TESREAU, GIANT TWIRLER, OUGHT TO LEAD LEAGUE

"Big Jeff," Having Won His Bride From Stiff Opposition, Should Pitch Better Ball—College Crews Out.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, March 30.—"Big Jeff" Tesreau of the New York Giants ought to have a wonderful year as a pitcher in 1914. Jeff didn't do so well last year, as he did in his first year out, and not half so well as many predicted for this huge bundle of mankind? But there was a reason, as they say in breakfast food circles.

Jeff was very much in love last summer with a sweet and dainty New York maiden who had many other admirers beside the "Ozark Bear." Jeff wanted her for his very own—and so did about a half dozen other youths. It worried Jeff night and day, and the worry affected his work. Jeff's heart wasn't in his labor—it was with Miss Helene Elizabeth Blake of New York.

But things will be different this year. Miss Helene Blake is no more. She now is Mrs. Charles Tesreau, and the "Ozark Bear" is so happy now that he won her as his bride, so carefree and so eager to show his little wife that he is one of the greatest pitchers that ever uncoiled a wing, that he gives promise of hanging up a pitching record that will stamp him as the greatest pitcher of all time.

Jeff's Record.

Tesreau, in his first year out in 1912, won 17 and lost only seven games for the Giants—an average of 0708. Last year, despite his worries, he grabbed off 2 2out of 35 combats—an average around 0630.

Before Claude Cooper, the recruit Giant outfielder, hurdled to the Feds he was called "the second Ty Cobb." But since then he has been called—oh, but what's the use of being too bromidic?

The O. B. people have stated frequently that the Federals' pitching staffs are made up principally of bushers, "while ours are made up of stars." Whaddaya think of the "star" staff of the Phillies are toting around this spring? Here they are: Alexander, Chalmers, Mayer, Marshall, Tincup, Gaddy, Jacobs and Haislip.

Not to be outdone by the Americans in frenzied finance in athletics, our English relatives have just announced to the world at large that Dawson, the famous forward center of the Heart of Midlothian soccer football team, has been sold to the Rovers club for -15,000, while Shea and Simpson, two other Midlothian stars have been sold for $10,000 each.

All of which listens substantial like—but we'd like to lamp the checks just to sort of convince ourselves that a little "moonshine" didn't creep into the figures. We used to think those English folk not only went to church every Sunday, but clung to the Bible—and its teaching—on week days, but—

Before the world tourists landed cables used to trickle in telling of soccer games played in the British Isles at which the atendance was "in excess of 100,000." That listened big. And we believed it. But the day the touring ball players cavorted in the presence of the king, the English newspaper persons cabled across that the attendance was "in excess of 75,000." However, the tourists tell us that the crowd was less than 25,000, although it jammed the park. And the tourists ought to know. They demanded a gaze at the turnstiles, so as to arrive at the amount of their divvy.

College Crews Out.

Now that the ice has disappeared from most of the lakes and rivers, the college oarsmen have deserted the gym rowing machines and are spending their afternoons paddling around in the water so as to loosen up their muscles in preparation for the big doings in Junetime.

Up in New Haven, Conn., there's a lot of optimism concerning the Yale crew outlook—but the optimism seems to be purely local. Harvard this year promises to have a crew as good, if not better than last year, and what that 1913 Crimson crew did to the Eli outfit on the Thames was a matter that called for action by the humane society.

The Poughkeepsie regatta promises to be even more of a thriller than last year. Every college that will mingle in the Hudson doings reports that it has some mighty wonderful oarsmen in the recruit list, and that their squads this season will be better than last. Which, if true, means that the spectators will be treat an even more thrilling spectacle than last year when Cornell and Columbia rowed a killing race for three and a half miles, only to have Syracuse, laying back until the stretch, come along like a lightning bolt and cross the finish line in the lead.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH IT?—By Goldberg.

GAMES THIS WEEK

Factory League.
Tuesday — Studebakers vs. Watch Co.; Olivers vs. Singers; Ball Bands vs. Dodges.

Studebaker League.
Monday—Studebakers vs. Reaches.
Tuesday—Rims vs. Hubs.
Wednesday—Spokes vs. Skeins.
Thursday—Tongues vs. Axles.
Friday—Bolsters vs. Hounds.

Antlers' League.
Tuesday—Tails vs. Prongs; Elks vs. Tusks.
Wednesday—Bucks vs. Antlers.
Friday—Bucktails vs. Teeth; Toasts vs. Fawns.

Elks' League.
Tuesday—Tylers vs. Horns.
Wednesday—Bills vs. Hoofs; Deers vs. Charms.
Friday—Stags vs. Hairs.

Waltherr League.
Monday—Standards vs. Juniors.
Thursday—Interstates vs. Ramblers.
Friday—Neversweats vs. Seniors.

C. A. Club League.
Monday—Athletics vs. Tigers.
Tuesday—Colts vs. Giants.
Thursday—C. A. C. vs. Cubs.
Friday—Stars vs. Singers.

PIN LEAGUE AVERAGES

FACTORY LEAGUE. Clubs—	W	L	Pct.
Singers	19	14	.576
Dodges	18	15	.545
Ball Bands	16	17	.485
Studebakers	16	17	.485
Olivers	15	18	.455
Watch Co.	15	18	.455
STUDEBAKER LEAGUE.			
Reaches	30	18	.625
Spokes	30	18	.625
Skeins	29	19	.604
Tongues	28	20	.583
Axles	24	24	.500
Hubs	23	25	.500
Rims	21	27	.483
Hounds	19	29	.396
Studebakers	19	29	.396
Bolsters	17	31	.354
ANTLERS' LEAGUE.			
Antlers	22	11	.667
Prongs	20	13	.606
Teeth	19	14	.576
Fawns	17	16	.515
Tails	17	16	.515
Tusks	16	17	.485
Bucks	15	18	.455
Bucktails	14	19	.425
Elks	14	19	.425
Toasts	10	23	.303
ELKS' LEAGUE.			
Hoofs	22	11	.667
Tylers	19	14	.576
Charms	18	15	.545
Hairs	18	15	.545
Horns	17	16	.515
Bills	16	17	.485
Deers	10	20	.333
Stags	9	21	.300
WALTHERR LEAGUE.			
Standards	44	28	.611
Juniors	38	34	.528
Interstates	37	35	.514
Seniors	35	37	.486
Ramblers	33	39	.458
Neversweats	29	43	.403
C. A. CLUB LEAGUE.			
Singers	23	10	.697
Stars	19	14	.576
Athletics	18	15	.545
Giants	17	16	.515
Cubs	15	18	.455
C. A. C.'s	14	19	.425
Colts	14	19	.425
Tigers	12	21	.364

MORAN MAY NOT GET CHANCE TO FIGHT JOHNSON

Paris Fans Are Said to be Opposed to Bout as It Has Too Many Angles That Are Attracting Suspicion.

There is a strong probability that the much heralded encounter between "Li'l" Arthur Johnson and Frank Moran for the world's heavyweight championshinp June 27 in Paris may not take place as scheduled; at least, this is the latest report emanating from the French capital.

The report that reaches these shores is that the French authorities are much opposed to the meeting of these two fighters. Therefore, in order to block the proposed bout they have circulated a rumor to the effect that, if the promoters persist in advertising the proposed battle they will take steps to deport the colored champion from France, on the ground that he is an undesirable alien.

Whether the French authorities will pursue this course of action is a proposition that only the future can answer. To many this threat by the authorities means that the proposed match will either be postponed or abandoned for good.

The activity on the part of the Frenchmen to block the meeting of these two heavyweights is not causing any great amount of criticism by the sport following public in this country. The consensus of opinion among promoters and fighters alike on this side of the water is that the proposed conflict between Johnson and Moran will not help to elevate the game in this country or abroad. In fact, many view with suspicion the stories emanating from the camps of both fighters respecting the proposed match.

The fact that Moran, after signing articles for the bout, immediately left for these shores and, before he had set foot on land, engaged a well informed press agent, who has since billed him for an extensive theatrical tour with his statement that his fight with Johnson was going to result in the retirement of the colored demon from the ring minus his title, has caused the wise ones to take the whole matter with a large pinch of salt.

To lead the public further on in their belief that the match was to be a real championship clash, stories that were told about Johnson's terribly weakened physical condition and it was said that the time for a real white-hope to jump in and wrest the championship honors from the colored fighter was at hand. This line of talk may go very well over in "gay Paree" where time is too precious to waste in idle moments of thinking but when put forward by a well paid press agent on a suspecting American public, who have been bilked so often by these false alarms, it is a matter that we cannot fall for without some words of comment.

It is very probable that Johnson during the last four years has soaked up enough "fiz water" to float a small-sized navy. Yet it is ridiculous to think that these excesses have made such inroads on his system that he has dragged himself down to Moran's class.

Granting the colored champion is not the man today that he proved to be on that eventful afternoon at Reno, it is safe to say that he is at least one-half as well equipped both mentally and physically as he was that July day.

Who then can say that he is not due for more consideration than to be placed in the class with an inexperienced white-hope?

Moran is nothing but a white-hope and at that he is not the qualified representative of this ill-assorted class. Luther McCarthy administered a very bad beating to him, while Gunboat Smith or several lesser hopes, if given the chance, would probably take his measure.

The contention of his press agent is that Moran has improved so rapidly under the watchful eyes of his handlers that today he is a far different fighter than the man who faced McCarthy. Even if this is true and we have no reason to believe that he has not improved, it would take years of hard, consistent training along with many gruelling ring battles, to give him the necessary experience and polish that he would require if he wished to make an honest effort to wrest the title from the Big Smoke.

LOCAL MAT ARTIST TO MEET CHICAGOAN

Waldek Zbyszko, the local young mat artist, has been matched to meet Paul Martinson of Chicago at the Polish Turner hall on Division st., April 9. Zbyszko has beaten the Chicago Dane in other recent matches, but the latter's backers claim him to be in the best condition of his career and say that the man that throws him now will have to be a near-champion.

The young Polish grappler met him recently at the Chicago Athletic club and gave him a decisive beating, pinning his shoulders to the mat in less than 11 minutes. This time the young Pole hopes to win in less than even less than half that time.

BASKETBALL TEAM IS GIVEN BANQUET

The Holy Name Society basketball team celebrated a highly successful season, during which they won the city championship, by a banquet at the home of the manager, Fabian Luckey, 120 S. Laurel st., Sunday night.

Eleven guests sat down to a table prettily decorated in green and white, the society colors. A huge cake on the top of which was a prettily worked out H. N. S. monogram in green, graced the center of the table.

Following the banquet Manager Luckey acted as toastmaster, and the following members responded to toasts Father Laven, adviser of the society; Capt. Merlin Guthrie, Lloyd Sullivan, Clement Hagerty, John Voelkers, William McQuaid, Maurice Vennet, James Wolf, Charles Guthrie and Joseph Auer.

LOCAL BOWLERS TO DEFEND THEIR TITLES AT GARY

State Honors Are Held by South Benders and They Expect to Duplicate Feats—Season About at a Close.

Announcement from headquarters of the Indiana State Bowling association, whose tournament will be held at Gary this year, April 8 to 25, reveals the largest entry list in the history of the organization, with an entry of 104 teams. The largest previous entry was 68 five-men teams at South Bend in 1912. The city of Gary alone has entered 58 teams, one of which represents the city administration, headed by the mayor, who will open the tournament and roll the first ball. The local entries of Gary is larger than the combined entries of two tournaments held by the organization at Indianapolis.

South Bend will be well represented at the tournament this year as 14 five-men teams, 28 two-men teams and 54 individuals have entered, which is 20 per cent of the entire entry, an excellent representation. All of the present championships are held by South Bend bowlers, the five-men event by the Silver Edges, the two-men event by Casmier and Hart, and Lloyd Richards the individual honors, all of whom are entered to defend their titles.

The local contingent have been awarded April 18 and 19 to roll their events, which will be known as South Bend days. Although the entry list comprises about 75 bowlers at least 100 will make the trip, as many ardent rooters and boosters have signified their intentions of accompanying the players. Arrangements are now under way to take care of them. A special train of cars has already been chartered of the South Shore lines, which will leave South Bend at 3:30 p. m. of the 18th. Very likely Elbel's band will be engaged to escort them.

Schedules Nearing Close.

Most of the local league schedules are nearing their close, the first of which to finish being the Studebaker league. Two more weeks of games are on the calendar and exciting things appear to be in store for them. During the entire season, the Reaches, Spokes and Skeins have had most of the battle to themselves and it promises to be maintained to the end. However, a chance for elimination is possible this week when the Skeins and Spokes are scheduled for battle, while the Reaches have it rather easy against the Studebakers, an arrangement apparently unfair at so important a period.

But should the unexpected happen, the Studebakers win two from the leaders and the Skeins win a pair from the Spokes, which is not impossible, then the three teams will enter the final week's play on even terms. An erroneous report of games played Wednesday between Spokes and Bolsters showed the latter to have won three games. However, a revision of handicaps went into effect last week, which was ignored, and, as the games were all very close it was found with the prevailing handicaps applied that the Spokes had won two of the games, which enables them to maintain their tie with the Reaches.

Scratch Play Gains Favor.

While the Singers still lead in two leagues, the C. A. club and Factory organizations, their advantage was increased in the former but considerably cut in the latter. The Factory league today presents the most compact percentage column of all as there are but four games separting the first and last teams in the standing of clubs. This is remarkable when considered that the league is conducted on a strictly scratch basis, no handicap being allowed to any of the players.

The Factory league has enjoyed the greatest success in point of fluctuation in the percentage column than that of any other league, which is undoubtedly due to the handicap. It is a matter of history that the fortunes of all bowlers vary and that slumps enter into their stride at certain periods. Under the handicap system, frequently revised, when these slumps occur, the player is consoled with the assurance that he will be favored allowance, which will give him an advantage over his opponents in the near future, making really an unjust discrimination.

It is in reality evidence that the handicap is unfair in the bowling game and it offers a premium on inactivity, the worst enemy to the game. Teach the player that at all times it is essential for him to earn his right of superiority over his competitor, which makes the victory the sweeter and the honors and achievement far greater.

Elks' Leagues Stand Pat.

No material changes were noted in either the Elks' or Antlers' leagues operating at the Elks' temple, the leaders in each organization maintaining their advantage, although it was expected that the lead of the clubs in the van would be materially lessened. To the contrary, however, the leaders were favored. Especially in the Elks' league, where the Charms, who were serious contenders, had an opportunity to dispose of the leading Hoofs but instead were repulsed. As a consequence the Tylers passed the former who are now three games in arrears of the Hoofs.

The Antlers received a lot of encouraging assurances from their contenders last week as nearly all of the first division teams were beaten by the trailers. The Fawns, Tails, Tusks and Bucks, all of whom still had a chance to show, received serious reverses. However, the real contenders, the Prongs and Teeth, retained their position, two and three games respectively behind the Antlers. One of the interesting features of the season's race is that the Elks and Bucktails have been tied or within one game of each other during the entire season but that does not even get them in the "honorable mention" class.

C. A. Clubs Prefer Separation.

One of the greatest processions in the city today is the quarrel in the C. A. club league. On March 1 conditions were the reverse as at that period the first six teams were within three games of each other. Singers, Giants and Stars being tried for first place, Athletics and C. A. C.'s following one game behind and the Cubs one further away, with the Colts and Tigers close up. Today the first and last teams are so far removed from each other that one would hardly accuse them of belonging to the same organization.

In the Walther league the Standards recovered from their reverses of the previous week, who with the assistance of the Seniors and Ramblers increased their lead over the Juniors. The Neversweats are running parallel in the matter of ups and downs with the Standards but with this difference that the lot of the former has been mostly downs. In only one instance have the Neversweats been out of the cellar, a prosperity they could not endure but the beating encountered last week is probably sufficient to keep them imune from further humiliation.

ED MATT, CLEVER INFIELDER, WILL JOIN SOUTH BEND

Recruits Look Good and Addition of Ex-Michigan State Leaguer Adds to Bender's Class.

Two more recruits, one a star last year in the Michigan State league, and drafted by the Chicago Cubs, were signed by Manager Ed Smith Monday morning. The ex-State leaguer is none other than Eddie Matt, shortstop and the other is "Cy" Watt, of Fort Wayne, an outfielding person.

Matt drifted into the state league last year and hooked up with Manistee just in time to assist in winning the pennant and in time to be of great assistance in walloping the Battle Creek champs unmercifully in the post-season series. "There's a reason" for the defeat of the champs of the South Michigan, as they would remark in the Food city but a good part of the reason would appear to be the infielding, running, throwing, slugging, fighting and playing of Mr. Edward Matt, now become the Eddie of the South Bend club.

Following Matt's whirlwind trip through the up-state circuit a scout for the Chicago Cubs attached him to a contract, but Matt feared he would suffer the fate of many Cub recruits and be shoved off the train at some southern point and be left to wither and pine under heated skies in Dixie. Matt has an aversion to Dixie's clime and succeeded, in some manner not clearly understood, in getting his freedom from the Cubs. Smith heard of this some months ago and the minute he acquired a club here he started after Matt. The slugging shortstop took his own time about making up his mind but after coyly listening to Smith's inducements and murmuring "This is so sudden", he broke the news gently by giving Smith a half acceptance last week and his contract Monday.

Looks Like Comer.

Matt looks like the best bet yet as an infielder that Smith has picked up. Eddie has all the earmarks of a coming big leaguer and it would not be surprising to see him shipped to higher company from South Bend this year. Matt is ambitious both for himself and for the club he is affiliated with, and promises to play his very best this year as a Bender.

Watt is an outfielder and hails from Fort Wayne. He comes with strong recommendations and will be carefully watched. The Benders are now equipped with more outfield material than Smith really wants to try out and the bunch has enough known class to assure a fast trio of gardeners.

The Pick of the Bunch.

There are about six men in the recruits that should make good here this year, according to Smith. These include "Whiff" Dolan, ex-Notre Dame outfielder; Berkham, St. Joseph gardener; Moore, local pitcher; Joe Mee, third baseman; Matt, shortstop, and Arndt, first sacker. Among the recruits must be developed or discovered a second sacker, a catcher, a couple of good pitchers, and an outfielder. Smith expects to make good in the box himself, and this will relieve the situation considerably.

Of Moore, Smith has high hopes. "If that man fails to stick it means that the team will have some pitching staff," Smith declared optimistically. Murphy and Nutter, of Indianapolis, pitcher and outfielder, look pretty good from a distance and may solve some of the worries of the magnates here. Other recruits seem to have ability and perhaps one or two of them will come through in acceptable style. If they don't Smith will have to buy the rest of his club.

Spike LaRoss Signs.

Cricket fans were delighted with the news that LaRoss, known to his family as Harry, and to the ball world as "Spike", had affixed his name to a 1914 contract and would play with the champs this year. LaRoss has been one of the three holdouts this year and it was openly admitted at headquarters here that his signing was doubtful.

LaRoss is probably the peer of any of the old outfielders in the league. His work last year was excellent and his playing was largely responsible for the runaway fight the Crickets made in copping the championship. LaRoss has one of the best arms in baseball and by many his long fast "pegs" to the plate from deep center field, mark him as the best throwing outfielder in the league. Duncan, Green and La Ross will be the Cricket garden trio.

Deny Crickets Weaker.

Incidentally Cricket fans deny that their team will be any weaker than it was last year. Sport critics all over the league have taken the stand that every team will be improved over 1913 except Battle Creek. This view seems justified, however, when the perusal of the lineup is made. The Crickets have gathered a likely looking bunch of recruits but have nothing that can compare to Niehaus, Callahan, Nevitt, Badger, Williams, Henges and McDonald signed yet to take the place of these stars. Niehaus, Callahan, McDonald and Nevitt are lost to the team for certain, the rest being holdouts. The youngsters are mostly from Cincinnati and vicinity and were personally signed by Manager McKernan.

TRY NEWS-TIMES WANT AD.

War Scribes Won't Have to Dodge Foul Tips This Season

Manager Smith to Arrange For Private Coops For Writers. Stands are to be Treated to Coat of Paint.

War scribes who will have to witness the conflicts staged on Springbrook park grounds this season when the Benders attempt to drive back the Southern Michigan leaguers will have a place that will be free from flying bullets, namely foul tips and wild pitches, after Manager Ed Smith carries out his proposed arrangements.

These arrangements are nothing more than a private den where the scorers will be free from players, foul balls and spectators. Ed hasn't decided on the location yet, but has promised to place the new stand where the newspaper lads can see all that is going on, even to any bad decisions the umpire might make.

Complete plans have not been drawn up yet and it may eventually lead to a series of coops for the different writers. Ed says he has played in some towns where it wouldn't do to shut two war scribes in one den and is wondering how separate coops would work here. At any rate the coops are promised and Ed says it won't be his fault if any plays are overlooked by the writers.

The local pilot paid a visit to the park and has decided to give the entire plant a new coat of paint. Box seats are to be installed along the front of the grand stand. They will give the occupants a good view of the game and are expected to be much in demand during the coming months.

Smith took a day's vacation yesterday and refused to go over his mail although the chances are than another bunch of recruits have written explaining that they are ninth wonders of the world and asking for a chance. However the local manager is about filled up and doesn't expect to annex any more players until the big leagues and some of the higher minors begin turning loose some of the recruits they picked up last fall.

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