

# ATHLETICS BOWLING

## HOW McCOY WAS ABLE TO STAY WITH CURRAN

The very name Kid McCoy has a greater pugilistic flavor than any other of the name ring. The mere mentioning of it always sets in motion a reel of mental moving pictures of many battles. But Kid McCoy—Norman Selby himself—displays all the illusions of conflict. He is the same immaculate kid, white and refined looking as of old, and just as foxy, no doubt.

McCoy probably had more brains than any other fighter of his time, and what is more, used 'em—both in and out of the ring. And sometimes in ways that were dark and in tricks that were vain. He knew every trick of the squared circle and invented most of the ones he has so cleverly attempted today. The famous cork-screw punch, which he worked so fatally, was his invention and so are many of the present day rules and means of training.

### A Marvel in Ring

In the ring McCoy was a marvel. Cold, expressionless and white, the Kid looked like a statue of marble in the ring and when he moved it was with a silent swiftness and accuracy that was uncanny. And he could hit! Although virtually a middleweight, his associates within the ropes comprised many heavyweights. Among his victims, if you will remember, are the names of such good men as Tommy West, Tommy Ryan, Joe Choyanski, Peter Maher, and Steve O'Donnell, most of whom he knocked out, and Dan Cresson, Jack McCormick and Gus Rubin over whom he secured decisions.

Until recently the Kid had a gymnasium in 27 West Park-street, New York, where his real name was emblazoned on the windows: "Norman Selby, Health Expert and Body Builder," but when he saw him a little time ago he told us that he had given that up. He also spoke about his hardest battle.

### His Hardest Battle

"It is easy to remember because it was the last one I ever had or ever will have, I guess, as I will never attempt another 'comeback' that's sure! At that I believe I could lick most of these white boys I see around here. It was only last year, too—my last battle, I mean. It took place in Nice, France, on January 20, and my opponent was that big French heavy weight Curran. I had been over in Europe for some time studying health and body building under Professor Curran. He had worked out a theory of my own that I hoped would condition a man without exercise. I developed a system of breathing exercises, which I promised to supplant all road-work and other laborious manners of training, and so to test my method, more than anything else, I took on this fight with Petty Officer Curran. I did no training whatever," laughed McCoy, "just indulged in deep and forced breathing, according to my theory, with the idea of absorbing enough oxygen through my lungs to withstand all fatigue, no matter how trying the ordeal."

### System Looked Good

McCoy gave a demonstration of his breathing exercise that certainly looked effective at least.

"Well, I went into the ring with that fellow feeling fine and I guess looked fine too—except maybe a little small in comparison with my huge opponent, which caused the audience to give a murmur of surprise.

## LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

**TWO MEN LEAGUE.**  
On the two men league last night Stevens and McDonald took the six points from Dennison and McCann. The scores follow:  
Stevens—82 84 104 94 93 457 91-23  
McDonald—90 97 121 83 120 511 102-15  
Dennison—968  
McCann—50 74 84 82 74 394 78-45

The high strings by McDonald of 121 and 120 was the feature of the match.

## THE FREAK

A mighty tumult surged about the playhouse floor. The speculators gathered kale until both arms were sore; "Ah, this," I breathe, "is Bernhardt, or some strong sketch like that."

Or maybe Mr. Hopper's pulling "Casey at the Bat!"

When lo! a blaze of winking lights proclaimed the wondrous hope:

"The Only Six-Foot White Man Who Don't Claim to be a Hope!"

A story which is printed in a New York paper to the effect that Manager Griffith of the Nationals, is trying to make a deal for Russell Ford, the New York's best ball artist, is a phantasmagoria of the National's boss. According to this yarn Griffith is willing to give Joe Bushling and Dan Kooler for Ford. Manager Griffith says he never thought of such a thing.

## FIGHTING TRUNKS AND PRAYER ASSETS OF AVERAGE BOXER

Otto Fiato in speaking of the boxer, weak part of the ramparts was in that spot.

Probably no branch of sport suffers to the same extent as does boxing in the matter of brains. We don't mean the ordinary amount of gray matter that we all possess, but the quick-lightning thoughts that often bring a battle to an end at the psychological moment, or the kind that work so fast that an apparently defeated man saves himself from defeat. It is the latter kind of goods that are lacking in the make-up of our fighters of today. The same thought form that provided about in the noddles of McAuliffe, Dempsey, Kid McCoy, Peter Jackson, Tommy Ryan, Jim Corbett and others is not visible when we view a contest nowadays.

It is a sad commentary on our fighting men's mental calibre to say the least. And yet those who are the intelligence on top, viz., Willie Ritchie, Johnny Coulon, Packey McFarland, Eddie McGoorty and a few more of that type. None of them is of the slinger variety, and yet whenever they face one of these haymaker products they make him appear like a wooden man.

But in the period when the first named bunch thrived it was not only a battle of strength, skill and hitting powers—it was a fierce contest of wit, wit, of brain pitted against brain as well. The fellow who could think the fastest—providing the men were equal in all other particulars—won. No false moves were made into the fray and every mother's son of them knew why and the reason for every blow they aimed at the top-piece of the adversary or could give a grand explanation why they sent home "Betsy" to the mid-section when they learned that the

London prize ring was heard all over England, the venerable Marquis of Queensbury, then a graduating student from Oxford, framed a code that had the effect of removing brutality from the fray. Under this new set of rules science was promulgated and we graduated from the old school of Sayers and Mace to cleverer men with the fists, and Jim Mace himself became the craftiest of the whole lot. Men improved in boxing skill for years after, and it is only recently that we present the new school of wrap without science and trust to luck to win or lose.

## ANOTHER NEW YORK BALL CLUB DOPE BY JACK DOYLE

Baseball men heard that the Federal League has decided to place a club in New York if possible. Edward Hanlon, the former National League manager, who is interested in the new Baltimore club of the outlaw organization, could not confirm nor deny the league's intention.

"There is room in this city for another major league club," said Hanlon, "but I will not say that one will be placed here. The club could be established in Brooklyn, however, which would not conflict with the games at Ebbetts Field, but it would be foolish to outline our plans at this time, thereby enabling our enemies to head us off."

It is believed that the National League will take no official notice of the Federal League. Several club owners favor the policy of ignoring that organization altogether except to resort to legal means to prevent players from jumping contracts. Several magnates said that no players had informed him that they had agreed to quit the National League if the players' demands were not granted. They pressed to place no credence in reports of wholesale defections emanating from Federal League quarters.

The National League baseball club owners deferred settlement of any of the problems facing them until they could learn the views of their newly elected president, Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania, whose address is 1000 Market street, Philadelphia. The details of the scoring were as follows:

Travellers	Total	Ave.
Upham	68 77 75	220 72 1-3
Banks	68 70 75	211 70 1-3
Hurley	73 74 71	218 72 2-3
Bourne	75 67 77	219 72
Dunham	88 72 83	241 80 1-3
	358 361	280 1100
Office	Total	Ave.
Emery	79 74 81	234 78
Emerson	66 70 66	192 64
Graham	45 50 67	163 54 1-3
Elliott	83 70 76	229 76 1-3
Chase	83 88 88	264 88
	357 347	278 1082

## SHORTY'S BOOK

The Standard is indebted to James M. Power of 13 Buckingham street, Halifax, for his "World's Annual Sporting Records." It is a book that Mr. Power delivers to his friends with all up-to-date records in the sporting world and the picture on the cover page does not foster the well known baseball empire and an authority on sport.

**A Poor Plan for Wessors.**  
"So you didn't marry the rich Miss Jones after all. Was it your own doing?"  
"Oh, yes. You see I took no for an answer."

## BOXING COMMISSION SUSPENDS McFARLAND

The Wisconsin State Boxing Commission at a meeting suspended "Packey" McFarland for a period of one year for "misconduct" during the fight between McFarland and "Jack" Britton before the Queensberry A.C., held in Milwaukee, Wis., on December 8.

In explaining its suspension the commission asserted that McFarland failed to show the proper interest in the weight question and that he "stalled" throughout the bout.

Frank Chance is looking around for a coach who will develop his young pitchers in the way Wilbert Robinson, new Dodger manager, steeled Rube Marquard and other Giant twirlers. He would like a catcher, a veteran who knows the pitching game thoroughly from the receiving end. It is understood he likes Johnny Kling, but probably can't secure him from the Cincinnati Reds.

Kling was a superb catcher for the Cubs back in the days when Chance managed them. Then Kling slowed up, was traded by C. W. Murphy to Boston and later went to the Reds.

Kling helped Joe Tinker to develop Indian Johnson, also young Packard, the left-hander, but at the end of the season the former Cub catcher announced that he would not come back next year.

There are four veteran catchers in the American league who would be of valuable assistance to Chance. They are Thomas and Lapp of the Athletics, Billy Sullivan of the White Sox and Oscar Stango of the Detroit. As Connie Mack has the premier backstop in Wally Schang, it is thought that Chance may be able to obtain either Thomas or Lapp.

## SPORT BREEZES FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF WORLD

"Gunboat" Smith has not been getting his due meed of publicity, and now ring nuts by way of proving that he is really some mixer, are asking the question as to whether he is of Irish or German extraction. Let them go to it. Without trying to prejudice either case it would seem that from his birthplace, at least, the conqueror of Sam Langford is a Scandinavian.

The holdout season in baseball has arrived and Buck O'Brien, the pitcher who gave James B. McAleer so much trouble before signing with the Boston Red Sox last spring, is at the head of the procession. The inaugurator of the world's series ball is now on the roster of the Oakland Pacific Coast league club, but the fact that he has been relegated to the minors has not in the least impaired his ability to pose as a holdout. A few days ago Arthur Devlin, not so long ago with the Giants and now manager of the Oakes, tendered O'Brien his contract for 1914, but Buck did not mince his words in declaring that he would rather go to the stage than play ball at "them figures."

W. J. Weber is a well known turfman in Lexington, Ky. Among the number of horses he owns is a bang-tail named Meshach.

Meshach looked awfully good to the victor the first time he ran. Weber wagered a large chunk of specie on him. Meshach finish so far behind in the opening event that he was nearly first in the final race. Nothing daunted, Weber bet on the dog 20 times after that first experience, each time contributing to the owner's fund. Then he sold Meshach.

Just to show the cussedness of such critters, the first race Meshach entered after being sold, he won by such a margin that his jockey could have looked over the stock market report while negotiating the last furlong. The betting was 75 to 1 against Meshach.

## TREASURY OF UNION DEPLETED

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The garment workers who have been on strike in this city since July 15, were notified today at a mass meeting that the treasury of their union was empty and no further strike benefits could be paid. It was decided to take a vote tomorrow to determine whether or not to capitulate and return to work on Monday. More than \$300,000 has been expended by the strikers. It was stated, since the beginning of the strike, the only money remaining in the treasury last week was applied to furnishing \$7,500 bail for five men held in connection with the shooting of an non-union worker. No drafts were paid this week.

In spite of the efforts of the federal and state governments of labor and a committee appointed by city council, the Manufacturers' Association has refused to treat with the strikers as an organization, declaring the workers will have to deal with their former employers individually.

"Jack proposes to me every Christmas."

"Does he do his Christmas popping early?"

A flood of cross-counters to his plan, but arguments are always on top in the Hot Stove League, and the veteran would gladly welcome bright ideas from other folk.

## PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY NOW ORGANIZED TO PACIFIC COAST

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 25.—The agreement between the N. H. A., and M. P. H. A., has been settled at last. Secretary Gordon Inzer today having received the agreement, signed by President Quinn. The maximum amount to be paid for players is fixed at \$250, while each M. P. H. A. club has the right to reserve three players, these three to be exempt from purchase. The agreement is for four years, dating from September 5, 1913.

Thus in professional hockey now organized from coast to coast, and the first step under this new arrangement has been made by Sydney, who have asked President Quinn to suspend Harvey Richardson, who was with Sydney last season and who is now considering offers from Quebec. Unless Ras Murphy signs with the Socials shortly, his suspension will be asked for.

## CHANCE WANTS MATTY HIT 'VET' BACKSTOP NO BATTERS LAST YEAR

A cipher represents the number of men that Christy Mathewson hit with pitched balls last season.

The campaign of 1913 was the second that "Big Six" who was honored with twenty-one votes from the Chalmers jury of newspaper experts last season as being the player most valuable to his team, has passed through without issuing any casualty passes. In 1909 Matty had a clean record also. The Giants' great artillery hit only two men in the forty-two games he pitched in 1912 and only one in the forty-five contests in which he figured in 1911. The last time Christopher the Cleveler let any one wound his way to first over the Red Cross route was on May 4, 1912. Then, in a game played with the Phillies at the Polo grounds, he hit both Dode Paskert and Fred Luderus, piloting his team to victory, however, by a score of 4 to 3.

No pitcher of ancient or modern times has a record anywhere near as good as Mathewson possesses in avoiding the issuing of casual complementaries. In the fourteen seasons in which he has been in the National

league Matty has hit only forty-eight batsmen and in his time he has participated in 552 games. Twenty-nine of the players honored by the New Yorker with hit passes got them while he was working in fast company. "Big Six" hit more men in the six games he pitched for the Giants in 1900, which was the first year he served in the National league, than he did in the 128 games he twirled in the past three seasons; also he issued more passes in half a dozen contests in 1900 than he did last season, when he took part in thirty-four more games. When Mathewson first broke into fast company control was not his long suit. He accomplished his National league debut at Washington park, Brooklyn, on July 17, 1900.

## JOE TINKER IS RETICENT ABOUT DEAL

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—Joe Tinker refused to confirm or deny the report that he had been offered \$36,000 for three years in the Federal League. In discussing the affair, however, he remarked that he could not make that his suspension in three years in the National League.

"There is money behind this Federal League," Tinker said, "and the proposition they made me is a good one. I know I can make more money than if I stayed in organized ball. They have offered me some stock, on which I now have an option, and if arrangements can be made I will take it the same as Chance did. He was given ten shares and paid for it out of his dividend."

If Tinker signs with the Federal League he may be enticed by Charles Ebbets of Brooklyn, according to Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Club. Murphy said today that the reserve clause in a players contract would be made the basis of an injunction suit that will prohibit the players being used by the Federal League.

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