

Pastega Returns One of these regulars, Johnny Pastega, probably will play against Bend. Pastega, the youth who fractured his wrist against the Bear football team last Thanksgiving Day, turned out for practice for the first time this week.

French believed he would not be available until the Medford contest, a week from Friday. Pastega's physician, however, announced his wrist would be strong enough for the Bend game.

Just how the Pelican lineup will be shifted still is a problem for the coach. With Miller and Howard Scroggins both out, French must re-arrange his attack and defense.

Changes Expected Nello Giovannini may take the center position and Pastega may fill Giovannini's place at guard. Horace Hodge, another player out with illness, has returned and may be used at center.

Other positions will be filled by Ed Wakeman and Carl Egelhoff, both regulars. Bend's team is strong, according to reports received from the north. Although the Bears have lost both Rasmussen and Haines, big guns of the 1933 team, they still are listed as outstanding candidates for state tournament honors.

Brown, Monroe Win Decisions Tuesday Night

PORTLAND, Jan. 10. (AP)—Elmer "Burr" Brown, 134 1/2 pounds, Portland, won a six-round decision over Ross Dumaguille, 127, Filipino, here last night. It was a clever boxing exhibition.

Johnny Higgins, 142, Portland, won a close decision over Ernle Cavalli, 146, Walla Walla, in the six-round semi-final. Cavalli made a strong showing in the early rounds, but Higgins finished well. Cavalli went to his knees in the fifth and sixth with no count. It was a give and take affair throughout.

Frankie Monroe, 133 1/2, Klamath Falls, took a six-round decision from Pastor Calope, 140 1/2. Monroe handed his opponent all he had but was unable to put on the finishing touch. Jack Webster, 129 1/2, Portland, won a four-round decision from Ickey Bostwick, 129 1/2, Lebanon.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE RESULTS By United Press At Montreal: Montreal Canadiens 3, Montreal Maroons 2. At Boston: New York Americans 2, Boston Bruins 1. At New York: New York Rangers 2, Detroit 1.

CAN'T GET BREAK



Four times Bob Godwin, above, has fought a draw with Maxie Rosenbloom, light heavyweight king. The last time, in a recent bout at West Palm Beach, Fla., the decision of Referee Joe Ricco brought a storm of protest. There was no doubt among spectators that Godwin won by a clear margin.

The Dempseys Say Hello



"Here's looking at you," says Jack Dempsey and his wife, the former Hannah Williams. This new picture was taken at the Agua Caliente race track just before Dempsey was to leave for the east. It is rumored he is to be offered a job as matchmaker for Madison Square Garden.

Karasick, Reilly Promise Exciting Legion Hall Event

A short, bull-necked Russian and a rangy Bostonian—Al Karasick and Pat Reilly—will supply this week's quota of wrestling excitement at the Legion hall Friday night. The card, the second of 1934 season, will bring the popularly disliked Karasick to Klamath Falls for his first main event of the year.

Both Reilly and Karasick, two of the roughest wrestlers to step into the Legion arena, promise to endanger life and limb for the entertainment of Mack Lillard's mat following. It was a divided question of the men which would win the most pronounced disapproval of the crowd.

Despite his unpopularity, Karasick still stood out as the most successful drawing card attraction. He hasn't lost here in months, but was held to a draw by Dr. Nap DeVora of Klamath Falls at his last main event in 1933.

Bob Stone of Chicago and Rocky Burge of Victoria were reported from Portland as in shape for the one-hour semi-windup bout. This will be Stone's third match here, and his record stands one victory and one defeat. Burke comes to Klamath Falls for the first time.

Amateur Athletics Looking Forward To Successful Year

Note: This is another of a series on the sports outlook, written especially for the Associated Press by prominent leaders.

By Avery Brundage (President, Amateur Athletic Union; president, American Olympic Association). CHICAGO, Jan. 10. (AP)—Amateur athletics give prospect of booming in the United States in 1934.

This is because the year marks the beginning of preparations for the Olympic games of 1936 to be held in Germany. Also because American teams have been invited to compete in various nations this year.

Friendly international relations prevailing in amateur sport and the respect for American methods and competitors existing abroad is demonstrated by the fact that the A. A. U. has, at this time, invitations to send a track team to Japan, an ice hockey team to England, a track team to Sweden, and a swimming team to Japan. In addition, it is expected the winners of the 1933 A. A. U. women's basketball crown will visit England for the international championships.

Then too, the Olympic committee, at a meeting in February, will arrange for tryouts for the eleventh Olympiad, select coaches and managers and recommend the members of the team to represent the United States.

Chicago Sport Center Despite the unbalanced economic conditions, there was no diminution of interest in amateur athletics in 1933. Over 50,000 registered athletes completed in sanctioned open events and hundreds of thousands participated in novice and closed events under the auspices of the A. A. U. and its allied bodies.

Because of the Century of Progress, Chicago became the sports capital of the country last year. The A. A. U. was called upon to arrange the most ambitious sports program ever attempted more than 40 nations' national amateur events under the auspices of the A. A. U. and its allied bodies.

Special features of 1933 were the advancement made by southern track and field athletes, the growth of interest in amateur ice hockey and the supremacy of the mid-west in amateur basketball and wrestling.

Defending Champion Enters Final Round

CHICAGO, Jan. 10. (AP)—Mrs. Gertrude Baker McEvoy of New York, the defending champion, faced the final schedule of the women's national amateur pocket billiards title tournament today with two straight victories and big prospects of repeating.

She defeated Mrs. Irene Hummel of New York, in her opening match yesterday, 35 to 15, and followed up with a 35 to 33 victory over Georgia Veatch of Chicago, at night. Miss Veatch defeated Mrs. Hummel, 35 to 21, in the other match.

COUGARS EVEN OREGON SERIES

Webfoots Lose To W.S.C. in Conference Game, 88 To 80.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 10. (AP)—The Washington State college basketball team was not seriously handicapped by a slow start here last night. A second half rally produced a 88 to 80 win over University of Oregon.

The Cougars were behind 10 to 0 after six and a half minutes of play, but trailed only 19 to 14 at half-time. McPhee tossed a clamed ball for 17 points as the Cougar juggernaut closed the breach and opened one of its own.

Cougars in Lead Robertson's goal momentarily disrupted the Washington State rally, tying the score at 23 to 23. McPhee went right on, however, and his teammates with him. Robertson scored 11 points for Oregon. The victory made an even break for Washington State on its four-game invasion of the Oregon and Oregon State maple courts.

But the outstanding feature of the Cougars' southward sortie was the improvement of the new center Houston, only first year player in the lineup. He shook their heads after the first game against Oregon State college. But Coach Jack Friel started Houston the next night and saw the six-foot-seven giant make an improved showing.

Oregon Hopeful At Eugene Monday night Houston appeared more at home among his smooth-playing, veteran teammates. Last night he practically monopolized the tip-off, excelled at taking the ball off the backboards, scored six points and made five direct assists.

Oregon boosters are still entertaining great hopes for the Webfoot team which includes two sophomores. There was joy on the Emerald campus after the first victory over Washington State college which had just gained an even break with Oregon State, defending coast conference champion.

Golfing Stars in Training for Open Tournament

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10. (AP)—Goldfom's brightest stars, amateur and professional, started an invasion upon San Francisco today to prepare for the national match play open golf championship to be held on the difficult La Merced course beginning Thursday.

Many whose names appear high on the golfing world's roll of honor will compete for the \$4000 in prize money. Among the arrivals today were Craig Wood, defending champion; Denmore Shute, British open champion; Joe Kirkwood, Canadian open champion; Paul Runyan, Al Espinosa and Bobby Cruikshank.

The tournament will be officially ushered in Wednesday when a team of local professionals opposes a team of invading players. The play will be a best ball foursome match play. Qualifying rounds will start Thursday, with a 36 hole final on Sunday.

Vines, Tilden Clash in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (AP)—The largest crowd ever to watch a tennis match in the United States is expected to see Ellsworth Vines, lanky former national champion from Pasadena, make his professional debut against big Bill Tilden here Wednesday.

More than 16,000 spectators are expected to be in the Madison Square Garden galleries when these tennis stalwarts hold their first meeting. The largest crowd which has ever attended a tennis match in the United States was that of 16,000 at Forest Hills when Vines played Henri Cochet of France in the 1932 U. S. national final.

Fearly, Souza Box to Draw

FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 10. (AP)—Fred Fearly, 215, of Stockton, fought a 10 round draw here with Tony Souza, 197, of Fresno. Other results: Sammy Brown, 137, Fresno, (dr.) Mike Stanovich, 154, Los Angeles, (6); Billy Azevedo, 148, Shelling, (dec.) Johnny Foster, 146, Tulare, (4); Roy Quigley, 156, Fresno, knocked out Jimmy Hoover, 153, Fresno, (1); Bert Ross, 134, Fresno, (dec.) Speed Lundburg, 197, Fresno, (4).

Ogden Hoop Team Wins in Bay City

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10. (AP)—The barn-storming Ogden Boosters evened the series count with the Young Men's Institute here by winning a basketball game 88 to 80. McBurney of the winners was high with eight points. The half time score was 23 to 14 for the Boosters. Y. M. I. won Sunday night.

Oakland Police Halt Tong War

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 10. (AP)—Police today claimed to have broken up an impending tong war when they raided headquarters of the Suiy Sing tong and arrested 24 Chinese.

The Suiy Sings allegedly were meeting to plot revenge against a Chinese rival tong, who was charged with killing a Suiy Sing member in a lottery argument at Stockton.

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UNBEATEN



The All-America cross-country champion in the individual class is Raymond Sears of Butler University. The Indiana college boy will be seen in action this spring defending his National A. A. U. and Central Intercollegiate title. He never has been defeated over the 10,000-meter course.

Wrestling Results

By United Press At New York Coliseum: Jack Sherry, Calif., threw Joe Komar, Lithuania; Nick Mephisto, Italy (drew) Danny Hughes, Texas; Fred Bruno, Italy, threw Martin Zikoff, Russia; Carlos Henroques, Cuba, threw Arthur DeKuh, Italy; Tony Morelli, Italy, threw Sergi Siminoff, Russia; Herb Freeman, New York, threw Joe Maynard, Oklahoma; Ivan Valturoff, Russia, threw Carl Lemle, Texas.

Baseball Deal Aids Seattle's Financial Status

SEATTLE, Jan. 10. (AP)—An option on young Mel Almada, exercised by the Boston Red Sox and bringing a reported sum of \$10,000 into the coffers of the Seattle Indians, today promised much-needed financial aid to the club as a transfer of control apparently neared.

The transaction was announced last night by George Vanderveer, vice president and principal stockholder, who handled the club's affairs last season after President William Klepper retired.

Meanwhile, the transfer of control to a group of business men headed by Henry Broderick and Judge Charles Moriarty, approved by the coast league directors, had not been definitely consummated.

"The negotiations are still under way," Broderick said. He added that he believed, however, they could be successfully terminated. Judge Moriarty joined him in the statement.

Merrill Wins From Dorris, Score 46-26

Merrill's fast, well-balanced town team defeated Dorris Tuesday night, 46 to 26. The score at the close of the first half was 22 to 20 for the Klamath county combination.

Merrill will meet Malin Thursday night. The summary: Merrill, Olson, 6 f 8, Thoreson Frazier, 18 f 4, Marshall Stewart, 16 f 12, Hadwick Hendrickson, 4 g 2, A. Milligan Colwell, 3 g 2, J. McGinnis Frank Hall, referee.

Perkins Defeats Reed at Salem

SALEM, Jan. 10. (AP)—Art Perkins, Salem middleweight wrestler, won two falls out of three from Robin Reed in the main bout of last night's wrestling card here. Perkins took the third and deciding fall with a right to head's law.

In a similar manner Tommy Heinz took the final and winning fall from Stan Crawley with a well-placed kick to the face.

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WILDCAT FIVE PLAYS TWICE

Merrill and Chiloquin Oppose "B" Team This Week.

Dwight French, head basketball coach and director of athletics at the high school, Tuesday afternoon announced a revised schedule for the Wildcat team. The Wildcats will open their schedule against Merrill at Merrill Friday and then play Chiloquin here on Saturday.

The team has no regular coach this year. Wayne Perry, basketball letterman who will graduate at mid-term has been handling the squad. French said another coach would be appointed soon.

The schedule: January 12—Wildcats at Merrill. January 13—Chiloquin here. January 19—Dorris here. January 20—Wildcats at Healy. January 26—Wildcats at Bonanza. February 2—Wildcats at Tulelake. February 9—Wildcats at Malin. February 16—Wildcats at Chiloquin. February 17—Bonanza here. February 23—Malin here. March 1, 2 and 3—County "B" tournament.

Michigan Man Still Sought for Yale Post

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (AP)—Harry Kipke may not be considering any offer to become Yale's coach but the fact remained today that he and several of his assistants at Michigan may be asked to take over the football helm at New Haven.

To reports from New York and New Haven that he was listed as an outstanding candidate to succeed Reggie Root as pilot of old Eli's football fortunes. Kipke declared at South Bend, Ind., that he had not been approached by Yale authorities and was not considering any shift from Ann Arbor.

He left a loop-hole, however, when he said the only thing that would take him to Yale would be "so much money I couldn't turn it down."

At New York a specially selected football committee continued its conferences with Malcolm Farmer, director of Yale athletics, with Kipke the choice of most of the members but with several others seeking the recall of T. A. D. Jones to his old job.

Those who would have Kipke, favor a complete break in the tradition that Yale men should coach Yale football teams. They believe only a non-graduate coach can lift the Blue out of the gridiron doldrums. They point to the success of H. O. (Fritz) Cralier, Princeton's first non-graduate coach.

Carnera Sails to Train for Loughran Bout

GENOA, Italy, Jan. 10. (AP)—Primo Carnera, world heavyweight champion, today sailed for the United States to begin training for his title defense against Tommy Loughran at Miami Feb. 23.

He was accompanied by his brother, Severino, his trainer and sparring partners. His co-manager, Louis Sorensen was indisposed and unable to accompany the party. He plans to sail on the Rex Jan. 24.

Nebraska Wins From Champions

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 10. (AP)—The University of Nebraska basketball team defeated the University of Kansas, Big Six champion, 24 to 21 here.

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