

Mutt Could Stand Anything but the Wrist Watch

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IT SAYS HERE IN THE FASHION NOTES THAT THE SWELL DRESSED AMERICANS ARE ADOPTING THE ENGLISH STYLE OF WEARING THE HANKERCHIEF IN THE SLEEVE, A MONOCLE AND A WRIST WATCH. GEE! I'LL PULL THIS STUFF ON MUTT

I SAY MUTT—

IT'S BASTLY WARM, DON'T YOU THINK—

OLD CHAP?

IT HAD TO BE DONE



Judgments

DAVE FULTZ, organizer and president of the Ball Players' fraternity, has contributed a sledgehammer blow to Secretary Farrell of the National association in the April issue of the Base Ball Magazine. His grievance is that Farrell, acting for the National association, has ignored concessions to players relating to side agreements with owners, which concessions were made at the Cincinnati meeting. It seems that on Gary Herrmann's suggestion and without dissent, it was voted at this meeting that "when it was found that a team had entered into a side agreement with a player, it should be fined \$500 and the player unconditionally released." Fultz complains that when the minor league contracts were sent out they showed this provision to have been radically altered, reading this way: "The player entering into such agreement may be suspended sixty days without pay; the manager fined \$100; club fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, and the player given unconditional release." Long and unsatisfactory correspondence has followed between Fultz and Farrell and Sexton of the National association and that matter has not been cleared up. It seems like a case of big boy bossism, one of a part of the very system that has made the Federal league possible. If the powers that be did, as appears, deliberately alter this section, they ought to be made to suffer the consequences. One is forced to ask himself the question, "How much more will it take to teach these powers that they cannot with impunity longer pursue the foolish old notion that 'might makes right' in base ball?" If the facts are correctly set forth, Fultz seems not far from justified in urging minor league players to refuse to sign contracts containing this clause. It is apt to lead to all sorts of trouble, not alone for the player, but the owner and the game. Indeed, we rather surmise that under present tendencies, the player is not apt to suffer as much as the other fellow. The magnates surely by now can see the folly and futility of attempting to take the bits in their own teeth and ride roughshod over players. Of course, players are not to be given the idea that because they have gained a few rights to which they are entitled, they are thereby warranted in claiming undue rights. Fultz seems to have succeeded admirably in one thing, namely, incurring a lot of ill will among the forces of organized base ball, and even the Federals, between which he has had difficulty in making clear his position and that of his organization. But in the large, we fancy his efforts have been for the best. Certainly they have for the players, who were able to make a sweeping revision of the laws at the winter congress.

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Zbyszko Matched to Wrestle Hussane Here on Saturday

To top off his wrestling season with a match between the two biggest men in the game today, Charlie Franke, manager of the Krug theater, has closed a contract for a battle between Stanislaus Zbyszko, present champion of the world, in view of the retirement of Frank Gotch—and Youstif Hussane, the Omaha Bulgarian who has been cutting such a wide swath of late. The match was declared at Kansas City, where the principals and Franke had gone to witness the Bell-American match. The purse will be \$3,000 and the combats have wagered \$1,000 on their prowess. The winner is to take all. It will be held at the Krug on March 28.

"This will undoubtedly be the wrestling sensation of the current year. Hussane has beaten everybody, while the Pole has literally played with the men he has wrestled. He threw Jess Westergard, who had aspirations to be a champion, over the ropes at Duluth the other night, severely injuring the American. In Chicago and New York he swept the field with surprising ease. Now he is acknowledged the champion in those cities, and there are some wrestlers who assert that he is a better man than Frank Gotch. While this is doubtful it is certain that Hussane is the only man in the ring game today who can even make matters interesting for Zbyszko.

Farmer Burns, who trained Gotch and is now training Hussane, has expressed the opinion that Hussane was the best wrestler in the game today. The Farmer is firm in his belief that Zbyszko will meet his match when he mixes with Hussane. Hussane himself has declared that he thought himself a better man than the Pole. As for Franke he has been fighting to get that match for some time, and only was successful Friday night. His only assertion is that it will be the best match ever pulled off around these parts.

AMATEURS PREPARE TO OPEN Three City Leagues Organized, and Another Nearing Perfection. STORZ TO START THE SEASON

Brewers Will Mix with Rourke's Leaguers for First Game of the Year at a Local Park.

BY FRANK QUIGLEY.

Last week the excitement in our amateur world had a circus backed off the boards. All the live wires were out, decorated in their fighting togs, and an unusual amount of enthusiasm was tossed on the carpet at the various meetings.

Three leagues were organized and another is nearing perfection. The most important task was that of getting the class "A" Saturday teams to hitch up. They did, and now that they are in the water they have no intention of swimming out. It is the intention of all the Saturday class "A" managers to demonstrate that they can and will travel along Harmony avenue till Old Man Winter drops around to pay his annual visit. They have already drawn up their schedule for the initial seven weeks, which will commence April 11. In another month they will hold another meeting and complete the schedule, which will consist of twenty-one games.

A pair of leagues were put on a solid basis by the class "B" managers, one to be known as the Twin City league and the other as the City league. The Twin City league will have the exclusive use of Florence and Chris Lyck parks, while the City league will use the city parks and other available vacant lots. Both leagues appointed a schedule committee. They will arrange the schedule, which will be on deck for adoption at a meeting to be held in the very immediate future. The next league on the roll call is the Mercantile league. In all probability all leagues will be to the mustard by this time next week.

Now to turn the glims on the preliminary argument of the season. The initial show will be put on by the Storz family next Saturday, when they lock up against the strong contingent gathered together by Pa Rourke. Said battle

will be staged at Rourke's park, and if climatic conditions are favorable a large crowd will undoubtedly be on hand to witness the inauguration.

Have Been Practicing.

The Storz base ball tossers have been taking advantage of the recent mild weather, setting all the practice possible for their games with the Rourkes. Although the practice has been necessarily confined to individual work it means the team will be in fair condition to give the leaguers a battle royal for supremacy.

Both slabbies, Alderman and Olson, have been working out each day and should be in fair shape for the opening game Saturday.

Teams Lining Up.

Several teams have already completed their lineup for the ensuing season. The Ancient Order of United Workmen line up will include Preika, catcher; Gillham, first; Welch, second; McAndrews, third; Saup, short; Hall, Dougherty and McCreary; outfielder, Holland, McCreary, Webb and Quigley, pitchers; Stephan, utility.

The following gents will represent the Omaha Gas Company: Grossman, McAndrews, Berg, Pollock, A. Westergard, Leaverling, Lycke, Jackson, Davis, Saup and George Westergard.

The Emil Hansens will endeavor to gain fame in the class "A" army this season, with the following line up: Brodbeck, Wachler, Kemey, McCoy, Bucher, Stangle, Bloomer and Hoyer.

The Armour tribe will utilize the services of the following: Andy Graves, Alvie Graves, Collins, Ryan, Tuttle, Langheins, Corcoran, Donovan, Guinness and Liamond.

Here is the way the Alamitos will decorate the scenery: Spellman, Andrews, Bushman, G. Suty, Wahl, Hubbell, Probst, Segeburg, Pickett and Joe Suty.

Most of the boys that used to roam around the sand lots with the O. D. Knicker monicker decorating their flannels will skip over the turf this season with Murphy Did it planted on their breasts. Herewith the congregation: Hollander, Moran, Guinane, Glasgow, Platz, Penny, McGrath, Hazen, Abdill and Feltman. The old tried out and found guilty Tom Davies will be at the helm for these fast ball tossers.

A new team which recently got under the ropes to be known as the Pagomas will use the boys mentioned below: Lenihan, Sigler, Erhard, Chilla, Clough,

March, Voris Saline, Tracey, Young and Smith.

Little Grains of Sand.

Without a question of a doubt the recently organized Saturday league will be a grand success.

Already the Emil Hansens are ready to book a game with their friends located at Schuyler, Neb.

To date none of the managers of Council Bluffs teams have attended any of the amateur gatherings in Omaha.

In order that the old Holly monicker will not be buried a gang of youngsters will perform under that appellation.

The Omaha Eagles will be represented on Saturdays and Sundays. They will give a chance on him can converse with him at Douglas 225.

Here is hoping Jawn Andrews, who is willing to take a chance with the salaried brigade, makes good with Beatrice, Neb.

Hickey, formerly the chief slabbet for the defunct Holly aggregation, is still on the map and open to mudging himself to some fast tribe.

The Townsends have blown up as far as the class "A" army is concerned. Hereafter they will be associated with the class "B" teams.

The Columbians, a new band which recently floated in, slipped one over on the Armours and leased the park utilized by the Armours last season.

Guess all base ball fans will remember Harry Wright. He will not be here this season, as he is on the road selling furniture down in Arizona and New Mexico.

Webb, who formerly kinked them for an American association tribe, will do

When It's Apple Blossom in Benson

BY F. S. HUNTER.

Ha! and Sun.

Says old Pa Rourke with painful pause, "I've a hunch there will be a fight 'tween good Old Sol and one Jup Fluv when it's time for the opening rite. 'I never knew it to fall," quoth Pa, "When opening day does arrive, 'But what Mr. Rain does his dirty work and makes this park a place to dive. 'So I've got a scheme on foot this year to beat J. F. at his game. 'I'm going to teach 'em to swim, so we'll play that day just the same."

Artie Shafer has quite again. Last year it was too much girls, this year it is too much strain on the nerves. Next year it will be too much publicity.

If these amateur ball players keep up the present rate, Pa Rourke will be excluded from the sport game entirely.

After mature deliberation we have come to the conclusion that Youstif Hussane is at least champion of the Krug theater.

The White Sox have fallen into their stride after leaving the cigar box park at Paoo Robles. The Sox now find it impossible to hit past second base.

Tris Speaker has it all figured out just how much of his salary he will have to save in order to buy the capitol building in Texas in five years.

Thirty-four more days.

Old C. Murf is a happy old soul, "And a happy old soul is he. 'He takes a look at the base ball war, 'And laughs with happiest glee."

At last the relationship between Hal Chase, the first, and Hal Chase, the second, has been discovered. They went to different schools together.

Fred Witte, demon fan who has gambled all his coin on the opening game, is having happy dreams these days. He has

visions of winning so much money that he can go to Philadelphia and laugh at the mint.

Cent from Tehamah has asked why Pa Rourke should be so foolish as to engage three left-handed pitchers. Well, so far as we know it has nothing to do with the price of eggs.

Inasmuch as Pa Rourke has such a nifty little reporter's coop on the top of the grandstand, we can forgive him if he fails to write the pennant this year.

Now that Cy Williams of the Cubs has lectured before the Young Men's Christian association we can expect Larry McLean to deliver a lecture to the Anti-Saloon league.

If the Feds carry the base ball war to the front, as they assert they will, some of these merry magnates will have good times making offers to the likes of Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson. In view of the fact that Evers was offered \$10,000 and the enjoyable sight of his club owner jumping out of an eighteen-story window, Ty or Walter ought to get much more kyle with the added incentive of one of Fred Thompson's midways.

Lines to Bombardier Wells. Oh, tell me how you did it, Bombardier, Oh, tell me how you knocked out Bandman Blakey. Did you use a paving brick, When you handed him that kick, Or did you use the kind that wifey tries to bake?

Bombardier Wells, for the benefit of the lay mind, thinks he is a regular prize fighter.

The Cubs have been accorded volumes of praise from Chicago for bucking up against the Athletics after the Browns had won three out of five.

Oh, what care I for the base ball wars, The base ball scribe did scribble, For it only means more news for me, And therefore I should bibble.

Australia Should Switch Players to Win the Davis Cup

NEW YORK, March 14.—Stanley N. Doubt, a member of the Australian Davis cup lawn tennis team last year, has the following to say in commenting on the players from the other side of the world who will try to regain the trophy this year:

"Brookes, Wilding and Dunlop form the mainstay of the team. Personally, I think Australasia should send two more—and these two should be more or less a recognized pair. Players are often selected on their singles form only. The best two singles players might, and often do make a bad pair. They are too individualistic.

"If Australasia can pick a recognized pair, one of the two being a strong singles player, then they should be considered together before two individuals who are known for their singles play only.

"A. B. Jones is easily the best doubles player (in my opinion) in Australasia, and, if physically fit, strong enough for singles. He has only one superior in singles, when in form, in Australia, and that is Brookes. His game in America, against McLaughlin and Hackett, was not only elegant in style but effective."

Referring to Brookes' play in the Victoria-New South Wales matches, Doubt expressed the opinion that the famous Australian player is not as "keen" as in former years. He states: "I was fortunate, immediately on my arrival in Melbourne, to find Brookes practicing for the annual interstate match—Victoria against New South Wales.

"I might mention that before I went to the ground Dunlop informed me that Brookes was playing better than ever, so I went out expecting to see great things."

From all the dope we can get, we are led to conclude that our recruit catch, flooding, is there.

This is the kind of weather that puts a 300 batting spirit into a fellow.

A Friendly Tip - Let Your Spring Hat be a McKIBBIN