

Training Season for Bear Players Are Already Starting

Foster, Wintering Here, First to Start Training

Harry Elionsky Is a Human Seal

Review of Aquatic Sport in Local Ranks

Midget Infelder, Now Over Weight, Will Play Handball to Get Into Shape.

OTHER SPORT COMMENT

Walter Johnson Also a Trifle Heavy. Due to Simple Life—Watch the Browns.

By WILLIAM PEEB.
In about eight weeks the Nationals will start preparing for the season in the training camp selected by Manager Griffith, and when that time comes there will be found one young athlete, whom we happen to know, will be in good shape physically.
The ball player referred to is Eddie Foster, the midget infielder who, strange to relate, is the only regular on Griffith's club who is claiming Washington as his home this winter.
Foster has been resting up at Trainer Mike Martin's Cherrydale chalet—feeding the chickens and helping to do the chores. Since October 5 Foster has gained probably ten pounds in weight and never looked better in his life.
"I expect to start playing handball soon, in order to limber up my muscles and get rid of the soreness before the time to start the spring training grid."
"I was glad to be able to take on weight, for I needed building up; and, believe me, I shall start the season in good condition," said Foster.

Walter Johnson is also doing about the same stunts this winter, only on a larger scale. For Walter owns a large farm and considerable adjacent territory in Coffeyville, Kans., and in a letter to a friend the great pitcher declared he has taken on a little weight, but that will easily come off before the 1916 curtain is yanked up.

Change of ownership in the St. Louis American League club is a welcome one to President Ban Johnson and possibly some of the managers, for Owen D. Hedges, of the Browns, is not popular among the magnates, although personally he is a fine chap, a good talker and knows considerable baseball.

Manager Griffith plans to visit Charlottesville after the first of the year to look over conditions at the new stadium. Failure to obtain just what he wants in the matter of training facilities means that the Washington club will spring train in some other city or hamlet.

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Hurler Michael Keenan Dies of Pneumonia

Michael Keenan, of 1101 Twentieth street northwest one of the leading members of the Washington Rowing Club, and probably the best known devotee of the sport of rowing in the District, died on Friday of pneumonia at his residence after a short illness.

FAMOUS CANADIAN OARSMEN ENLIST

Toronto, Ontario, Dec. 25.—Coach Joe Whit, who has been appointed to succeed Vivian Nickalls at University of Pennsylvania, has lost his Argonaut crew of champions by enlistment.

MORAN SUBSTITUTED FOR FRED FULTON

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 25.—Frank Moran, Pittsburgh's heavyweight received an unexpected Christmas gift here today in the shape of the new manager, who was substituted for Fred Fulton as Jess Willard's opponent in the 20-round championship bout on March 4 at New Orleans.

WHITING IS AGAIN BEATEN BY DONNELLY

Carroll Donnelly, the Southern roller-skating champion, again showed his heels to Billy Whiting, of the Grand Central Coliseum rink, last night, when the two met in a three-mile event.

MANAGER DUNN FINED

Johnny Kilbane's Mentor Gets a \$50 Penalty for Assault
Elvira, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Jimmy Dunn, manager of John Kilbane, feather-weight champion of the world, was fined \$50 and ordered to pay costs in Common Pleas Court here. He admitted having assaulted J. P. Garvey, former Cleveland newspaper man and manager of Gilbert and Sullivan's troupe, in this city about two months ago.

Levinsky Beats Flynn

New York, Dec. 25.—Battling Levinsky scored his annual victory over Jim Flynn the Pueblo freeman, at the Broadway Sporting Club this afternoon. Levinsky outboxed Flynn in every one of the ten rounds. At no time did Flynn show any thing but his vaunted aggressiveness.

Ertle Wins Again

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—Johnny Ertle, of St. Paul, won over Joe O'Donnell, of Gloucester, in six rounds at the Olympic Club here. Ertle got the most out of his body punches. The bout was arranged at catch weights, both boys being under the 116-pound mark.

Camp Wins Over Touhey

New York, Dec. 25.—Eddie Camp defeated Tommy Touhey in a fast ten-round bout at the Fairmont A. C. this afternoon. In the semi-wind-up Frankie McCabe defeated Charley Marshall in ten interesting rounds. Eddie Moy, Freddie Welsh's sparring partner, won ten training spangs with Willie Schaeffer in a draw.

Scores a Close Victory in Selling Handicap in Record of Meet.

BONANZA SET FAST PACE

Star of Love Comes Up with Rush and Beats Whitte for Third Place.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 25.—Showing remarkable improvement over his last four starts, in all of which he was a distant trailer, Brookfield scored a close victory in the selling handicap at one mile, the feature of the meet at Juarez this afternoon. Incidentally, he raced the mile in 1:28, the fastest time for the distance hung up at the meeting.

JUAREZ ENTRIES

FIRST RACE—Selling, 5-year-olds and upward; 1 mile. 1. Star of Love, 115 (Crosby), 2. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 3. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 4. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 5. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 6. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 7. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 8. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 9. El Paso, 110 (Crosby), 10. El Paso, 110 (Crosby).

HAVANA RESULTS

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The layout shows two pictures of Harry Elionsky, who in many ways is the most remarkable swimmer the world has seen in many years. The pose at the left shows Elionsky's marvelous physical development, and gives a hint of his great chest expansion. At the right Elionsky is shown as he was lowered into the icy water of New York Bay, shackled and bound in a straitjacket, in which he swam around as much at home as if he were attired only in a bathing suit.

Basket-ball Has Made Great Progress In the Past Twenty-five Years

By JACK HAAS.
The game of basketball originated over twenty-five years ago. It was invented to satisfy the need of team competition under indoor conditions in the Y. M. C. A. of Springfield, Mass., in 1891. The game was so simple that it could be played by any number of players on a gymnasium floor. It was a simple game, but it was a game that could be played by any number of players on a gymnasium floor.

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BOXING BOUTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.
Willie Ritchie vs. Ted Lewis, 10 rounds, at New York City.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.
Mickey Sheridan vs. Jake Ables, 8 rounds, at Chattanooga, Tenn.

OLIPHANT HAS WON FOUR ARMY LETTERS

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—E. Q. Oliphant, the West Point cadet, who, heretofore, has been known as a football player, has been awarded his fourth "A" and this gives him the distinction of having won more West Point letters than any athlete in the history of the institution.

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