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**SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS**

By JACK KEENE

Connie Mack finds a bit of solace in his misery in the showing of two of his young pitchers—while Slim Harris and the others are fizzling. These two are Roy Meeker and Dennis Burns. Meeker's best efforts to date are his two-hit victory over the slugging Browns and his five-hit game against the plunging Red Sox. Burns has also held the Red Sox to five hits.

Meeker's success is remarkable in view of the fact that he came up from the Sally league last spring. Pitching for the Columbia team in the South Atlantic circuit he won 18 and lost 23 games, pitching a total of 306 innings. The team was a tail-end affair and Meeker's winning average was much higher than his team's.

Burns pitched for Shreveport in the Texas league and won 12 games while losing the same number.

Charley See, former member of the Cincinnati Reds, is hitting close to .400 for the Minneapolis Millers in the A. A. Which indicates Charley can still see.

Milwaukee, home of the Mitchell brothers—Pinky and Willie—and numerous other more or less famous boxers, now offers to the public one Joey Sangor as a possible candidate for the featherweight and junior lightweight honors.

Sangor had not drawn much national attention until he met Danny Kramer recently. Sangor was given credit for winning his mill with Danny on a foul, but the illegality of the blow was disputed. No one at the ringside, however, disputed the fact that Sangor was a sweet little boxer with a promising future.

Having recovered from the latest flistic surprise—Tommy Gibbons' failure to swat Mr. Carpenter on the button—we now pass on to the next planning boxing tidbit, a meeting between Luis Firpo and Harry Wills. Latest word from Buenos Aires is that Firpo has agreed to fight Harry, despite all the remarks made to the effect that Wills is so good Dempsey has sidestepped him.

The fight will draw a crowd for two reasons: first, because of Firpo's presence, and secondly, because of Wills' appearance in the ring with a prominent white fighter.

Firpo's status as a fighter is fairly well catalogued. He is the toughest bird in the ring, outside of Jack Dempsey. Wills' status is a mystery. While ostensibly seeking a battle with Dempsey he has overlooked a score of opportunities to prove his right to such a bout by meeting second-raters. Why he did not choose the ring instead of the typewriter as a means of getting a battle with the champion is a question only he can answer.

Most fans hope that the Wills-Firpo fight will come off and not fizzle as did the Madden-Wills affair. They want to see just what Wills has. This in a spirit of fairness, too. If he can knock out or even outfight the wild man from the Argentine metropolis the public will give him the credit due him.

"Dutch" Leonard's return late this month to the fold of the Detroit Tigers gives the thirty-third degree fan something to hash over. How much value Leonard will be to the team after a year's layoff is problematical. Leonard has simply wasted a valuable year because of poor advice given him by close associates when

he was discussing salary differences with the Detroit club a year ago. He jumped his contract and played "out-law" ball until June, when he realized that the future held little for him in the independent circle and withdrew from the diamond. Under organized ball law he had to remain idle a year before he could expect reinstatement.

Connie Mack, as I have said, is enthusiastic over the showing of Roy Meeker and Dennis Burns, two of his young pitchers, but there seems always to be a thumb mark in Connie's bowl of soup.

Every time the Long Gent looks over "Curly" Ogden's record with the Washington club he says "Aw, gosh!" or something just as vehement.

Mack released Ogden two or three weeks ago, firmly believing that Ogden's wrenched arm never would regain its early skill. The youngster had reported to Connie two years ago from Swarthmore college. He looked good in his early appearances, but late in the 1922 campaign, in a game against the Red Sox, he twisted his pitching wing. Varied treatments failed to take the kink out of it last season, and not even a winter layoff brought it around.

Down south, in the spring, Ogden labored in vain to bring it back to A-1 shape. Then Connie let him drift to Washington. A few days after he joined the Senators the young righthander turned back the Chicago Sox, and on his next appearance let the dashing Red Sox down with five smacks.

Which doesn't add much to Connie's almost empty cup of joy.

Pirate fans—and other National leaguers—have noticed that Rabbit Maranville has eliminated entirely from his playing the clownish stuff with which he used to amuse the fans during the heat of battle. The former shortstop star carries a serious mien from the time he trots onto the field until the last man is out.

Fans who saw Maranville in action in the heyday of his career—back in the halcyon afternoons of 1914 with the Braves, for instance—will recall that he was pulling funny stuff all the time. In addition to his odd antics he kept up a running fire of chatter.

Maranville was slated for a utility role when the training season opened last spring. Other clubs had waived on him when the Pirates grabbed him off. The mite probably figured that this year would be his last unless he delivered, hence the diligent effort and concentration. His work at second to date has been brilliant in every way.

**TOUGH ON WOLF**

For a poet to rid himself of sensitiveness about his work would seem a difficult task; yet there is one who has done so and can take a joke with the best of grace.

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"Are you turning out much poetry now, William?" asked the lawyer.

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