

ATLANTA'S FIRST
GRAND CIRCUIT MEET

Three Events, Good Crowd and Fast Track at Inaugural of Grand Circuit Yesterday.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 16.—Atlanta saw its first Grand Circuit racing today, when three events were run. The track was fast and the races drew a good crowd. Of the events two were in the pacing class and one trotting. Each was won in straight heats. In only one were more than three horses entered. Goldie G., a black gelding, piloted by Valentine, won the 2.05 pace. "Fort" Giers, driving Bonnington, the 2.04½ chestnut stallion, took the 2.10 trot. Hal Connor won the 2.15 pace.

Summary:

2.05 Class, Pacing, Three in Five, \$1,000, Three Heats.

Goldie G., blk g., by Will Tranby, (Valentine) . . . 1 1 1
Altawood, gr m. (Murphy) . . . 2 2 2
Camella, b m. (Cox) . . . 3 3 3
Time—2.10; 2.06½; 2.05½.

2.10 Class, Trotting, Three in Five \$1,000, Three Heats.

Bonnington, ch a., by Bellinette King, (Giers) . . . 1 1 1
Bacell, b s. (White) . . . 2 2 2
Brisac, b s. (Murphy) . . . 3 3 3
Zombro Clay, also ran.
Time—2.08½; 2.07½; 2.09½.

2.15 Class Pacing, Three in Five \$1,000, Three Heats.

Hal Connor, br b., by Algot Hal-Barbette, (Childs) . . . 1 1 1
Tony B, b g. (Banks) . . . 2 2 2
The Alm, blk c. (McMahon) . . . 3 3 3
Time—2.09; 2.11½; 2.09.

AMERICAN BREAKS THE
OLYMPIC RECORD

Bob Simpson Wins the 110 Metre Hurdles in 14 8-10 Seconds at Stockholm.

Stockholm, via London, Oct. 16.—Twelve thousand people today witnessed the games in which a group of star American athletes competed in the 1,000 metres run, in which two Swedes, Zander and Bolla, equalled world's record of 3 minutes 31 2-10 seconds, finishing abreast, well ahead of Ted Meredith, the former American quarter-mile champion, who, on Saturday won the 400 metres dash in fast time. Meredith's time today was 2.38 7-10.

Bob Simpson, an American sprinter, won the 110 metre hurdles in 14 8-10 seconds, which surpasses the Olympic record by one-fifth of a second. The American team won the 400 metre relay race in 43 5-10 seconds.

HE DOESN'T RIVAL COBB.

It cost the Giants \$35,000 to discover that Benny Kauff doesn't rival the "Georgia Peach," that the Federal league demon is only a good ball player—not an outstanding star.

Of course, Kauff's admirers claim he has been handicapped this year. They offer alibis, among them (1) McGraw isn't handling him in a way that will bring out the best in him; (2) that Kauff, by his terrible earnestness in trying to make good, has been victimized by nervousness and over-anxiety.

But that doesn't alter the fact that Kauff is not starring this season. He is playing good ball and is major league calibre, but his performances cannot place him in—or anywhere near—the Cobb, Speaker, Jackson, Robertson class.

MAJOR LEAGUE
TO BE SLICED

The Expiration of War Time Contracts Means a Heavy Reduction in Pay—Salaries May be Sliced in Halves.

Now that the regular baseball season is quite passed, lots and lots of baseballers are wondering just what's going to happen to them—financially speaking—next season.

The bulk of the wartime contracts expired at the close of play last week. For all but a rare few, whose deals extend into 1917, the days of bulky pay envelopes are over.

And now that the magnates are going to have their turn at bat, the players are what they might call apprehensive; they fear that the moguls are going to batter them, very much less, by "signing them papers, drat you, or go back to your job of truck driving."

The boys who have become used to \$5,000, \$6,000, \$7,000, \$8,000, \$9,000 and \$10,000 incomes will have to be content with less, very much less. Wouldn't be surprising if the owners, who were "gouged" by the players when warfare existed, would fix \$3,000 or \$4,000 as the maximum for the star performers—and much smaller wages for the ordinary athlete.

G. Herrmann, a Cincinnati gent, "tipped" the mix of the magnates some time ago. He murmured that players in the future who get more than \$3,000 or so must be very good base ballers indeed. Just ordinary athletes who pronged their bosses for from \$3,500 to \$6,000 when the Feds were alive and kicking would be fortunate if they can shake down their masters for \$1,800 to \$2,400.

More than 75 wartime agreements expired this year; each club owner has cut loose from at least four; some six or seven. The big bulk of the contracts, it will be remembered, were made before the playing season of 1914 began. Because the Feds were signing up the jumping boys for three years the "faithful" ones insisted upon a similar courtesy from the organized folks.

The payrolls of major league ball clubs in 1917 will be on an average of 45 per cent. smaller than in 1914, 1915 and 1916, one magnate said. "Some clubs will cut the outgo at least 50 per cent. The players had the whip hand for three years. Now the magnates wield it. Turn about is fair play."

They'll Find a Way.

Those Fed documents specifically state that upon expiration of the contract, they can be renewed only by the magnate granting to the player "at least a 5 per cent. increase in the amount named in this contract."

But those magnates will find a way—to avoid not merely the granting of that increase but to cutting the present figure.

THE BOWLING SEASON.

The bowling season was opened in the St. Peter's League last night with a match between the Roses and Micmas. There was a large crowd present, and this league promises to prove exciting during the season, as the teams are all strong. The league games will be played on every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. There are eight teams competing as follows—Roses, Shamrocks, Emeralds, Eris, Maples, Thistles, Maltseeds and Micmas.

The league will be played in three series. The first will finish on Thursday, December 7th. The second series will commence on Monday, December 11th and will finish on Friday, January 26th. The third starts on Monday, January 29th, and finishes Tuesday, March 6th.

The City League, The City League will probably start on Black's alleys next week, and will be composed of six or eight teams. Some of the teams who competed in the league last season will be on hand, as well as a couple of new ones. The alleys are in the very best condition, and the bowlers are anxiously awaiting the start.

MODERN DAVID
NO NOVELTY NOW

Something About Charley Mitchell's Battle With John L. Sullivan, When Speed and Science Triumphed Over Superior Weight.

The success of medium sized boxers like Jack Dillon, Bob Moha and Battling Levinsky, who have disposed of heavyweights having the advantage of many pounds, seems to have created the impression that the feats of these modern Jack the Giant Killers are unparalleled in the annals of pugilism.

No greater error could be made for the history of the ropes square is replete with examples of the "good little man" beating big opponents, some of whom came under the classification of "good big men."

As a matter of fact the achievements of the little fellows a quarter of a century ago excelled those of the present day Lilliputians in a marked degree.

Among the former ringsters who never paid any attention to the question of weight was Charley Mitchell, the British boxer, who has just sailed for home after a visit to New York. Mitchell at his best never scaled more than 160 pounds, but was so skilful a boxer and at the same time so hard a puncher with either hand that he was enabled to baffle many of the giants of the ring and decisively defeat some of them.

Mitchell's Great Feat.

Mitchell's battles with the Boston strong boy, John L. Sullivan, illustrate how science, speed and courage triumphed over superior avoirdupois.

Mitchell's first appearance against Sullivan was in Madison Square Garden on May 14, 1888, and the Englishman put the big fellow flat on his back in the first round for a clean knockdown.

This enraged Sullivan, who began a series of rushes at his smaller opponent with the object of annihilating him, but without doing any special damage. Mitchell came through the second round without much trouble and was holding his own in the third when Chief of Police Williams, a tender-hearted man, who carried a club merely as an ornament, became convinced that Sullivan would slay Mitchell and so he stopped the bout.

The records say that Sullivan won the bout, but how he did so does not appear in the details, which indicate that Mitchell outpointed the American champion during the time they were in the ring.

Mitchell Too Clever For John L.

The fears of Chief Williams appear to have been groundless, as the result of that battle between Mitchell and Sullivan in Chantilly, France, on March 10, 1888, indicated that the larger man had no chance of seriously

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injured his smaller opponent. The American weighed 200 pounds when he entered the ring at Chantilly, while Mitchell, then at his best, scaled 160 pounds.

The men fought under London rules, with bare hands and on the turf. Sullivan started the battle with the same rushing, plunging tactics that marked his work in Madison Square Garden, but the agile, clever and brainy Mitchell avoided all the clumsy rushes of Sullivan and at every opening sent in stinging jabs and hooks.

During the bout a drizzling rain began to fall, and Sullivan blamed his failure to win on the rain, which, he said, chilled him so he could not fight with any vigor.

There was, however, no lack of vigor on behalf of the Briton, who certainly was stripped to the waist like Sullivan and was not protected from the rain by a mackintosh.

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