

SPORTS

TWO OF WORLD'S FAMOUS CUE ARTISTS TO PLAY FOR THREE CUSHION BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP

DENVER, Colo., March 4.—Great interest is being taken in the coming match between Fred Eames and Tommy Hueston for the world's three cushion billiard championship to be held here March 14, 15 and 16. As both men have been practicing hard for the last few weeks and are in excellent condition record runs are looked forward to. Eames sprung a surprise on the billiard fans when he captured the three cushion title from Alfred De Ore in New York recently. Few dreamed that he would take it away from the heretofore invincible Cuban. The new champion resided in Boston until a few years ago and was rated the best balk line player in New England at one time. He took up the three cushion game here, and when he went East on a visit last winter he announced his intention of going after the title. He challenged the winner of the De Ore-Daily match with the understanding that the winner would play him in Denver. But De Ore won and named New York. Hueston is considered to be one of the greatest cue artists in the world to-day. He has held both the three cushion title and pool championship. The latter honor he recently relinquished to Jerome Keogh, of Rochester, N. Y.



LAST BASKETBALL GAME OF SEASON

Local Y. M. C. A. Five to Meet the Quintet from Winston-Salem Association To-Morrow Night.

To-morrow night at 8:30 the last basketball game of the season will be played with visiting teams when the local Y. M. C. A. five will play the quintet from the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. Last season the local boys had no trouble defeating Winston-Salem, both here and at Winston-Salem, but by all reports they have a much better five this season and they will make the local team play the best ball they know how. The local team had no trouble defeating Wake Forest last week, and they are confident of winning to-morrow night, but nevertheless they have been practicing hard and will be in the best possible shape when the referee's whistle blows to-morrow night.

Mr. Sebring, of Winston-Salem will referee, and with a man such as this refereeing the game is bound to be very fast and interesting. The admission for to-morrow night's game will be 25 cents.

HACKENSMIDT HAS DOWNED GOOD ONES

Young Hackensmidt in his two years career as a professional wrestler has taken the classy ones in the middleweight class pretty fast and has downed them one after the other. Among some of the best ones he has thrown are Chicago Sandow, Emanuel Brugolo, Young Monday, Charlie Conkle, and Kaiser. He is a native of Chicago and since he began to show his fine form and ability, no doubt on account of his similarity to the older man of the same name, his friends dubbed him Young Hackensmidt by which sobriquet he has since been known. When he meets John Drake, the mountain strong man on the mat here next Tuesday night it will be his first appearance in this part of the country.

Talk about the way left-handers last. Willie McGill, who pitched in 1894, is still twirling for the Chicago semi-pro teams, and still has a great deal of speed with some of the elusive curves.

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UMPS UP AGAINST IT ON A QUEER PLAY.

"The greatest mix-up I ever saw on a ball field occurred in '91," said Owner Gaghan, "and I see it was duplicated somewhere in Indiana the other day, which reminds me of the story.

"Two amateur teams were playing a hot game and in the seventh inning, with a man on third and another on second the signal was passed for a hit and run, the man at the bat being a peach of a pinch hitter.

"But it happened that the catcher was a wise old owl, and just as the ball came up he pulled off the old trick of tipping the bat as the fellow swung so that he missed. Then, like a flash the catcher lammed the ball to the third baseman. As they started running down the man caught between third and home, the catcher made a bum heave and the ball struck the runner on the breast, rolling inside his shirt which was open at the neck. As soon as the ball slipped inside the runner hiked for the plate, the ball rolling around until it lodged along his backbone.

"As he ran past the catcher that individual grabbed the shirt where the ball stuck and tagged the runner, who continued until he crossed the plate, as did the man who had been on second. The umpire was up against it. He finally called the runner out, because the catcher had interfered with him in grabbing his shirt.

"The decision started a fight in which all hands were more or less used up. I see in the Indiana case, which happened a few days ago, the umpire declared the second runner out because the first man ran away with the ball."

Ban Johnson is reported to have told Jim McAleer in Chicago last week that he hoped he would win a pennant before his (Johnson's) 20-year term expired.

DANE CLAIMS POOR FORM LOST BATTLE

Realizes That Work on Stage, in Ring and in Literature Weakened His Stamina.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Out at the Sultan baths, where Battling Nelson has remained since his defeat, the Dane is slowly recovering from the terrible punishment received at the hands of Ad Wolgast, the new champion. The once invincible lightweight presents a pitiable appearance. Veterans of the game who have seen Nelson, declare that they never even in the days when bare knuckles were used, saw a fighter so battered up in a single engagement. Partly reclining on a couch, Nelson to-day discussed his downfall. "I am not going to attempt to take any of the gas," said he. "It is a great little fighter. The best I ever met. He showed splendid ring generalship, and the way he can hit with either hand from any angle is remarkable.

"For the past year I have done a great amount of work. In addition to defending my title on numerous occasions I have been constantly filling theatrical engagements. Six months ago I began to feel the effects of this, and determined to take a rest from the ring. But I made the mistake of keeping up the stage work and also worked on my book.

"While I did not realize it, I can see now that I was not right when I started to train. In the first few days' training I took off about five pounds. This is not natural for me, but I did not worry about it, as I soon took on weight when I eased up. I am frank also to admit that I understand the ability of Wolgast. True, he made a splendid showing against me at Los Angeles, but I was out of condition and I placed no importance on his victory.

"All I ask now is that Wolgast give me a return battle. I will conclude my theatrical engagements and then go to my New Mexico ranch for a long rest. I do not expect to fight for at least six months. At the end of that time, however, I am going after Wolgast. It gives me a fight I will make him a side bet of \$5,000 or \$10,000 at even money.

WAS A QUEER CASE.

Salm Batted Poor in Central League But Made Good in A. A.

Was there ever another case like that of Walter Salm, first baseman for Heinie Peitz's pennant winners of the American Association? Answer: If so, not many.

Folks in the Central League and all others who know about Salm are still laughing. Here's the way and how of the ha-ha.

Salm, who led the Texas League in batting in 1908, was signed by Big Bill Phillips, the old Red Twirler, for Wheeling in the Central League last summer. For about half of the season Salm played a magnificent fielding game.

But, oh his batting! Why, hits with Salm were as scarce as Dr. Cook's friends. Not only that, he fanned about half the time he went to the bat. Then Phillips picked up Tarleton, who had been drafted by the Pirates. Tarleton, who is a natural batter, made good from the start.

Just as Phillips was getting ready to release Salm, Peitz came along looking for a first baseman. Salm looked good on account of his finished fielding. He was signed. Heinie put him in fourth place in the batting order. He was a trifle weak and was dropped a notch. The remainder of the season Salm batted well, although not a Wagner. He hit more than twice as hard in the A. A. as in the Central League.

CHANCE FAVORS GUARDS.
Manager Chance has announced he would require all Cub catchers to wear shin guards this season after the fashion of Roger Bresnahan, of the Cardinals, or Larry McLean, of the Reds. He believes the device originated by the St. Louis manager is a great preventive of injuries, especially of the minor kind, which are bound to affect the backstop's work, even when they are not serious enough to keep him out of the game.

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