

STALLINGS UP IN A PINCH

Veteran Manager Faces Real Situation in His Career.

FRIENDS ARE ROOTING FOR HIM

His Ability Shows with Highlanders, When He Felt Force of Byron Bancroft Johnson's Bitter Enmity.

By W. J. MURPHY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Three strikes and out is one of the principal rules of base ball. But the last strike is far more important than the other two...

Which little preamble has no reference whatever to any Cobb or Wagner or Laiole, but to one who deserves more sympathy, a poor, oppressed base ball manager, to-wit, "Big Chief" George Stallings of the Boston National tail-enders.

Will Make Good. Some pretty wise base ball men will be mightily surprised if Chief Stallings makes a failure of it as skipper of the Highlanders. It is true that he is up against a rather blue outlook for the immediate future, but he could be situated worse and not have to travel out of his own circuit.

I would like to lay a little bet on George Stallings. He's just the kind of a fellow who rises to emergencies. As a base ball leader I do not hesitate to class him with John J. McGraw and Connie Mack. Neither of these shrewd wizards knows more inside base ball than the Georgian; neither is a better judge of young talent.

Never Had a Joke Team. In his last, thirteenth Stallings has never yet been at the head of any joke ball club. That is he hasn't been for long. He has converted any number of jokes into real class aggregations.

The only way to judge a man is by his record. Let Stallings speak for itself. Stallings took hold of the New York Americans in the spring of 1909. The previous year, under the direction of Clark Griffith and Kid Elberfeld, a sorry mess indeed had been made.

Made New York Success. Well Stallings took hold of that terrible wreck of 1908. Frank Farrell had absolutely no outside resources. He had just one claim in the minor league, an option to pick from the Atlanta team.

Convenience in Handling IS NEW CHARACTERISTIC. Convenience in operation is a characteristic of the three-motor carriages to be exhibited by the Packard Motor Car company at Madison Square Garden.

Athletic Champions Who Topped the List



On the upper left hand is Ty Cobb, the premier batsman of other leagues, his average being .420. On his right is Jim Thorpe, the most perfectly developed athlete in the world, winning the Decathlon and Pentathlon at the Olympic games...

NEW SCHEDULE OF WEIGHTS

Much Debate as to Effect of New York Decision.

HOW TO ENFORCE THE RULES

Bill Naughton Suggests Plan that Will Give Life to the New Order of Dividing the Champions.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The New York Boxing commission's revised schedule of weights is causing lots of argument, and that in itself is a hopeful sign.

How to Enforce the Law.

Of course, there will be objection to the extension of the boundary line in some of the classes and, needless to say, these will come from the champions who wish, for personal reasons, to continue along old lines.

TIRE PRICES GUARANTEED UNTIL NEXT SPRING

The Stors Supply company has a new proposition to make to dealers this year who wish to handle Federal tires and that is a guarantee of prices on specified shipments till May 1, that is, if dealers contract for certain Federal tires...

WOLGAST HAS MADE FORTUNE CALIFORNIA IS FOR ROWING

Half from Fight Earnings, Other Half from Winning Bets.

Pacific Coast State Showing Interest by Hiring Eastern Coach.

RITCHIE'S FUTURE INTERESTING

PLANS EASTERN INVASION

His Speedy Rise to Championship Has Caused Much Interest to Be Centered About Him in His Future Career.

And When It Sends a Crew It Will Be One that Has Had the Benefit of a Professional Trainer Throughout.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—On February 22, 1908, at Port Richmond, Cal. Ad Wolgast won the lightweight championship from Battling Nelson, and on Thanksgiving day, 1912, lost the crown to Willie Ritchie, holding the title for a period of almost three years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—On top of the rumor from Ithaca that John Hoyle, Old Man Courtney's boat builder, is going west to train the California crew, comes word from Berkeley, Cal., that the far westerners have decided to adopt the Cornell system of rowing, and that the visit of their commodore, Arthur Eaton, here in the east, is for the purpose of getting a professional coach.

Wolgast is ambitious to continue his work in the ring, and, like many others that have been forced out, believes that he can win back the title. It will be some time before he really comes back to the sport, but he is anticipating a new start which he hopes will lead up to a return match with Ritchie.

Will Invas East. California is clearly laying plans for an invasion of the east, or that particular part of it bounded by the shores of the Hudson at Poughkeepsie. And when California sends a crew east it will send one that has had the benefit of professional coaching—not such a combination of "green," but physically almost perfect, material as came from Leland Stanford, expecting to win and finishing last in the intercollegiate regatta last June.

What About Ritchie? Much interest now centers about the career of the new champion and his future. Ritchie's rise to the championship has been a rather speedy one.

California's decision to adopt the eastern system must be looked on as a direct outcome of Stanford's defeat hereby the crews of the east. That they will go so far as to send a crew here next June is not certain and seems unlikely.

Ritchie won the title on a foul, though he made a great fight. But the cloud of that disqualification will hang over him until he has demonstrated in coming bouts that he is the real kingpin of the class.

There is plenty of rowing spirit in the far west and the material—if the eight that came on last season may be taken as a sample—is such as to make eastern coaches turn green with envy.

TWENTY-TWO FOREIGN TEAMS IN COMING RIFLE MATCHES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—It is expected that twenty-two foreign countries will be represented by rifle teams in the international matches at Camp Perry, O., in September next, immediately following the national rifle matches at that camp.

To Train on Coast. Unless the new manager of the Yankees says differently, Harry Wolter will remain on the coast to train this spring, which request was granted him last fall when the season closed.

Train Far Apart.

The White Sox and the Yankees are going to train about as far from each other as they can get. The Yankees will go out of the United States and prepare for the season's work in the national game under the British flag.

Many Youngsters. The St. Louis Browns, according to a list of birthdays of Stovall's players printed in local papers, will be the youngest team in the American League.

White Sox Leader on Stage.

Manager Jimmy Callahan of the White Sox will break into vaudeville again for a week at least. He has signed a contract to appear at a theater in Davenport the week beginning January 6.

WILLIAM F. HOPPE WILL HAVE MATCH IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—William F. Hoppe has named the Hotel Astor, February 5, as the place and date of the next match for the 132 pound championship.

Tinker Signs Scouts.

Joe Tinker as Red manager is said to be already lining up his scouting staff and has made an offer to Jack Tighe to act as a gun shotter for him.

Advertisement for Sunny Brook Whiskey. Features a portrait of a man in a military-style cap with 'INSPECTOR' on it. Text includes 'The Secret of its popularity is inside the bottle', 'SUNNY BROOK WHISKEY', 'The PURE FOOD Whiskey', and 'The Grotte Brothers Company Wholesale Distributors 1206 Farnam St., OMAHA, NEB.'