

# Mutt Never Had an Ounce of Humor

# Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



## Judgments

OURKE now has a full roster of players for 1914. Some changes may, we hope, yet be made. As things now stand, we have an entire new infield: Chase, first; Clancy, second; Ward, third; Thomas, short; one new man, Krug, left in the outfield, where Thomason and Conzelan are to reappear. Shestak remains over for the catching department, with a gentleman by the classic name of Sullivan as a side-kicker and Goding to direct the bureau. Maybe here is one place for a change before the gong sounds. Brady and Ormsby, of whom we do not, appear among the pitchers. Robison undoubtedly will be swapped. Brenner ought to be with us, as now seems he will, and Clozman, Hicks, Schiltner and Stevenson are enrolled, but whether to play or go is not yet certain. Schipke is still among us for the utility job. The Skipper's anxiety for a change of teams evidently has not been satisfied and at that there is much for the Skipper to do right out at Fifteenth and Vinton streets. So, there you are, if new blood was the need, the need is filled. Let us hope it is blood with a proper mixture of red and white and purple. The last big shake-up, which gave us Graham, Austin, Frank, Autrey and two or three others, gave us a penant and another, which at the last we gave away in a spirit of feeh. Far be it from us to make any foolish predictions about pennants this year; we don't know the players and not knowing will not predict. We are not in the prophetic business, anyway. That belongs to wiser heads. All we have to say at this time is, we hope the glad dope Pa and the enthusiastic young friends are dealing us about these new ones is real.

Frank Gotch's refusal to go back on the mat is a black eye to the promoters and inferior wrestlers, who always come in for their share of the fruits of the trade created by Gotch's wrestling. Gotch will go down in the history of this game as the one fellow who, king of the mat, whose like we have not known. He was so far ahead of his contemporaries, especially those from Europe, as completely to outclass them. After attaining his supremacy, he did not give away any matches, nor even any falls, though he did consent more often than not to let the other fellows "stay" a while, which, at that, probably was what the fans would have preferred for their money. Men who know the game have often laughed at the way in which Gotch let the fellow Roller stick around for an hour, Roller, who never was a wrestler. The first Hackenschmidt match, too, was the variety. Gotch could have put the big hulk down at any minute during those two hours and thirty minutes that he liked, just as he handled him in the second match, but it was better for the game to let Hack stay awhile. Was it, though? Where is all that wrestling enthusiasm today? If all that wrestling followed the lines of base ball it would not need these artificial inflations to keep it alive.

Mr. Hanlon of Sioux City probably is right in saying that the minors will feel the effects of the Federal's aggression much more than the majors, who can spare a few defects. Yet, it remains to be seen how badly it hurts even the minors. Our idea is that the country is rather well supplied with ball players and that most of them have good ears and can hear the call of the wild when it is given and that it will be given when the need arises for help. All depends on the contrary, it is still our simple belief that the Federal league will not die a sorrowing, though it may not develop forthwith into a robust infant. Thus far it strikes many unbiased judges from Atlantic to Pacific as a healthy prospect, to say the least.

Wichita may, as it insists, be on a perfectly sound financial basis. If so, we do not quite understand why it should be the one club in the league to object so seriously to the \$5,000 guarantee to complete the season and \$125 for each game. To a prosperous management that is surely not a burden. It is high time for such fortification in the West. The whole tendency in the new regulations is toward sounder business principles, which the league has badly needed. If it is going to remain a Class A organization, let it do business on a Class A basis, and any town that cannot come up to the standard should be dropped.

Mark Hall, our erstwhile king slamban, very highly affixed his signature during the week and will be among Ty Cobb's teammates for another year, at least, and doubtless many to come.

Why didn't the Judge who ruled Fitzsimmons out because of his age test the old fellow's ability still to fight by standing up in front of one of his sled-hammers?

Brother Dave tells us he has a new wrinkle on lemonade for the coming season. He is going to put pepper into it. He ought to feed the players lots of it.

We are still hoping Johnny Kling lands that Kansas City franchise in the Western league—hoping, we said.

## KINGSLEY LEADS AMATEURS

### Omaha Man Tops All Amateur Shooters of the State.

### DIXON AND REDICK SHOW BILLY TOWNSEND AND GEORGE ROGERS ARE ALSO WELL UP IN THE RANKS—RACEE HEADS ALL THE PROS.

Omaha has the honor of leading the shooters of the state of Nebraska, according to the official averages of all trapshooters who competed in registered tournaments of the Interstate association during the last season. R. C. Kingsley, an Omaha amateur, topped the entire state, even leading amateurs, with the remarkable record of .963, made by breaking 223 out of 230 targets.

Other Omaha amateurs figure prominently among them. B. A. Dixon, Elmer S. Redick, W. D. Townsend and George Rogers.

In the professional division Rush Racee, the famous fancy shot of Curtis, led the field with .900, while George Maxwell, the great one-armed shot of Hastings, was second, with a fine average of .902 on the great number of 3,000 targets. The complete averages of the Nebraska shooters are as follows:

Name	Score	Percentage
Racee, R. Curtis	300	.900
Maxwell, G. W.	288	.864
Carter, Geo. L.	280	.840
Kingsley, R. C.	223	.963
Redick, S. O.	220	.958
Severson, J. H.	218	.943
Oleson, Albert	215	.937
Olson, L. E.	214	.931
Gallity, G. S.	212	.917
Gausman, J. W.	210	.909
Gates, L. A.	208	.904
Edwards, W. E.	205	.895
Robertson, A. B.	202	.887
Simonson, C. J.	200	.880
Dixon, B. A.	198	.876
Verner, E. W.	195	.867
Bendel, Franz	192	.857
Widmaier, W. A.	190	.850
Drabholz, Jas. A.	188	.844
Burbank, C. E.	185	.835
Neison, Fred	182	.826
Magnus, W. E.	180	.820
Brown, R. M.	178	.814
Tappan, C. G.	175	.808
Holeworth, C. C.	172	.800
Dworak, P. S.	170	.794
Thorpe, C. A.	168	.788
Linnaman, W. D.	165	.781
Morgan, R. D.	162	.774
Bray, D. D.	160	.769
Langman, E. W.	158	.763
Nevel, K. W.	155	.756
Boulter, Geo.	152	.750
Wall, C.	150	.744
Belcher, G. A.	148	.738
Redick, Elmer S.	145	.731
Patterson, J. R.	142	.724
Rogers, Geo.	140	.719
Mulheiff, E. E.	138	.713
Johnson, J. H.	135	.706
Thompson, D. S.	132	.700
Christensen, C.	130	.694
Conis, W. J.	128	.688
Call, Fred	125	.680
Rudat, F. H.	122	.673
Miller, Frank	120	.667
Arnold, H. J.	118	.662
Hutchinson, E. O.	115	.655
Schroeder, G. A.	112	.648
Richardson, A. J.	110	.643
Mortell, Ed	108	.638
Southard, Fred	105	.631
Loving, F. F.	102	.624
Benjamin, W. C.	100	.618
Henninger, H. E.	98	.613
Pyra, A. H.	95	.606
Nicholson, M. V.	92	.600
Carson, E. M.	90	.594
Stewart, E. J.	88	.589
Phillips, H. A.	85	.582
Kirkman, B. D.	82	.575
McNamara, W. C.	80	.570
Hastings, Walter	78	.564
Lyon, Dr. C. W.	75	.557
Dawson, Ben	72	.550
Schonen, John	70	.545
Keelie, Arthur R.	68	.540
Kunhart, Anton	65	.533
Ball, Sherman	62	.526
Tyrbon, S. W.	60	.520
Brownfield, E. C.	58	.515
Shelton, Ray	55	.508
Armstrong, W. R.	52	.500
Winkovich, W. N.	50	.495
Danzett, Bert	48	.490
Campbell, J. F.	45	.483
Newman, C. H.	42	.476
Hollingsworth, J. E.	40	.470
Arnsdorf, E.	38	.465
Kendall, A. E.	35	.458
Osterman, Frank	32	.450
McNamara, W. C.	30	.445
Hoss, W. L.	28	.440
Bean, W. C.	25	.433
Lambert, Henry	22	.426
Davidson, G. E.	20	.420
Shinger, C. A.	18	.415
Craves, O. J.	15	.408
Douglas, Wp.	12	.400
Hoyles, W.	10	.395
Alford, Albert	8	.390
Danzett, Bert	6	.385
Capstick, G. W.	4	.380
Magnuson, H. F.	2	.375
Rupp, C. H.	1	.370
Ford, Charles	1	.365
Klattenberg, R.	1	.360
Feld, R. C.	1	.355
Hemingson, M.	1	.350
Lambert, Henry	1	.345
Dixon, V.	1	.340
Young, W.	1	.335
Jeddes, G. D.	1	.330

## Booster Club Would Help Out Athletics at Nebraska Uni

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to take in letter men from all branches of sport was deemed wise, as it gives the school a much better representation at the high schools. The organization will be open to only alumni at first, but initiations will follow closely after taking in all of the letter men. Then as each class of letter men is announced the society will hold an initiation.

Annual Tourney. Reed this week finished the task of sending out notices to nearly 300 high schools of the state about the annual tournament, which is to be held here the early part of March under the auspices of the university. The list is greatly increased this year, as basket ball seems to have been more popular than in any previous season. The notices call for entries, which will close the last of February and require the management of each high school team to certify to the scholarship record of each competing athlete and his eligibility on other lines.

There is little question but that this year's tournament will bring together the greatest bunch of high school basket ball teams, since its inception four years ago. Reed has already heard from several schools and the basket ball material seems to be of more than ordinary merit. Omaha High, University Place, Beatrice and Norfolk were some of the schools mentioned by Reed as having excellent basket ball fives.

The arrangements connected with the tournament are somewhat indefinite yet, although Reed is confident it will be necessary to make more elaborate preparations to entertain the crowd than ever before.

The university basket ball squad will leave next Wednesday at 2:00 for the Rock Island for its first eastern trip. Stehm will take a squad of eight to ten players.

Barred from Gymnasium. Some more tough luck in which the faculty figured developed this week when the registration committee objected to the basket ball squad using the gymnasium. The chancellor barred the squad from the floor, which was being used for registration purposes, and as a result the varsity squad will have to go on the trip with the handicap of no practice during the preceding week. Stehm has to make aggregation of basket ball tappers and expects to leave for the trip until he reaches Minneapolis. He is anxious to repeat on the Gopher. Captain Haskell, Meyers, Rutherford, Hawkins, Howard and Hanzlick are sure to be taken on the trip.

The Huskers will play their first game Thursday night with St. Joseph college at Des Moines. On Friday and Saturday nights the Cornhuskers meet the Gophers, and on the following Monday the strong Fort Dodge military team will be played.

No Final Series. It is almost a cinch that the championship title to the Missouri Valley conference in basket ball will not be settled if Kansas and Nebraska win the division leadership. The management of the two schools cannot get together in arranging a basket ball series.

Manager Hamilton wrote Stehm some time ago that Nebraska would have to come to Lawrence for two games while one would be played in Lincoln, the same arrangement to prevail next season with Kansas coming to Lincoln for two games while Nebraska went to Lawrence for but one. Stehm immediately wrote back that he would not consent to the arrangement—that Nebraska, as last year's champion, should have some way in formulating the schedule and Kansas, if it wanted to play Nebraska, would have to come here for two of the three games. There the arrangements rest and neither school has evinced any disposition to carry them further.

The last week has failed to bring any new developments in the Missouri situation for the annual foot ball game between the Huskers and Gophers. The alumni committee to which Stehm's request for an alternating contract was referred was supposed to have met last Monday night, but if it did the Nebraska management has not been informed of the action taken. The foot ball schedule is as far away from completion as early last winter, but Stehm may be able to get better results in his negotiations with Dr. Williams when he accompanies the basket ball squad on its Minnesota invasion next Friday night.

ST. LOUIS AND WASHINGTON UNIS RENEW FRIENDSHIP

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 31.—Owing to the purity of things athletic at St. Louis university today cordial relations on the field of contest have been renewed with Washington university. The first sign of this is an engagement to play foot ball on November 7, a game which should furnish a fitting climax to the local gridiron season.

## Jackson Turned Down Fortune, He Says



Joe Jackson, the hard hitting center fielder of the Cleveland Naps, who recently announced that he refused to consider an offer wired to him by a Federal league magnate whereby he was to receive \$65,000 for playing three years in the outlaw organization, Jackson declared that he owed too much to Owner Charles Somers of the Cleveland club to even think of deserting that team. It is known that Somers treated Jackson royally last fall in showing his appreciation of "Soleless Joe's" splendid showing for 1913.

## "SMOKY JOE" RIGHT IN LEAD

As Young Twirler, Wood Heads List of Strikeout Artists.

MAKE SOME GOOD RECORDS On Fifty-Four Occasions Last Season American League Pitchers Fanned Nine or More Batters in a Game.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Joe Wood of the Red Sox did not have a good season last year as he had in 1912, but nevertheless, "Smoky Joe" ended the campaign with more strike-outs to his credit than any other hurler in the younger organization. Walter Johnson not excepted. On fifty-four occasions last season American league pitchers fanned nine or more men in games. Wood having six such performances to his credit, Johnson five, Plank four, Falkenberg four, Grogg three, Boshling two, Bender two, Hall of Detroit two, Mitchell of Cleveland two, O'Brien two, and a number of others, too numerous to mention, one.

Had Walter Johnson not been a wonderful relief artist, he would have claimed just as many strike-out feats as Wood. On July 25, going to Tom Hughes' relief, the Idaho phenom in eleven and a third innings fanned sixteen of the game, which lasted fifteen innings. Engel and Hughes had retired four men on strikes, making a total for the combat of twenty. This was the greatest number of men struck out in an American league contest last season, but it should be remembered that this game lasted fifteen innings.

The 1913 strike-out record for a nine-inning game was made by "Death Valley Jim" Scott of the White Sox against the St. Louis Browns on June 23. Then fifteen of the Missourians took the strike-out count, but they won the game, nevertheless, the score being 2 to 0. Scott not only was the lone American leaguer last year to breeze fifteen men, he also was the only person who whiffed fourteen athletes. The Browns were Scott's victims when he set down fourteen men on

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Not Playing Straight. Last night I held a little hand. So dainty and so neat. I thought my heart would burst with joy. So wildly did it beat. No other hand into my soul. Could greater solace bring. Than that I held last night, which was four aces and a king.

Gunboat Smith and Jess Willard are booked to "fight" on July 4. Strange, but just a short bit ago a competent jury agreed that Mr. Willard did not fight when he engaged in exhibitions of the manly art.

Charlie Ebbets, the only man in the world who wants Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving in August, has dictated two more holidays. They will be celebrated with due ceremony in Brooklyn next summer. It might be said that they will be exclusively celebrated in Brooklyn.

It has been discovered that Hans Wagner has been receiving the meager stipend of \$10,000 per annum for several annuities, but that Barney Dreyfus alone knew of the amount of the income. Just think what Charlie Ebbets could have done with that.

It is emphasized that the word annum is used in connection with the income. When anybody receives a stipend of more than \$5,000 it is an income and is "per annum." Otherwise it is a salary and is "a year."

Harry Covaleskie goes to Detroit this year. Which information is responsible for constant fear by Mugsy McGraw that Detroit will grab the American pennant, if it is only to give Covaleskie another chance to whitewash Mr. McGraw's athletes as per one former occasion.

President Tener will welcome legal test of reserve clause. So will several thousand others.

For a guess what will be the judicial decision? Not throwing any cold water, but do you remember that previous superior court decision in the case of Jim McGuire?

Oxford university in England is to send a team to compete in the relay races at the University of Pennsylvania. Once more the refrain, "The bloomin' Yankee did it again!"

It's cruel to pick on Johnnie Bull so, but custom, established in 1781, has become a habit, and habit is hard to overcome.

Ping Bodie has been discovered. He won't jump to the Feds "cause there ain't no brewers own the St. Louis club."

Latest reports have it that Fred Merkle and the sphynx and the pyramid are having a grand little reunion over in Egypt. Merely renewing old acquaintances formed through Johnnie Evers and Connie Mack on two momentous occasions.

Ben Johnson now comes forth with the statement that he is thankful to the Feds for removing the undesirable from base ball. Quite a number of undesirable last year, wasn't there?

And why didn't Mr. Johnson remove the undesirable if they were there?

Coach Williams disapproves of a game between Nebraska and Minnesota. Mr. Williams manifests rare judgment. In

fact, it might even be termed judicious judgment.

With Omaha had a few undestables. It would be a cinch pennant.

Michigan plays Harvard and Notre Dame plays Yale. For what will Walter Camp give thanks next Thanksgiving, for what?

Will the world's series next year be for the base ball championship of the world? Ask Mr. Gilmore.

University of Chicago foot ball players are posing for artists who draw illustrations for clothing advertisements. Nice, genteel occupation well within the confines of the limited assertion a foot ball player will go to in his endeavors to earn a livelihood.

Just Like That. A very little while ago a base ball ball player fast.

He started in the bush leger, was drafted by the Browns, and ethics did the maga declare, was all that kept him from being a star.

He never had a single chance to do things as he pleased. But had to run at every trot at every magnate's whim.

But now the lot is strangely changed, the player is the boss. The manager is now a slave with rage and never more is cross.

But this time bows and scrapes his feet and says, "I'm a star."

While the player grins with smearing eyes and never mutters "please," the manager offers wads of coin, the athlete gives no heed.

The mag comes forth with more of coin and talks of wondrous deeds. But the player only laughs again "You fill me with fatigue, it'll cost a million dollars or I'll join the Federal league."

AWARDED VARSITY LETTER AFTER YEARS OF WAITING

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 31.—Samuel Cady, a Green Bay attorney, who was a member of the first crew ever turned out at the University of Wisconsin, has been awarded a varsity "W" by the Badger authorities. Cady also has received an athletic certificate. Cady was a member of the Wisconsin varsity eight twenty years ago. The faculty at the university only recently voted to award the letter to former oarsmen deserving of the honor before the letter system was adopted.

Blood Outbreaks—AVOID Their Return by Giving Your Blood a Good Searching Bath

If you should meet anyone varnishing a blood outbreak with greasy ointment, your best advice would be to quit such things and attend to the blood.

To successfully fight any blood trouble, some eruptive skin affliction—call it eczema, lupus, psoriasis, malaria or what you will—there is but one sure, safe way to get rid of it. Ask at any drug store for a bottle of S. S. S. and you are then on the road to health.

There is scarcely a community anywhere but what has its hale and hearty example of the results of S. S. S. Get a bottle of this famous remedy to-day, and if your case is stubborn or peculiar, write to The Swift Specific Co., 209 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Do not permit anyone to talk you into some useless compound they put up as a substitute for S. S. S. No honest druggist will do this.

**Cricketers Must Quit Home Games if They Play Abroad**

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 31.—The board of control has taken action against the cricketers who plan to invade Canada and the United States next summer. It is stated that players who join the Australian team will not be permitted to play in this country again. The board of control refuses to sanction the tour and announces that several noted players have refused to join the team. The prominent ones are Bardeley, Arr-Jong, Ransford and Laver. There is a report current here that the trip may be abandoned.

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