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In the World of Sport

BIG ATHLETIC MEET.

Is To Take Place At Chicago, Sept. 20th-23rd.

Although thousands of athletes are now aiding Uncle Sam in France, an entry that compares favorably with the memorable games at Newark in 1916 has been received for the annual outdoor track and field championships of the Amateur Athletic Union, which take place at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 23rd. According to the officials of the Chicago Athletic Association, who are conducting the games for the benefit of the Windy City sailors, every association member of the A.A.U. and at least 75 per cent. of the army and navy camps in this country will be represented. The entry has now passed the 500 mark, but this is sure to be augmented by several hundred more when the first day of the carnival arrives. The only Canadian competitor will be Carl Mertens, the best of the Toronto walkers, who will try for both walking titles. Roy Morse, the little colored runner from Buffalo, who won several times here at Elwood Hughes' Exhibition meets, is also an entry. He was U.S. senior champion in 1915, and is running for the Salem-Crescents of New York. He has a bad leg, however, and may only start in the hundred. Other well known athletes who will compete are Pat McDonald and Jim McGrath, the weight men, Clint Larsen, the high jump sensation of 1917, Harold Buck, the Cornell University allround champion, Jack Norton, the hurdler, Joe Stout, the Chicago miler, Earl Johnston, Alma Richards, and Meredith House.

Here Are The Leaders.

Ty Cobb is the leading American League batsman, with a percentage of .333.
George Sisler stole the most bases, 41.
Ray Chapman scored the most runs, 84.
George Burns, of Athletics, batted out the most hits, 176.
George Burns, with Joe Judge, played the most games, 130 games each.
Eddie Foster went to the bat more times than any player, 521.

FOR THE 1920 DERBY.

King George Sends Nominations for Premier Event. Also the Oaks. The entries for the famous Derby and Oaks of 1920 show a marked increase over those for the 1919 event. For next year's Derby 231 nominations were received, but these have been increased to 279 for the 1920 race, and the Oaks entries have gone up from 173 to 227.

King George evidently intends to maintain his interest in racing, and it is pleasing to note that five nominations to each race stand in his name.

Back to the Old Days.

The Hamilton Spectator says: The O.R.F.U. is back to where it left off twelve years ago. At that time it was impossible to convince rugby men outside of the O.R.F.U. officials, that the snap-back game was faster than the old scrimmage game, although the Tigers demonstrated it for three straight seasons by defeating other teams in the union by scores that resembled the total of an all-day cricket match. They unceremoniously corked the rules of the game, making it possible to make plays that were never worked with success since. Although the eastern teams could not see the good points of the game, it has been advocated by many eastern writers of late that the two side scrimmage men were excess baggage and, of course, they are not necessary under the Barneside code. Members of the Tiger team, who played under both rules, are in favor of the snap-back game to a man and they should be capable of judging. It would not be surprising to see the Canadian Rugby Union follow the footsteps of the O.R.F.U. when things become normal in rugby circles again.

Honors For Referee.

Cooper Smeaton, the well-known hockey referee, who went overseas with the McGill heavy battery, is reported to have been recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He helped to prevent the destruction of an ammunition dump which had been fired by enemy shells.

GOING TO SIBERIA.

"Shag" Shaughnessy Appointed to Canadian Expeditionary Force. Frank Shaughnessy, former coach of the McGill football club, and manager of the Ottawa baseball club in the Canadian League, has been appointed to the Canadian Expeditionary Force, which is going to Siberia. For the past two years Shaughnessy has been with the artillery, now being a lieutenant in the 74th Battery at Petawawa.

Found Old Football Friends.

Bishop Fallon, who has just returned from the battle front, addressing a meeting in London, Ont., gave his audience the impression that Heaven will not be unloyal for him without a rugby match. He said it was a strange coincidence that he found old personal friends in the persons of each of the Canadian divisional commanders. Some he had played football with.

"It may not be just the thing for a man in my position to admit that I ever played football," he said good-naturedly, "but I did. If I were to go through life again, I would play it again, and wherever I go—or wherever I hope to go—if there is a game, I will at least have a look at it." Some of his old friends harked back to his football days. When speaking of the war he declared that "there is something about this fighting game that appeals to me."

"Sordid and Ruthless."

New York Times editorial: Baseball as played by professionals became a "mucker" game to a degree not true of any other, "and the state of public morals and manners will be appreciably elevated so long as it remains in a state of suspension." "All too clearly," The Times says, "professional baseball has become purely a moneymaking scheme, and one as sordid and as ruthless as exists anywhere in the country."

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review adds: The spirit displayed on the diamond was very often very far removed from the spirit of real sportsmanship, and it spread from the diamond to the stands and from there to the community.

HOYT RETIRING YOUNG.

Newark Pitcher Says He's Through With Baseball. Waite Hoyt, the schoolboy star, who was first signed by the Giants when he was 15 years of age, announces that he has retired from baseball and will be among the missing when the ball players line up upon the return of the game at the end of the war. Hoyt, who will celebrate his nineteenth birthday this month, is seeking to enter some branch of the service. He applied for enlistment in the tanks the other day, but was rejected because of his youth. Hoyt was picked up by the Giants in 1915, but spent most of his career with minor league clubs, to which he was "traded" by the New York club. Towards the close of the recent National league campaign he was released outright to the Newark club of the New International league.

A Pugilistic Feat.

On Sept. 14, 1884, Jack McAuliffe defeated three men in a single session at New York. "Williamsburg Jack" was then just starting in his professional career, and, having defeated several young hopefuls of New York and Brooklynistic circles without raising a perspiration, he decided to tackle them in lots instead.

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by Bill Madden, McAuliffe challenged Jimmy Mitchell to battle for the championship, and claimed the lightweight title when Jimmy refused. In 1887 McAuliffe fought Jim Carney, the English lightweight champion, for the world's title at Revere, Mass. It was a fierce and bloody bout, and in the 74th round the ring was broken into and the fight was called a draw. McAuliffe was the only lightweight champion who retired while the retiring was good.

Willard For Tank Battalion. Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, registered here for the draft. He gave his age as 36, and his occupation as a farmer. Willard expressed preference for service in the tank corps. He said he would not claim exemption. His draft card has been sent to Lawrence, Kan. Sometimes it is to a man's credit to forget what he knows.

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