



By Eddie Ash

Young Corbett Is Picked to Beat Fields

George Lott Seeks Davis Cup Position

Basket Timer Is Often in Ticklish Spot

COAST fans who enjoy a wager with their glove entertainment are betting 10 to 7 that Young Corbett, the Californian, annexes the world's welter laurels when he tackles the title holder, Jackie Fields, in San Francisco on Washington's birthday. The challenger is known as the "uncrowned champion." He has whipped welter kings in the past in over weight non-title scraps.

Rumors persist there is something wrong with Fields' eyes despite the fact his manager, Jack Kearns, has announced the eye trouble that bothered his champ has cleared up and that Jackie will be his old self on the twenty-second of the month.

Coast boxing critics have endeavored to induce Kearns to have Fields' optics examined by an oculist in San Francisco, but the wily pilot so far has ducked out on the suggestion. Kearns always likes to create a doubt of some sort when his fighters are tuning up for an important battle, especially if the said "doubt" happens to have a tendency to make the opponent the favorite in the betting and ballyhoo.

Fields is not minus a following and evidently will be well supported on the short end. It is said Corbett has slipped to some extent on general form although possessing a brilliant run of victories. He fights southpaw style and Fields solved this ring system when he regained the 147-pound belt by trimming Lou Brouillard, whose glove stance is unorthodox.

Many Indianapolis ring goers are inclined to the belief Corbett will win. Reports reached here some time ago to the effect that Fields' sight was failing. If this condition is true, Jackie won't last long against the California puncher. Corbett is certain to discover, early in the scrap, the champion is short on vision.

#### CHICAGO TENNIS STAR REGAINS STRIDE

GEORGE LOTT of Chicago has started in earnest to return to the high place in amateur tennis that he held two years ago. Dropped from No. 2 to No. 11 in the national rankings Lott has decided that a comeback would be in order.

George began his campaign to win a place on the 1933 United States Davis cup team by competing in the Miami Biltmore All-South Championships. He won the singles and was runner-up in the doubles despite the fact his partner was just an average player who required a lot of assistance.

The singles triumph was not a hollow one for on successive days Lott advanced over Cliff Sutter of New Orleans and Gregory Mangin of Newark. Sutter is ranked No. 3 and Mangin No. 7.

Lott used new tactics in contenting himself with baseline exchanges against Sutter, one of the masters in the use of the ground stroke.

Just what Lott will attempt to capture in the way of Davis cup glory is something even he himself does not know. Originally he intended to aim for a win as a doubles contestant, possibly as a teammate of Johnny Van Ryn. But now he may strive to win the singles assignment, held by Wilbur Allison.

It's inconceivable that Lott could unseat Ellsworth Vines as a singles player, but if George continues to improve, or if Allison should slip, the Chicagoan might supplant the Lone Star state pastime.

#### NET WATCH HOLDER CARRIES VITAL LOAD

TIME keeping at basketball games has come in for the usual amount of criticism this season in certain games that were decided on a last-second toss. There also have been games where the timekeeper's gun failed to fire, something that happens occasionally every year.

Long and bitter arguments have been stirred up by disputes over timing, but what to do about it has not led the rule makers to a solution so far. Probably no other game hinges on minutes and seconds like basketball and the pop of the pistol is of vital importance.

Dr. Meanwell, coach of the University of Wisconsin five, always is good for some sort of comedy in the cage profession when he thinks his team is getting the worst of a troubled situation. He lost his temper once this year over the officiating and sent a sub out on the floor with a note bawling out the referee.

The story is told of how Wisconsin once lost a key game in the Big Ten race when the timer's gun jammed, failed to fire and the opposing team scored the winning points in what the Badgers declared was "over-time." Coach Meanwell exploded—not the gun.

The Wisconsin mentor "couldn't forget" the ill luck and he schemed to show a new way of ending a game that would be "accident proof." When the Badgers next went into action on their court Meanwell had rigged up a "system." At the close of time there was not only a pistol shot, but a siren shrieked and the gymnasium lights went out. It was stage stuff, but it helped lower Doc's soaring blood pressure.

#### GEISEL APPOINTED A. L. REPRESENTATIVE

HARRY GEISEL, Indianapolis, well-known big league umpire on the staff of the American loop, has been appointed by William Harbridge, American League president, to represent the junior major circuit at the convention of the National Amateur Baseball Federation to be held in Ft. Wayne, Saturday.

Geisel is one of the veteran arbiters in point of service in the A. L. circuit. He is listed among the speakers' group at the federation powwow. Earl Geider will represent the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association at the Ft. Wayne gathering. Geider is local secretary. Geisel as introductory announcer at Tomlinson hall Thursday when The Times-Legion Golden Gloves boxing tour got under way.

Moose Clabaugh led the Southern Association in batting last year and was placed on the market and sold to Baltimore. It was an unkink reward for the slugger, but it is said the Nashville club bosses got nervous about the workmen's compensation law whenever Moose tried to catch a fly in the outfield.

Getting back to that old subject of salary cutting in baseball, how about a little sympathy for Frank Shellenback, veteran pitcher with Hollywood of the Coast League? He faces a reduction of 50 per cent—\$300 per month to \$400. And five children are in the Shellenback household.

The Clancy Reds have an ace argument in the hole to use in their salary controversy with Sunny Jim Bottomley, holdout, formerly with the St. Louis Cards. Jim has smacked only one home run at Redland field in the last three seasons, according to data collected by a demon statistician.

James J. Corbett not only astounded the world away back there in 1892 when he knocked out the mighty John L. Sullivan, but he handed the "spurs" of the day a second jolt of amazement during the celebration following the fight. Jim drank milk while his boisterous friends drank hard stuff.

Sinister Rumors Shadow Schaaf, Carnera Scrap; Primo 'Favorite'

BY JACK CUDDY

United Press Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Tonight's fifteen-round bout between Primo Carnera and Ernie Schaaf has crystallized into a somewhat odorous mystery battle with a mess of sinister rumors and lily-white statements.

Boxing writers and fans in general believe there's some exaggeration in Madison Square Garden's statements that it is intended as a test to determine a title opponent for heavyweight champion Jack Sharkey in June.

A sell-out crowd of 21,000 fans is expected at the Garden.

Schaaf, the blond Bostonian, had been recalled 7 to 5 favorite to win, because of his remarkable come-back in beating King Levinsky and knocking out Unknown Winston and Stanley Poreda.

#### Corbett Packed 'Em In When He First Appeared Here as Champion

BY EARL MCKEE

IT was early in 1893 that Indianapolis got its first glimpse of James J. Corbett, the new world's heavyweight champion of the nineties appearing at the old Grand Opera house as the hero of a melodrama called "Gentleman Jack." It was quite the thing in those days for outstanding celebrities of the prize ring to turn to the stage in the heyday of their fame.

Less than a year before his initial Indianapolis showing, Corbett had defeated John L. Sullivan at New Orleans for the title, and the sports world was still trembling from the shock it received when the wires carried the news from the Crescent City that the great John L. had

been whipped by a dude from Frisco!

As the fans eagerly scanned the sports pages for the next few days, they also learned that this young upstart was being called "Gentleman Jim." And that sobriquet didn't set so well with the cleftchin, hard-boiled ring followers.

Corbett followed the stage for many years, appearing in many rather high-class productions. He was a brilliant success as an interlocutor of the well-remembered all-star minstrels of Honey Boy

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## First Amateur Scraps Produce Real Action

Lively Battling Staged by Simon-Pures in First Round Tests of Times-Legion Golden Gloves Ring

Tourney: Next Series Feb. 16.

More punching than absorbed by a busy time clock was dished up for Indianapolis cauliflower fans as eliminations in The Times-Bruce Robison post, American Legion Golden Gloves amateur fist tourney got under way at Tomlinson hall Thursday night.

The antics of the weather man kept many fans away, but a good-sized crowd attended and witnessed more than three and one-half hours of thrills and fun.

Nearly every scrap was a battle, and some of the Simon-Pure performers displayed high-class skill. Not all of the first-round tussles were completed. Twenty-four bouts were run off, and seven ended with one of the rivals in the resin.

Next Thursday night, Feb. 16, at Tomlinson hall, the remainder of the first round matches, about twelve bouts, will be staged in addition to second round tussles in all weights. The finals will follow a week later. About thirty bouts are planned for next Thursday.

### 16-Pounders Shine

A middleweight scrap, the twentieth event on the card, which pitted Scrooge Innis, Victory A. C., against Bill Trichler, N. A. G. U. collegian, captured the spotlight for the evening. Trichler, displaying real boxing skill and a stiff punch, captured the first round. In the second stanza, the rivals swapped hard blows until Innis let a right which caught Trichler on the "button." The collegian was flattened.

Among the lighter boys, Johnny Kruekemier, South Side Turners, 118-pounder, displayed rare boxing skill and a real wallop. He knocked out Harold Haslett in the first round and looks like a comer.

### Middleweights Outstanding

The 160-pound class looks as the probable producer of major thrills as the tourney advances. In addition to Innis, John Chесunas of Ft. Harrison, Harold Watt of Miller A. C., Jim Motsinger of Washington A. C. and George Hoyt, unattached, showed better than average skill.

Nate Goldberg, Woody Birtch and Kitchel Cleaver copped honors in the welter division, and the lightweight, featherweight, lantantweight and flyweight classes also produced their share of thrills, entertainment and some outstanding battlers.

## Giants Ready to Purchase Vance

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—New York baseball circles believe that Dazzy Vance, famous righthanded pitcher who was traded by Brooklyn to the Cardinals, will be purchased soon by the Giants.

Including Dazzy, the Cards now have ten good pitchers, the best staff in the National League. They have Hallahan, Dean, Walker, Carleton, Derringer, Mooney, Stout, Lindsey, Haines and Vance. The Cards are weak in the infield and, have only one reliable catcher, Jim Wilson. Terry may give up the money received for Frank Hogan to buy the Dazzler.

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## Cue Champ to Exhibit Here

By United Press

WELKER COCHRAN, newly-crowned king of the three-cushion billiard world and the only balkline champion ever to win a tri-rial title, and Jay Bozman, fellow Californian and runner up in the recent title tourney at Chicago, will make a one-day exhibition stand at Harry Coker's parlors next week, probably Tuesday, it was announced today.

They are appearing at Minneapolis now and Thursday asked for a booking here.

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