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Rickey Comes Out Against the Curbing of Home Runs

CARD BOSS SAYS
FACTS SHOW FANS
FAVOR LONG HITS

NEW JERSEY has up and swatted a haymaker on some of the plans of the New York heavyweight fistcuff promoters. The boxing commission of the Skeeter State says it won't permit Willard-Dempsey or Wills-Dempsey matches on Jersey soil. It doesn't think Willard fit and in the case of Wills it fears a mixed heavyweight scrap would cause too much of a rumpus to be worth while. Tex Rickard will have to change his plans, it appears. Tom Gibbons may get that long-sought chance at Dempsey after all. That is, if Tom trims Floyd Johnson. Things are not going any too oily for Tex Rickard in New York and New Jersey recently. He seems to have lost some of his grip.

Violently Opposes Efforts of Johnson and Griffith to Establish Zone.

By *NEA Service*
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—Branch Rickey, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, is dead set against any plan that will curb home-run hitting.

President Johnson of the American League, Clarke Griffith of the Washington Club, and many other big men of the game, believe the home run has become so cheapened that it has lost its zip.

Rickey doesn't agree with them. He says the fans, by their attendance, have proved they like free-hitting games featured with home runs.

The St. Louis leader says every club in both major leagues made plenty of money in the last two years. He, as he asserts, is without precedent in major league affairs.

With the game showing such popularity and prosperity Rickey cannot figure why it should be choked by eliminating or making more difficult the one thing that has popularized the sport—home runs.

The same section make comparison of the fielding ability of rival players," says Rickey. "It is always the hitting."

"Last season fans the country over were wildly excited over the home-run race in the majors as to whether Ruth would be displaced or overcome the handicap of a late start.

"You never heard the fans do any raving about fielding averages.

"Leave well enough alone, is my attitude on the home-run question."

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And still they go East. The hungry heavyweights. Jack McAluliffe knocked Hugo Walker out in Detroit recently and immediately dashed for Gotham to join the other too-strong-to-work boys.

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Capt. John Leslie of basket and football fame left Butler. John was good. Paul E. Brown re-enters college and will endeavor to fill John's shoes.

Notre Dame and Indiana are starting baseball practice early. Diamond candidates have been ordered to report for indoor work.

Manual at Marion Friday. Peru and Cathedral here Saturday and Lebanon and Shortridge here the same night.

Poor old Battling Siki, England has barred him now—and there are a lot of bars in England, too.

Rocky Kansas, hard-headed Buffalo lightweight, has redone the gloves. He's matched with Charlie White for New York Feb. 19.

Shades of night were falling fast and the Tech Night School five took on the "Y" Junior Leaders Wednesday. Leaders won, 23 to 22.

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LEDGER BIG FIVE LOSES

Cincy Peerless A. C. Defeats Local Colored Team.

The Cincinnati Peerless A. C. colored champions of Ohio, won from the Indianapolis Ledger Big Five Wednesday night at the Colored "Y" by the score of 31 to 20. The visitors piled up a lead in the first half which ended 18 to 11.

The tall-end Gun Club five showed marked improvement last week and lost to the Square and Compass team only by a five-point margin. The last placers are doped to give the Grotto a struggle tonight. The De Molays have not lost a game so far and the Square and Compass squad is laying for them tonight, as some of the stars are missing on account of the De Molays competing in the independent meet at the Y. M. C. A.

In the curtain-raiser the Tech Second won from the Shortridge Second, 18 to 11.

DOUBLE-HEADER NET BILL AT MAPLETON GYMNASIUM

Baseball Plans Get Under Way at North Side Club.

Saturday evening, at the Mapleton Athletic Club gym, a double-header net will be staged. In the first game, starting at 7:30 o'clock, the Mapleton Mails will meet the Y. P. C. Girls and in the second contest the Indianapolis Highlands will tangle with the Mapleton Blackies.

Oscar Quessner, who is head of the Mapleton baseball committee, has been called for baseball talent for next Wednesday evening at the club. Plans for the coming season will be discussed and indoor practice will begin shortly.

Tuesday evening has been set aside each week for boxing classes, under direction of Bobbie Bridges, who has been appointed boxing instructor for the club.

WOMEN TENNIS STARS WIN

Mrs. Mallory and Miss Bancroft Take Indoor Matches.

By *United News*
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Molla Mallory, champion, and Miss Leslie Bancroft of Boston, who are expected to meet in the final round Saturday, both won their matches Wednesday in the third round of the Heights Club's indoor tennis tournament.

Mrs. Mallory defeated Mrs. Dr. Forrest Candee 6-2, 6-4, after a closer struggle than the champion had expected to meet. Miss Bancroft's victim was Marona Winn, 6-0, 6-2.

COLORED BALL LEAGUE

Six-Club Circuit Planned for Coming Diamond Season Here.

W. O. TINDER IN CHARGE OF NEW GOLF SCHOOL

Indoor Practice Now Possible in Basement of New York Store.

A new indoor golf school and practice cage is now ready for the golf fans at the Pettis Dry Goods Co. department store. A corner of the basement has been fitted up with a net so that golfers may practice their swings while the outdoor links are in no condition for playing. W. O. Tinder is in charge and he is ready to give lessons to those interested in the great Scotch pastime.

Tinder comes here from the Wabash G. Club at Wabash, Ind. Some years ago he was a caddy at the Highland links and Wallace Nelson got him his first position as a golf professional at the Delaware Country Club, Muncie, Ind. The fee at the New York store will be \$1.25 for a half hour lesson and 25 cents for a half hour practice.

George Goes Shopping

By *United News*
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—When George Godfrey, the negro heavyweight, was paid off by Floyd Johnson, the Iowa heavy, for his services as sparring partner, he disappeared on a shopping tour. He returned with the following purchases:

One steamer trunk.

One pair white spats.

One plug hat.

Two pairs yellow gloves.

One set of pearl inlaid craps-dice.

Two yellow canes.

Fight Manager Dies

By *United News*
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Fred Costain, old time fight manager, assistant manager of Harry Wills, the negro heavyweight, is dead here at the age of 52. He was the partner of Paddy Mullins in managing Wills.

Costain years ago had charge of Matty Baldwin, the famous Boston lightweight, who died some years ago.

Wednesday Net Scores

COLLEGE

Indiana, 31; Purdue, 26.

Wabash, 24; St. Louis, 19.

Kankakee, Ill., Feb. 1.—The Wabash College basket team of Crawfordsville, Ind., defeated the St. Vincents College five here Wednesday night, 24 to 19. The contest was hard fought throughout. Wabash plays Lombard at Galesburg tonight and Bradley Tech Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL

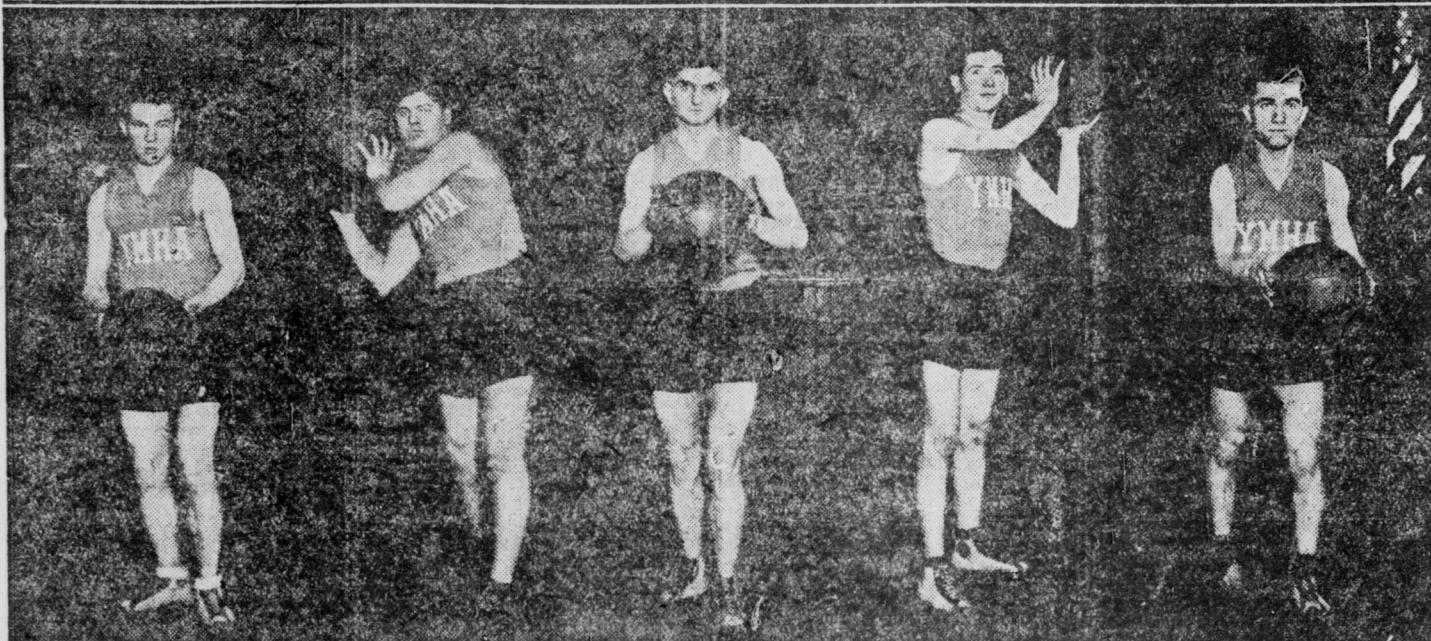
Franklin, 32; Tech, 25.

Portville, 22; Daleville, 34.

Summitville, 32; Fairmount, High School, 26.

Marion, 22; Fairmount, 21.

Y. M. H. A. REPRESENTED BY FORMIDABLE SQUAD



LEFT TO RIGHT—RUEDY, GUARD; STEIN, GUARD; CAPTAIN SAFRIN, FORWARD; SACKOFF, CENTER; RUBIN, FORWARD.

FRANKLIN SPEED BEATS TECHNICAL

Fast Attack Gets Many Under-the-Basket Shots.

Franklin High School speed was too much for Technical at Tompkins Hall

Wednesday night and the State champs defeated the Green and White, 37 to 26.

The winners ran up the count toward the end of the game

when Coach Lottner sent in a num-

ber of fresh men.

Tech rallied in the second half and at one time brought the score to within five points of the Franklin five, but that was as close as they ever got.

The visitors put on some smoke them-

selves and swept down the floor so

fast that easy under-the-basket shots

were obtainable. The first half ended 18 to 9 in Franklin's favor.

Captain King of Franklin was an

outstanding player while in the con-

test. He was a power on defense and

drilled the ball down the floor to pass

to his teammates. He also got the

tip-off almost always during the first

half. McQuiston was a flash when he

got into the game. Franklin made

the free throws count, Willy getting

7 out of 7 and McQuiston 2 out of 3.

Tech made only 7 out of 14.

Gordon looked like about the best

Technical had and Shultz also

played well.

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AMATEUR BASKET-BALL

The United Brethren Seconds won

over the Troop No. 17 of the Boy

Scouts last night, 16 to 10. White

feared in the game for the winners

with four field goals and one foul.

The United Brethren First team was de-

feated at these games last year in

6:42-3:5.

Loren Murchison, former sprint

champion, smashed a record which

has been standing since 1882, although

it has been tied several times since

then, by covering sixty yards in 6.1-5

seconds.

The girls' relay team of the Valcour

Girls Club broke its own world record

for the 440-yard relay by making the

route in 53.2-5 seconds. The Millrose

two-thirds-of-a-mile race brought the

Waterloo of another mark when

Jimmy Connolly of Georgetown Uni-

versity made it in 2:43.5. The former

record was 2:45.2-3.

Loren Brown, the great Dartmouth

jumper, raised his own mark of 6

feet 4 1/2 inches in the high jump to

6 feet 5 1/4 inches.

In a preliminary the "Old Setters"

sprung a surprise by defeating a

picked "Y" team, 13 to 7. Ted Cable,

former intercollegiate hammer thrower

of Harvard, starred in this game.

On Friday, Feb. 9, the Ledent Big

Five will meet the Loend Club of Pittsburg on the local floor. The

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