

PROMISING ROOKIES TO TRY FOR BERTHS IN BIG LEAGUE CLUBS EARLY IN FEBRUARY

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CHICAGO, Jan. 11. (U.P.)—Many promising recruits will be given try-outs by the American league during the spring training season which opens next month, and there is a possibility that every club will have at least one rookie win a regular berth.

Sixty-seven rookies were gathered from the minor leagues by the eight American league clubs during the winter, but some of them have already been dispatched to the minors without trials.

The New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians seem to have picked up the most promising youngsters. The Yankees and Indians each have seven rookies who promise to remain in the majors.

The most promising rookies on each team follow:
New York: Pitchers Murphy, St. Paul, Allen, Toronto, and Brown. Jersey City: Infielders Saltzger, St. Paul, Crossett, San Francisco: Outfielders F. Walker, Toronto, and Seikirk, Jersey City.
Cleveland: Pitchers Pearson, Oakland, Rhodes, Burlington, and Hildebrand. Infielders Conntner, Conntner, New Orleans, Harry White, Sacramento, Hale, New Orleans. Outfielder, Ward, New Orleans.

Philadelphia: Pitcher, Bowman, Portland, First Base, Hottel, St. Paul. Outfielders Coleman, Portland, and Johnson, Portland. Detroit: Pitchers Ojstrom, Beaumont, and Marlow, Beaumont. Outfielders White, Beaumont, and Lawrence, Seattle.

Chicago: Pitcher Erickson, Shreveport, Infielder Selph, Houston. Outfielders Anderson, St. Paul, and Campbell, Little Rock. St. Louis: Pitchers Polli, Milwaukee, and Conney, Wichita Falls. Infielder Klugdon, Chattanooga. Outfielder Kizza, Milwaukee.
Washington: Pitcher M. Weaver, Baltimore. Outfielder Boyle, Baltimore.
Boston: Infielder Dashiell, Chattanooga. Outfielder Stumpert, Quinn-

If the Yankees' recruits live up to expectations, New York will win the American league pennant in 1932. Jack Saltzger, who batted .340 and was hailed as the best infielder in the American association last season, is expected to win the second base job. Frank Crossett, who batted .344 and led the Pacific Coast league in scoring runs, is expected to take over the shortstop berth. Murphy, who won 16 and lost 13 for St. Paul, and Allen, who won 21 and lost 9 for Toronto, are expected to win places on the pitching staff.

Although none of the Athletics' rookies are expected to win regular berths, all four of them probably will be retained as reserves. There is a possibility that First Baseman Reottger, who batted .357 for St. Paul, may play first base, with Jimmy Fox moving to third. Washington has added little strength in the way of new material, but the Senators are counting on Montie Weaver, right hand pitcher from Baltimore, to develop into a winning pitcher. Weaver won 21 and lost 11 for Baltimore last year.

Two new faces may appear in the Cleveland infield. Bruce Conntner, who batted .334 for New Orleans, is counted on to play first base, and Harry White, who batted .291 for Sacramento, and Arnel Hale, who batted .307 for New Orleans, will vie with Montague for the shortstop job.
Detroit seems to have landed a player of the Pepper Martin type in Outfielder Joyner White from Beaumont. He led the Texas league in stolen bases, with 52, and in triples, with 23. Most of his triples were stretched from doubles because of his speed and daring base running. He started two double plays in one game from the outfield. He batted .298, only 11 players batting 300 or better in the Texas league. He was one of the five players in the league to play in every game.

NEWS OF THE LAS VEGAS AGE SPORT WORLD

NURMI READY FOR OLYMPIC COME-BACK FINN LICKS YOUTH IN GREAT RACE TO DISPEL DOUBT AS TO AGE

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Jan. 11.—Paavo Nurmi, who scorns the physical laws set for ordinary mortals, has prepared himself for his greatest come-back in 1932.

Nearing his 38th birthday and approaching his fourth Olympic appearance, in the Los Angeles games, Nurmi's goal is the Olympic marathon as a crowning touch to the greatest foot-racing career of all time. Nevertheless he can still hold his own with Finland's sensational crop of younger runners, led by Lauri Lehtinen.

Paavo's greatest enemy has not been increasing age or competition but rheumatism. In his northern climate, changing from cold to heat, a runner is extremely subject to this illness. Nurmi was troubled with rheumatism in 1928. That was the reason why he lost to Ritola and Leukoila in Amsterdam.

On his return from America, Nurmi began in the spring of 1929 his fight against rheumatism. He went to East Finland to the "nature-sanatorium" of Kirva. There he took a complete cure of sun and mud baths.

It is typical of Nurmi that he could not leave off his training in the sanatorium even; on the contrary, he took long and surprising walks in the woods and on the roads. The whole summer he devoted to his health and never thought of taking part in any races.

From Kirva Nurmi then went for the summer to Terijoki on the shore of the Gulf of Finland, to carry on a merry and healthy bathing-life in the sea—a new and surprising sphere for the quiet and retiring Paavo.

By the summer of 1930, Nurmi had so far dropped from the spotlight that Finnish fans were talking of his successor and naming young Lauri Virtanen for the role. Paavo challenged the youth to a two-mile race and won easily in 9:07 4-5.

CONFRONT 'YOUTH' AGAIN
A year later the ballyhoo for youth was on again. Another match



Paavo Nurmi at 35 is preparing for one of the greatest come-backs in athletic history in the 1932 Olympics. Pictures above taken recently show that the "Phantom Finn" still has the "form" called the greatest of all time for a distance runner, despite trouble in recent years from rheumatism. A few months ago, Paavo shattered the world's two-mile record with a mark of 8:59.5

was arranged in which Nurmi, on July 24, 1931, was to race three young Finns, Virtanen, Lauri Lehtinen and Iso-Hollo, in an attempt to break the world's two-mile record.

The favorite in this event was the 23-year-old Lauri Lehtinen, Finland's hope for the Olympic games, who had beaten the world's record for a mile and a half, and at 5,000 meters been timed in 14:31.7.

But the 34-year-old Nurmi now proved his glorious come-back, which he—when he was called old

in 1929—began to prepare.

On that never to be forgotten evening Paavo actually flew on the track. All Helsingfors was there to see the match.

Iso-Hollo and Lehtinen set most of the pace but could not shake off Nurmi. On the last lap, Lehtinen ran like a lion, but 100 meters from the goal Nurmi rushed past him irresistibly.

Nurmi's result was a new world's record, 8:59.5. Lehtinen (9:00.0) and Amsterdam as a rising victorious

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DEMPSY TO BOX EXHIBITION BOUT

CHICAGO, Jan. 11. (U.P.)—Jack Dempsey will box an exhibition match at the Milwaukee auditorium February 8 under the direction of Promoter Tom Andrews, the former heavyweight champion's manager. Leonard Sacks, announced today. Dempsey will meet any opponent selected by Promoter Andrews.

PAOLINO READY FOR WORK-OUTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 11. (U.P.)—Paolino Uzcudun, Basque heavyweight, arrived today and had his first work-out here for his 10-round bout with King Levinsky at the Chicago Stadium Friday night. Levinsky rules a 7-5 favorite because of his recent victory over Tommy Loughran in New York.

NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION 20 LEADING FIGHTERS FOR 1931

- Light-Heavyweight:** Title vacant; 1. Billy Jones, Philadelphia negro; 2. Haxey Rosenbloom, New York; 3. George Manley, Denver.
- Middleweight:** Title vacant; 2. Gorilla Jones, Akron, O. negro; 3. O'Donnell, Phazza, Italy; 4. Vince Dundee, Newark, N. J.
- Welterweight:** Champion, Lou Brouillard, Boston; 2. Jimmy McLarnin, Vancouver, B. C.; 3. Young Corbett, California; 4. Jackie Fields, California.
- Junior-welterweight:** Champion, Tony Canzoneri, New York; 2. Jack (Kid) Berg, England; 3. Sharkey, Boston; 3. Micky Walker, New Jersey; 4. Ernie Schaff, Boston; 5. Young Stribling, Georgia.
- Lightweight:** Champion, Tony Canzoneri, New York; 2. Bat Battalino, Hartford, Conn.; 3. Billy Petrelle, Fargo, S. D.; 4. Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Hartford, Conn.
- Junior-lightweight:** Champion, Kid Chocolate, Cuban negro; 2. Al Foreman, Montreal; 3. Benny Bass, Philadelphia; 4. Roger Bernard, Detroit.
- Featherweight:** Champion, Chris (Bat) Battalino, Hartford, Conn.; 2. Earl Mastro, Chicago; 3. Nel Tarelton, England; 4. Al Brown, Panama negro.
- Bantamweight:** Champion, Al Brown, Panama negro; 2. Newsboy Brown, California; 3. Emile Pladner, France; 4. Pete Sanstel, Norway.
- Flyweight:** Champion, Young Perez, France; 2. Jackie Brown, England; 2. Midget Wolgast, Philadelphia; 4. Frankie Genaro, New York.

TENNIS STARS MEET

CHICAGO, Jan. 11. (U.P.)—William T. Tilden, world's professional tennis champion, will meet Hans Nusslein of Germany, in a three-out of five set match at the Chicago stadium tomorrow night.

CYCLE RACES

CHICAGO, Jan. 11. (U.P.)—Chicago's twenty-seventh international 6-day bicycle race will be held in the Chicago stadium Feb. 7-14. It was announced today.

A radio broadcasting station at Pensacola, Fla., is to be sold at auction.

Don't overlook Spanish dice Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Cabare and Casino.

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SURE I'LL DO IT FER YA GLADLY!

GET BUSY RIGHT NOW! I'M GOIN' TO SIT HERE UNTIL I CAN THINK UP A WAY TO GET THAT GUY RADANOVICH'S GOAT SO HE'LL THINK HE'S GOT A BEATING COMING UP!

OKAY JOE!

NOW LET'S SEE --- I ANNOUNCED THAT DYNAMITE COULD BEAT THE WORLD IN A FIGHTER VS. WRESTLER MATCH - BUT I DIDN'T SAY HE EVER BEAT A WRESTLER - WHY NOT ANNOUNCE THAT HE SMEARED PETE? WHY NOT?

BAM

OW!

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