

Now for Gotch Mahmout; Great Contest

Massive Turk Next in Line for American Champion on the Mat---"Americus" Fears for Wrestling in Chicago.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 9.—"Americus" has returned home after his defeat by Mahmout in Chicago last month, and he is full of the subject of the probable meeting between Frank Gotch and the Turk.

No man is better able to judge of the chances in such a bout than Americus, who has met both men and made a close study of their wrestling ability.

"It would be one of the best bouts in the history of the mat," said Americus this morning, "and I do not think I could pick a winner. Both men are heavy, strong, experienced and clever. Mahmout is the quickest big man I have ever seen, and I was astonished at both his strength and endurance. At foot work I think he has something on Gotch, but down on the mat the American looks good to me."

"Mahmout wore out Beell by his speed on his feet, which is a strange thing when you think that Beell, because of lighter weight, should have been quicker on his feet. Beell stood up to Mahmout and tried to dodge him, which was just suited to the Turk, who kept right after Beell until Fred was tired out."

"Although Mahmout has ample endurance, as he proved with me, I would like Gotch's chances, and if Gotch

should get me to help prepare him for the bout I would advise him to get to the mat as soon as possible and try to wear out the Turk. Gotch is a wonderful wrestler and I believe he could do this. Certainly Gotch and Mahmout are now the world's greatest wrestlers and a contest for them would excite even greater interest than that between Gotch and Hackenschmidt."

Gotch is in London, where he has had a merry war of words with Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, whom he decisively defeated. Gotch has been willing to have a return match with Hack, but the latter has done some clever maneuvering to dodge Gotch, and at same time keep himself well advertised. Gotch is disgusted with Hack, and is convinced that he wants no more of his game, so the way is cleared for Mahmout to get chance at the heavy weight title of the world.

Americus sees nothing promising for the mat game in Chicago. He says the bitter warfare between rival promoters in Chicago threatens the life of the mat game there, in spite of the widespread public interest. The Empire Athletic club, of which Joe Coffey is matchmaker, proposes a purse of \$10,000 for Gotch and Mahmout, and both will accept for March.

VARSITY BEATS
THE SCRUB TEAM

In Exhibition Game Last Night
Regulars Win 35 to 6.

The Earlham varsity basketball squad lined up against the reserves in an exhibition game in the college gymnasium last evening. The varsity candidates had all the better of the game and found little trouble in disposing of the reserves by a score of 35 to 6. The men on whom Coach Vail will depend mostly in selecting his team are Hotchkiss, Rees and Conrad, forwards; Lindley, center; H. Furnas, H. Tebbets, Hancock and Kornell, guards.

INDOOR ICE SKATING.

Cracks to Compete in Pittsburgh
and Cleveland Jan. 25-30.

ALL EYES ON EDMUND LAMY

Great Things Expected of Saranac Lake Boy, Who Showed Wonderful Form Last Season—Woodward Sutphen Will Be Hard to Beat.

A healthy revival of interest in one of the greatest of winter sports, ice skating, has been brought about by the cessation of hostilities between the Amateur Athletic union and the other bodies that were trying to govern the steel blade artists. The Amateur Athletic union found the chestnut too hot and let it drop back into the fire last

"He won everything, broke a number of excellent records and gave promise of setting up an entire new list of standards as soon as he had developed. This year he has been moving better than ever, and there is every reason to believe that some sensational performances will be credited him before the season closes."

Another crack who will be seen in the championships is Woodward Sutphen, the one and three mile United States title holder. Sutphen is a coming man and a game competitor, which means that he will be hard to beat.

He and Ollie Wood and Herb Earl will probably be the trio to represent the Saratoga Skating club. Wood is a brother of the famous Morris Wood, now a professional, and the latter says of him that when he gets over his fright he will give Lamy a race at almost any distance.

The New York Athletic club has a strong, well balanced team, which Walter Lee, the champion fancy diver, has been chosen to captain. Lee has gathered around him E. A. Taylor, G. Lyman, J. T. Miller, W. Smith, A. Sarony and E. Schultheis and intends making a great showing for the Mercury foot. Taylor does not know many batters indoors and is said to be the only man to have won a championship while Morris Wood was skating.

Lyman, Sarony and Schultheis are all three good, reliable men, and Miller is a youngster who will bear watching. He is a bit green still, but the speed is there.

The Wanderers expect to send to the carnivals in both Pittsburgh and Cleveland a well known trio of old timber—Phil Kearney, C. Granger and W. Ingold—who may not be of the Lamy caliber, but who know the game from A to Z, and so manage to win now and then and can always be relied upon to furnish good sport.

Verona Lake, N. J., home of David Slabkey, the czar of skating, is to send an A1 team to both cities. The four best performers mentioned are Sadeback, McCrow, Williams and Palmer.

WINTER BALL TALK

Billy Sullivan is mentioned as the probable manager of the Chicago Americans in case Fielder Jones really does quit baseball.

Catcher Kleinow says the New York Americans' new second baseman, Gardner, is a second Johnny Evers. This will be good news for Manager Stallings.

Not wishing to interfere with the inaugural proceedings in Washington on March 4, Connie Mack will not start south with his Philadelphia Americans until March 10.

Baseball is so popular in Mexico that a Mexican national league has been formed. Six clubs comprise the body, the players being mostly from our minor league clubs.

The New York Nationals are said to have grabbed a prize package in Billy O'Hara, the best run getter of the Eastern league. Experts say he is sure to make good in any company.

Hughey Jennings says brains are needed in base running. Quite likely the Tigers' boss is correct, but the same gray matter is not out of place in batting, pitching or even carrying a bat bag.

PLANS OF SPORTSMEN

Milwaukee will hold a big handball tourney the latter part of January.

The national archery tournament will be held on the Washington park range, Chicago, Aug. 17 to 20 next.

Jack O'Brien, the Philadelphia heavyweight pugilist, may go to England about the middle of January.

Chicago is to have an artificial ice rink having a skating surface of 25 by 115 feet and able to accommodate 4,000 spectators.

Sixty curling rinks of the United States and Canada will participate in the curlers' bonspiel to be held in St. Paul, Minn., from Jan. 11 to 16.

She Was Wise.

"Miss Fish," remarked the young man as he placed his hat on his head and prepared to depart for home, "I proposed for your hand two hours ago, and I await your answer with bated breath."

"Mr. Smallchange," smiled the young lady, "I'm afraid you will have to bat your breath with something besides onions and cloves to catch this kind of fish."—Judge.

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