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Baseball  
LacrosseBILL M'CARNEY WAS A BUSY MAN  
Meets Newspaper Pal Who Tells About Him

Bill McCarty, manager of Luck McCarty, was a hard man to find yesterday. The reason was that an old newspaper pal of his, John R. Robinson, dropped into the city and the two of them went to the Philadelphia Press where Robinson was a reporter. Robinson since then has climbed to the top of the way from cub reporter to managing editor. He has worked on practically every paper of importance in the United States and is in Calgary at the present time for two reasons: The first is to see the McCarty-Pelkey camp on May 24, and the second is to collect some material for stories of Western Canada which will be used in the Sunday editions of the American papers.

"I certainly did seem good to see Bill McCarty on the top wave of prosperity," said Robinson. "Years ago McCarty pounded out boxing stories on a Philadelphia newspaper. He was the busiest little boxing editor Philadelphia ever knew. In that town they have anywhere from six to ten fights every week. McCarty was paid on space for these fights and money was not coming any too fast for him. The sporting editor had a habit of putting Billy's matter in a type style instead of the usual style. So Bill would cover one fight from the ring-

side and the other, if there happened to be two that night, by the telephone. During the day he would gather boxing notes, and at the end of some weeks he would have as much as \$15 in his envelope.

"Then he started to develop fighters. He brought out Young Ernie, and also Link Russell, both sterling performers. But they both were lightweights, and no man on earth can handle two lightweights at the same time. Bill's life was usually far from being a bed of roses. The publisher of the paper did not approve of an employee handling fighters, so Billy's journalistic career came to an end.

"It was a case of a man being fired into a good thing. He went to California, became interested in the promotion of the Nelson-Wolcott fight, and also established himself as a general favorite on the Pacific coast. When he took McCarty, Luther had nothing but his good health. McCarty made a champion of him, and through his friends on the coast obtained the matches there which made McCarty a world figure. Right now McCarty is in line to enter the ranks of the millionaires, as I understand he has invested his earnings in Gale's Ferry real estate, which is increasing in value rapidly. He is perhaps the only university graduate in the country handling a fighter, and his college training places him head and shoulders above the average man in his profession."



JOHNSON PITCHER WASHINGTON

CLEARING UP SCORING POINTS  
Scribes Meet to Untangle Intricate Puzzles

New York, May 18.—The committee appointed by the Baseball Writers' association to clear up points in the scoring rules so as to bring about more uniformity, held its first meeting here yesterday and adopted a number of recommendations to be presented to the National Commission and through that body to the playing rules committee of the big leagues for action.

The committee was unanimously in favor of the much discussed plan of giving a hit to a batsman who advances a base runner on an infield job when the batsman reaches first and no error is made on the play. It was argued that the good points of this method of scoring outweigh any defects it might have and that it was the logical and equitable way to score the play. Instructions already had been issued to National and American league official scorers to record the play as a base hit.

The wording of several of the rules was clarified, one being that only an assist shall be credited to a player who takes part in the rundown of an opponent in a single play. A fielder might have two assists in a double play. Some scores have been in doubt whether or not to charge an error in case of a runner being caught napping but getting back to his base because of the man taking the throw dropping the ball. The verdict was that in case the runner would have been out if the fielder had held the ball the latter should be charged with an error.

There is a rule which reads: "An error should not be charged against the catcher or an infielder who attempts to throw a runner out unless the complete a double play unless the

throw be so wild that an additional base is gained." It was voted to add to this provision that "this, however, does not exempt from an error a player who drops a thrown ball when by holding it he would complete a double play." In other words there is no additional error imposed on the man taking the throw, as in the case of one making it, and no reason why he should be exonerated from an error.

Opinion has differed widely whether, when a runner starts to steal prior to a passed ball or wild pitch, the batter error also should be charged. It was the opinion of the committee that not only should the steal be credited but that the batter error should also be charged.

The committee will recommend that the rule makers define and provide for earned runs in the summary of scores. Both Messers, Johnson and Heydler of the American and National leagues respectively, are now keeping record of earned runs and rating pitchers accordingly. The present earned run differs from the old earned run, taking account of everything a pitcher might do in a game to be responsible for tallies by opponents. The theory of the plan is that it gives a correct line on a pitcher's value in preventing runs.

Another recommendation adopted, suggested by E. J. Langan, the statistician, was that a record be kept of the number of times catchers throw out men attempting to steal. The committee present at the meeting were: Jack Ryder, Cincinnati, chairman; Thomas S. Rice, Brooklyn, secretary; William Weaver, Philadelphia, and F. G. Lieb and W. E. Hanna, New York.

HARMONY REIGNS AMONG  
CON JONES' MEN

Lacrosse Team at Coast Is Working Out Every Day Under Capt. Griffith

Vancouver, May 18.—"I don't remember ever having seen the Vancouver Lacrosse club start out a season with more harmony among the players or a more promising field of players from which to select a team for the opening game." Such is the statement of Harry Cowan, than whom no one in Vancouver has kept closer tab on the sport for years past.

And Harry is just about right. With nineteen men out at work every day, the difficulty confronting Captain Harry Griffith, who is handling the team from the playing end for Con Jones, is not getting men of calibre strong enough to win places on the team, but of cutting down from the number available to fifteen men, which will be the limit carried by the Vancouver magnate this season.

Candidates in Line.

There was a strenuous workout yesterday afternoon, and there was not a man out who failed to show in big form. For the home Jones has Newey Lalonde, George Matheson, Joe Gorman, Nick Carter, Archie Adamson, Dot Phelan, Ernie Murray, Fred Taylor, and Bobby Nichol, while on the defence the following players are in line: Clint Benedict and George McConaghey, who will fight it out for goal; Harry Griffith, Billy West, Fred Matheson, Harry Pickering, Mickey Ion, Bobby Pringle, Fild Cummins, and "Bones" Allen. With proper strength between the nets, that is an outfit which will take a lot of beating anywhere, and the outlook for the season is a good deal more promising than it was a week ago.

Eastons Arrive.

Bobby Pringle, Benedict, and Newey Lalonde, the latter accompanied by his bride, reached the city yesterday and registered at the Dunsmuir. Newey and Pringle rested up for the day, and did not appear in the workout, but Benedict was between the nets getting the stiffening out of his bones. Nick Carter was also on the team. This season, and Nick received a warm greeting from his team mates.

"If Pringle comes back in his work terribly," says Lionel York, "he will show the lacrosse followers some of the classiest defence work ever seen in Vancouver this season." Lionel has followed the game long enough to know, and in this particular instance he is more than usually qualified to speak, having seen Bobby in action many times for Ottawa.

Hard Workout Today.

The entire team will be out this afternoon for their first real workout of the season. Captain Griffith promises to have the players in topnotch condition by the time the first game is called, and he will keep them on their toes from this time on. With only fifteen players to be carried out of the nineteen now on the roster, there is likely to be a merry fight for preference, and the way some of the second string of last year are going, some of the regulars are going to keep busy hustling to hold their jobs.

## Chinook Lacrosse Practice

The Chinook Lacrosse club held their first practice last night, and from first appearances look to be there with the goods. Though late in the season, the weather was still somewhat cool for lacrosse uniforms, but in spite of this a good bunch was out. Among the number were Tip and Harry Curries, Serlis, Jardine, McPhee, Powers, Melrose, Hollis and Chapman. "Mac" McKinley says that several of the best of his players were not out, and that at Thursday night's practice he will be able to present the best lineup of lacrosse artists that has been seen in action for several years.



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GUNBOAT SMITH AND JESS  
WILLARD MEET TODAY

Two Famous Heavyweights Clash in San Francisco—Winner Will Box Local Victor

Pugilistically speaking, the eyes of the world will today be fastened upon Croft's arena, San Francisco, or at that place Jesse Willard and Gunboat Smith will clash in a 20-round bout. The winner of this affair will be matched with the winner of the Pelkey-McCarthy bout for the world's heavyweight championship. July 4 is the date spoken of for the latter affair.

On past performances Smith is likely to rule a decided favorite among the sporting element of the coast, because the doughy sailor's ring record is more consistent and more impressive than that of the long, lean giant from the Kansas prairies.

Willard's chief basis for recognition lies in the fact that he once gave McCarty a hot 10-round argument in New York City in the days before Luther had won his title. Some critics went so far as to say

that Willard clearly outclassed McCarty and that in a longer bout Willard would surely have disposed of his man. The more conservative experts held that the bout was a good draw.

Smith is the pugilistic meteor of the day. He has waded through the crop of ambitious white hopes like a scorching field of wheat, and his record is studded with K.O. signs against some admittedly good huskies. Smith's last notable feat was a knockout scored on Bombardier Wells, the British heavyweight champion. Wells had come to this country for the express purpose of engaging McCarty in battle, but the wily and elusive champion showed no disposition to meet the invader, so Smith was substituted. The result is well known in ring history.

Smith is better known to the boxing public than is Willard for the reason that the sailor has been more active than his prospective adversary.

The Knights of Columbus defeated the Vice last night in the Senior league fixture by the score of 14 to 4. Weeks was hit hard early in the game, and was replaced by Main, who pitched a good steady game. The score by innings:

K. C. . . . . 6 1 0 1 1 x—14  
Vics . . . . . 0 0 0 4 0 0—4  
Batteries—Fertine and Rowe; Weeks, Main, and Luff.



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