

OLD GUARD OF SPORTS REFUSES TO SURRENDER

By DIXON STEWART (United Press Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (UP)—The old guard—that brilliant group of athletic leaders who skyrocketed into fame during the post-war era and gave America its most glamorous decade of sport—may be failing, but it refuses to surrender.

After more than a dozen years of competition, the veterans, Dempsey, Ruth, Tilden, Hitchcock, Jones and Hagen, youthful sensations of the early 20s—still continue to crowd younger rivals out of the spotlight.

All except Jones are still in active competition, and it would not be surprising to see the emperor of golf resume his competitive career in the near future. Thus, the veterans still come pretty close to dominating their particular sports.

True, youngsters are forging to the front, but it is doubtful if any will succeed in attaining the heights reached by the "big six" of the last decade.

Max Schmeling holds the world heavyweight boxing championship and probably is the best man in his field, but Jack Dempsey still remains as the best drawing card in the game, and despite his 37 years the former champion will have strong backing if he attempts to regain the crowd from Schmeling.

Bill Tilden relinquished his amateur tennis leadership a year ago, and Ellsworth Vines of California gives promise of becoming a worthy successor. However, Tilden transferred his activities to professional tennis, is playing better than at any time in recent years and is regarded by many observers as the equal of any player in the world.

Bobby Jones, youngest of the

veterans, also retired from amateur play last year. He played no tournament golf in 1931 but is likely to return to action as a "business man" golfer. And if he does there is little doubt he will pick up where he left off and continue as unquestioned leader of the game. Many youthful players bid for his place last year but none were able to fill the bill and the amateur championship fell to the veteran Francis Ouimet, who previously held the title way back in 1914.

Walter Hagen no longer maintains dominance in professional golf but remains as the gallery favorite in any tourney he enters. His season's average of 72 strokes per round for tournament play and his acquisition of the Claret Open showed that he has not slipped very far.

Tommy Hitchcock, who for the past decade has been polo's ace, again is rated as a 10-goal man in the 1932 rankings, with his nearest rival at 8 goals. Although lack of practice kept him below top form in 1931 there would be few dissenting votes to ranking him as the world's finest player.

Young Pepper Martin of St. Louis captured baseball interest during the 1931 world series but with preparations under way for 1932, Babe Ruth again is the most talked of player in the game. Although almost as old as Dempsey, Tilden and Hagen, Ruth had one of his best seasons last year, and his ranking as the diamond's unchallenged leader is attested by the fact that his 1932 contract probably will call for a renewal of his \$80,000 salary—more than double the highest salary ever given any other player.

ON THE SIDELINES

By BRIAN BELL
"Beans" Reardon, who calls balls and strikes in the National League, has found an umpire's paradise. It is Japan. Mr. Reardon accompanied a group of American professional baseball players, chaperoned by Frederick G. Lieb, to Japan, and he likes it very much.

"No Japanese player ever talks back, none ever disputes a decision and not even the spectators razz an umpire," says "Beans." No wonder he likes it.

The umpire was impressed by the hospitality shown the Americans, the size of the Japanese stadium, seating 60,000 and 65,000 fans, and the fielding of the Japanese players.

Their hitting is not so hot, he says, but they can hold their own in any company on the defense. The Japanese learn quickly and the visit of Lefty Grove, Lou Gehrig, Mickey Cochrane, Al Simmons, Frankie Frisch and the other stars should improve the class of game in that country.

"Beans" tutored the Japanese umpires and taught them the tricks of the trade as it is practiced in the United States. He also made it hard for some of the pitchers over there. He found the umpires calling strikes on balls passing over the plate on a line with the eyes of the batsmen. This will never do, Mr. Reardon told the Japanese, and it was changed right away.

The Americans, according to Reardon, had only one narrow escape in the 17 games played. Gehrig decided to pitch against Wasada and the eighth inning found the Americans five runs behind.

They then hammered out seven runs and, taking no chances, Lefty Grove went in to pitch the final innings. He struck out six men in the eighth and ninth on 20 pitched balls.

NEXT YEAR
A roving scout who sees things football in many sections of the country suggests that two teams

VINES TELLS PRACTICE PLANS

By GEORGE H. BEALE (United Press Staff Correspondent)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7. (UP)—Ellsworth Vines, the national tennis champion, decided several days ago to temporarily abandon his studies at the University of Southern California and only now is order coming out of the excitement that followed.

Someone reported that the 20-year-old racket swinger wanted more time in which to practice to insure himself of a position on the Davis cup team and immediately the United States Lawn Tennis association advised Vines to remain in school.

The association said it felt it was highly advantageous for him to continue his studies and that he would have plenty of time to finish the scholastic year and still try out for the Davis cup team.

The truth of the matter was that Vines' decision to leave U. S. C. temporarily was based on finances and not any desire for tennis honors although he does cherish the latter.

"Certainly, I hope to be invited to try out for the Davis cup team this spring," he said today in explaining his position, "but that has nothing to do with my leaving school."

If my financial condition was good I'd continue at college but right now my best bet seems to be to drop out for the semester and then resume next fall. I find now that I'm trying to do too much and I'm not doing any of it as well as I should."

Vines this year attempted to keep up with his studies—and he takes them seriously, as he does everything else—do a part time job in a broker's office, practice tennis and play basketball.

He found the situation impossible although he devoted 16 to 18 hours a day to it and the first break came when he turned in his basketball uniform.

This was a great shock to Coach Sam Barry who had planned his entire varsity team around the lanky tennis player. Vines starred with the freshmen five last year and Barry was impressed by his natural ability and stamina.

By giving up basketball Vines was able to devote more time to his broker's job, but he decided it was not fair to his mother, working in a Pasadena department store, to help him get his education. So he decided to leave school until he put enough aside to continue by himself.

AVERAGES OF TRIO OF GIANT HURLERS SPIKE THEORY OF WEAKNESS ON MOUND



If weak pitching is keeping the New York Giants from a National league pennant, the three gentlemen above don't know anything about it. Their combined average in earned runs allowed for the last three seasons is better than that of any trio on a rival club.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (UP)—"The Giants would have won the pennant last year with better pitching."

The above remark is getting to be one of the most moss-laden pieces of second guessing connected with baseball. Indeed, in baseball circles it is taking a place alongside innumerable other half truths such as the Brooklyn toss away countless ball games through dumb base running and that tiring players take on new life when traded.

For the purpose of the record, let it be known that the past three seasons the New York club has had a trio of the most effective pitchers in the National league, on the basis of earned runs allowed.

WALKER HEADS LEAGUE
No other club has had three pitchers whose work has equalled that of Freddy Fitzsimmons, roly-poly righthander; Bill Walker and Carl Hubbell, southpaws, during the last three campaigns.

Walker, who led the league this last season by allowing only 2.26 earned runs per nine inning game, has been startlingly effective during the time. In 1929 he also paced the circuit with an average of 3.03 earned runs, and finished third in 1930 with 3.93.

Hubbell has been on the heels of Walker throughout. His finished second last season with an average of 2.65 and was runner-up to Dazzy Vance in 1930 with a mark of 3.87. In 1929, his first full season in the National league, Hubbell held opponents to 3.69 earned runs and wound up eighth in the averages.

MAY NEED FOURTH
Though Fitzsimmons has not been as effective as either of the southpaws, his record when merged gives the Giants' hurling a very formidable air. Fitz's averages are: 1929, 4.09; 1930, 4.25, and 1931, 3.05. His last mark gave him sixth place in the league.

Those who insist that pitching is the chief weakness of the Giants may point out that the rest of the staff hasn't a fourth strong pitcher. However, Clarence Mitchell, aged southpaw, had an excellent year in 1930, and young Jim Mooney won seven and lost only one during the rag end of the last season. Moreover, the Athletics breeched through to an American league pennant with two pitchers bearing the heavy load, Lefty Grove and George Earnshaw.

JUST WEREN'T AS STRONG
The solution doubtless is that the Giants simply weren't as strong as the well-rolled Cardinal machines of 1930 and '31, and the powerful team of sluggers with which the Chicago Cubs steam-rolled the league in 1929.

Whatever the cause, it seems a good time to put complaints of the Giants' hurling away in old lace and lavender.

BAT WEAKENED BY EXERCISING

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (UP)—Regardless of the outcome of his 15-round title defense against Lew Feldman at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, Bat Battalino appears likely to become 1932's first ex-champion.

The bout will be Battalino's sixth defense of the featherweight championship he won from Andre Routs in 1930 and probably will be his last. For although the Hartford fighter has proved his superiority over all rivals in his class, weight-making is beginning to exact its toll and if he wins tomorrow night, Battalino is expected to renounce his title and try for the lightweight championship.

Battalino was forced to reduce 14 pounds in ten days to make the 126-pound limit for the Feldman fight and has indicated that he will not go through the grind again. He already has defeated Al Singer, who preceded Tony Canzoneri as lightweight champion, and believes he can dethrone Tony.

Despite his difficulty in making the weight, Battalino rules as a strong favorite to defeat Feldman and a knockout appears likely.

RACING GROUP NAMES LEADER

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (UP)—At the annual meeting of the United Hunts Racing association today, the following officers were elected for the 1932 season:

F. Ambrose Clark, president; Norris Sellar, vice president; Lewis E. Waring, treasurer, and Harry A. Buck, secretary.

Announcement as the spring dates for the United Hunts meeting will be made next week.

BIG TEN OF NET FAME ARE NAMED

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (UP)—The United States Lawn Tennis Association, at its meeting in New Orleans on Feb. 6, will be asked by the ranking committee to approve the following "big ten" of American tennis:

1. Ellsworth Vines, Pasadena, Cal.
2. George M. Lott, Chicago
3. Francis X. Shields, New York
4. John Van Ryn, Philadelphia
5. John H. Doeg, Newark
6. Clifford Suter, New Orleans
7. Sidney B. Wood, New York
8. Keith Gledhill, Santa Barbara, Cal.
9. Wilmer Allison, Austin, Tex.
10. Berkeley Bell, New York.

The ranking committee's nominations were announced today in a call for the annual meeting of the association, and undoubtedly will be approved as offered.

DELAY SIGNING FOR MIAMI GO

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (UP)—The formal signing of contracts for the Max Schmeling-Mickey Walker world heavyweight championship bout at Miami, Feb. 26, was postponed today until 3 p. m. tomorrow.

All details for the match have been decided, but in the absence of President W. F. Carey of Madison Square Garden, New York, and Leonard Sax, president of the Illinois Garden, the formal signing was delayed.

SOOKY STIRS EL PORTAL AUDIENCE

"Sooky," companion picture to "Skippy," is a combination of laughter and sobs which the screen has never excelled, according to critics who attended El Portal theater last night.

The humor of the picture kept the audience in a state of hilarious laughter during a considerable part of the showing. Nevertheless, the action at times touches a depth of pathos which brings an involuntary sob to the most blasé.

Not often are so much joy and laughter mingled so deftly with the tears as in "Sooky." It is listed as one of the few "Four Star" pictures of the year and should be seen and heard by all.

HOOP CHANCE OF CATS IS THOUGHT SLIM

Start, Schedule With Bunkerville Quint Saturday Night

With their chances of winning their first conference tilt very small because of the delay in starting practice this year, the Wildcat hoop squad will invade Bunkerville Saturday evening for the first of a 14-game schedule. The Virgin valley squad has always been a strong team and have always given the locals a tough battle, beating the locals a number of times. The valley boys have played several games already this season and have reached a point where they are swinging into their regular stride.

The Wildcats' squad was divided into two groups Wednesday evening and succeeded in routing two different town teams. The first was won by a 15-8 score and the second by 21-15. The locals got a late start at training this year and are not nearly in the form they should be. Coach Dashiell feels quite doubtful as to the outcome of the first three or four games and does not believe the boys will have an easy time taking them, if at all.

Dashiell has made a second call for volunteers to take the squad to the valley town in their cars. There is yet a shortage of cars and the number of players he will be able to take will be eliminated if several cars are not obtained by this afternoon.

The local squad will play its next two games in Goldfield and Tonopah on the 15th and 16th of this month. The first game here will be with Overton on Jan. 21.

TURFMEN LAUGH AT RUMOR AFTER CALIENTE RACE

AGUA CALIENTE, Mex., Jan. 7. (UP)—Race track officials tonight laughed at reports that a victory of Linden Tree, two-year-old horse from the George Drumheller stable, today proved a betting coup that took a million dollars away from bookmakers all over the country.

At the very most, they pointed out, not more than \$100,000 could have been won.

Virtually all selections early today showed Linden Tree the choice to win the race and the disparity between first place payoff of \$31.60 second money of \$2.60 and third of \$2.20 might have been caused by somebody dumping money on another horse to boost the odds on Linden Tree. It was pointed out, Linden Tree was held at 3 to 5 in the local book and the approximate odds on the mutual board were 6 to 1. The colt paid four points better than the approximate machine odds at post time.

Baron Long, one of the owners of the track, issued a statement tonight saying, "We raise a row" over machines open and anyone is welcome to come and bet on a race. We do not dictate which horse should wager on. Public opinion seems to figure the bookmakers should never lose."

It was indicated that the Racing Form published the "raise a row" of the track could see no reason for such action. They pointed out that Linden Tree was a heavy favorite and that betters failed to play him in the mutuels, thus causing the long price.

CHEVALIER OFF ON MUSIC TOUR

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 7. (UP)—Maurice Chevalier, motion picture star, left here today on a two months' concert tour which will carry him across the country.

His first appearance will be at the annual automobile show in San Francisco. From there, he will travel eastward, singing in St. Louis, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Newark and New York.

Returning here after the tour, he will start work on his next picture, "Love Me Tonight."

RENO CHAMP WINNER

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7. (UP)—Tony Poloni, 176, former national amateur light heavyweight champion, slugged his way to a 10 round victory over Jimmy Hannah, 174, San Francisco in their main event here tonight.

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SAY! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? OH — WHEN YOU ACT LIKE THAT I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A LOAD ON YOUR CHEST — SHOOT! GET IT OFF!

'S NOTHIN' MUCH — I WAS JUST THINKIN' —

I WAS THINKIN' YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE A PICTURE OF THIS BIRD — IT'S THE FIRST ONE I'VE FOUND!

HOLY SMOKE! THAT GUY'S A HUMAN DREADNAUGHT! LOOK AT THE MUSCLE ON HIM! I NEVER SAW SUCH A BUILD!

—AN' DO YOU STILL WANT TO MEET HIM?

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