

Jeff Talked Turkey, But His Pronunciation Was Bad

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

It's up to Stiehm. That is the terse way of putting the situation in University of Nebraska foot ball. Coach Ewald Stiehm is held responsible for the results attained by the men who represent the Cornhusker institution on the foot ball field. During the last five or seven years Nebraska has not had, in any season, an eleven as strong as could have been produced with the material that was at the command of the coaches. Ewald Stiehm, director of athletics at Nebraska, secured good results during 1911 and 1912—as good results as a one-man system permits. But he did not create as strong and efficient foot ball teams as would have been working with a competent bunch of assistants. The fault was not Stiehm's—it was that of the system, and the coach is not to be censured for the sorry figure. For instance, that the Cornhuskers presented in the Kansas game last fall. The head coach did his best; he is given credit, too, for what he accomplished. But to get credit in the future, he must produce better eleven than either 1911 or 1912. He cannot do it if he goes on under his present handicap. He knows this is true; he knows he needs assistants; he knows one man cannot compete successfully with teams having five or six coaches. He should come forth now and explain just what change the system of coaching at Nebraska must undergo in order that better foot ball may be played by the Cornhuskers. It is up to him to do so. If he asks for aid he will get it, or at least get the support of the alumni, which is all he needs to assure him a continued berth at Nebraska. Let Stiehm speak.

The report of the deal made between American association cities and smaller league towns, enabling the latter to play games in the AA parks, goes on to say that the plan was drawn up by President Chivington of the association, George Tebeau and Mike Cantillon, adding: "According to President Chivington the plan safeguards the association territory in every way." Yet bet your life it does or Write Wings and Merry Mike would not be the authors of it. All the little leagues get is the privilege of playing a few games in the AA parks when the AA teams are away from home, so as to fill in the gaps at the box office for the AA's. And if anything should arise to make it desirable for an AA game to be shifted in on the little fellow's schedule, why that will be done and the little fellow may take his traps and run out to a convenient corner lot or let it go, just as he pleases. No need to add that about safeguarding the association's territory.

A suggestion is made that games at Rourke park begin at 3 instead of 3:30 o'clock this season. We doubt the wisdom of the change. True, they are showing the hour ahead in some of the larger cities, but conditions are different in larger cities. The Cubs will begin all games at the West Side park in Chicago at 2:30 o'clock, but that sets no precedent for us. The probabilities are that 3:30 o'clock will accommodate more people than 3 o'clock in Omaha and other Western league towns, in which case we should stick to 3:30 o'clock. But we would urge that when 3:30 o'clock arrives the games begin, instead of waiting for 3:45 o'clock and a few more fans.

Shoover insists on another chance in left for Pa. Shoover might be ever so good; we don't say he isn't, but as a young man with his career before him, it is our guess he would be more valuable to himself and others with another team. That often happens in the experience of ball players without necessarily reflecting upon the merit of their work.

With Big Jim Thorpe and Big Chief Meyer as their big battery, the Glants might change their name to the Indians. The Sporting News has already given each man an aboriginal name, dubbing the \$1,000-beauty with the most appropriate title, Heap-Much-Squaw-Man Marquard.

The latest addition to a ball team traveling is a dentist. Manager McGraw proposes taking a tooth-puller with the team on its southern training trip and in many cases his job is not to keep the boys' teeth sharpened for the Texas umpires, either, not altogether.

One month from tomorrow the Rourkes leave for their southern training camp. That gives our easterners to see Pa. close up a good deal for a left-fielder. He has some panning, but none closed, as yet, we understand. That gap filled and the team will look complete and strong.

Bill Schjerve has come back again—this time from the swamps of Missouri with lots of coon's skins.

Over's contract is reinstated. Now all he has to do is to make terms with Murphy. Don't laugh.

Of course, Manager Arbrogast is brought back this year to win a pennant.

Cincinnati is sold out for the first game since the crowd for the season.

EVENTS FOR THE BIG MEET

Director Maxwell Completes List of Races and Track Events.

MUCH INTEREST BEING TAKEN

Colleges and High Schools from Nebraska and Neighboring States Seek Information on the Indoor Tourney.

Races and field events which will be held during the second annual indoor athletic meet of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association at the Auditorium, April 4 and 5, have been completed by J. Truitt Maxwell, director of the big tourney.

The track events will consist of the following: Forty-yard dash, 225-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 880-yard run, mile run and two-mile run. In addition there will be eight relay races: One for the universities, which will be for the one-mile indoor championship of the Missouri valley; one-mile college relay, one-mile relay for Young Men's Christian associations, half-mile relay for high schools, one-mile for athletic clubs, half-mile for grade schools, half-mile for church federations and one-mile for commercial runners.

The field events will consist of the pole vault, running high jump and the twelve-pound shotput. The gymnastic events will consist of side horses, parallel bars and horizontal bars.

In addition to the above will be several special events. There will be an equipment relay open to soldiers from Fort Crook and Fort Omaha, postmen's walking relay open to postmen from Omaha and South Omaha, tug-of-war between Omaha police and firemen and a massed calisthenic drill for 300 men and boys from the Omaha Young Men's Christian association.

On the first night will be held the gymnastic and special events and the relays and races for the smaller athletic clubs, grade schools and church federations. The second night will be taken up by the colleges, universities and high schools. The winners in the races on the first night will compete against the runners of the second night. The first night will see many preliminary heats, whereas on the second night there will be no heats run whatever. Entries for the big meet will close March 23 and those sending in applications after that time will be ignored.

Contrary to the system employed last year there will be no handicaps given to any runners this year. All entrants will start from scratch. Last year much time was used up in determining handicaps, and consequently the last event was not pulled off until after midnight and many of the spectators had to leave before the meet came to an end in order to catch the last car. It is expected that the last event each night this year will be run off before 11 o'clock.

Entries Now Being Received for Big Indoor Track Meet

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Entry blanks have been sent broadcast for the national indoor track and field championships of America, which are to take place at Madison Square Garden on Thursday evening, March 6. The national championship committee intends to make this the most attractive meeting ever held in the history of the Amateur Athletic union, and if their present plans materialize the New York athletic fans will have a chance to see the following men in competition for American championships: Hines, Drew, Meyer, Lippincott and Rice in the 75-yard dash; Halpin, Lindberg, Meredith and Rosenberger in the 300-yard run; Meredith, Sheppard, Caldwell and Davenport in the 600-yard run; Kivrat, Taber, Jones and Hedlund in the 1,000-yard run; Koehlmann, Kramer, Scott and Smith in the two-mile run; Nichols, Wendell and Eller in the 50-yard high hurdles; Richards, Erickson, Barwise and Johnston in running high jump; McDougald, Whitney and Beatty in the 24-pound shot put; McGrath, Ryan and Sherman in the 56-pound weight for height; Platt and Ben Adams and Leo Goehring in the standing high and broad jump; Marc Wright, Babcock and Dukes in the pole vault for distance, and Gifford, Plant, Voelmecke and Fitzpatrick in the 120-mile walk.

As usual the Amateur Athletic union flag, emblematic of the indoor championship of America, will be given to the winner in each event, silver medal to second and bronze medal to third. The track will measure ten laps to the mile and will be of boards, but there will be no objection to competitors wearing spiked shoes. Entries will close with James E. Sullivan, chairman of the championship committee, on February 24.

Rules All Right.
Manager Clark Griffith of Washington is opposed entirely to Evers' suggestion to have three balls give a base. "The average pitcher has trouble enough now to get the ball over," says the long-headed Griffith, who also hits the nail on the head when he declares the rules need to be changed.

Iron Man Coombs



Jack Coombs, the hardworking twirler of the Philadelphia Athletics, whom Manager Connie Mack predicts will this season return to the form that made him the sensation of the American league three years ago.

NEW BLOOD IN ENGLISH GOLF

Instead of Referring to "Big Four," it is Now "Big Six."

LIMELIGHT BEING SPREAD OUT

Even Though Newcomers Make Good Averages, It Has Been Hard for Them to Get Into Circle.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—In view of the projected visit to the United States of George Duncan, one of the leading British professional golfers, in the fall, and the possibility of Harry Vardon, former British open champion, and Edward Ray, the present title holder, coming to these shores in the course of the summer for the purpose of competing in the American open champion tournament, the statistics recently compiled on the other side, showing the comparative performances of the six leading British professionals during the last season, are of interest here. Moreover, these figures seem to indicate that the "big four" has become the "big six," thereby showing that there is a certain amount of new blood developing even in British golf.

Not long ago the annual records of professional golf in Great Britain were concerned mainly with the doings of the famous quartet: Braid, Vardon, Taylor and Herd. Although these men still figure prominently in the review, the progress toward the front rank made by other players in recent years has caused additions, until now the man of mark in 1912 is the champion, Ray, though the record of Duncan is almost as good.

Many Underestimates Done.
Many followers of the game might be inclined to underestimate the real merit of Duncan's performances during the year, and if that is so it is probably due to the long monopoly of the lime light enjoyed by the members of the "big four" as the result of which the efforts of the less notable players have not, perhaps, been followed with the same interest that will hereafter be afforded. The evidence of Duncan's high place in the records will undoubtedly be gratifying to the Scotch in view of the fact that Braid was less brilliant than usual.

The statistics contain records of 260 matches and meetings in the 1912 season and although the figure is not so high as in previous years the prize money was larger, amounting to something like \$15,000, disregarding the considerable sums offered at continental meetings. The individual performances of the men are not considered too closely, but some interesting figures are given with regard to their general work. Following are

the percentage of wins of the six leading British professionals:

Competition	Wins	Percentage
Duncan	45	20.0
Ray	30	13.6
Vardon	62	28.2
Braid	50	22.7
Taylor	22	9.9
Herd	15	6.8

Made Best Average.
Although the best average is that of Duncan, it will be noted that Vardon took part in nearly twice the number of contests engaged in by the other. It is, of course, possible that had the opposite been true Vardon might have had a higher percentage, but as it is the figures may be taken to emphasize the marked advance of the men who have been heretofore overshadowed by the winners of many championships. The matches among the latter resulted in Vardon winning six against Braid, losing three and halving one; he won two from Taylor, but lost three, and he defeated Herd. In regard to stroke play Vardon leads the list, a shade better than Duncan. The average scores per round of the leading six players compared with those of the two years previous work out as follows:

Player	1912	1911	1910
Vardon	74.5	75.0	75.0
Duncan	74.4	75.5	75.1
Ray	74.5	75.1	75.2
Taylor	75.6	76.2	76.5
Braid	76.3	76.6	77.0
Herd	76.5	76.2	76.5

Scoring Average is Excellent.
It also will be noticed that 1912 was the first year that the scoring average for the season has been less than 75. As this was accomplished by no less than three of the experts, and as the averages of the other players also have improved, there would seem to be some foundation for the belief that the condition of the British courses was rather more favorable to low scoring last season than in 1911. However, an average of 74 for almost forty rounds is an ideal for amateurs to dream about, and it is safe to say that the vast majority of the latter could feel elated with an average of 81 for a similar number of rounds. When the professional figures are considered in the light of amateur experiences it may be more fully realized how superior was the quality of golf played last year by Vardon, Duncan and Ray, and the American devotees of the royal and ancient game may well prepare themselves for the opportunity to study these three greatest of British golfers at close range, unless it happens that something 1913 up to set present plans awry.

Chance Selects Food.
Frank Chance has adopted Clark Griffith's idea as to training. He will have steaks, chops, roasts and other meats, as well as vegetables and eggs, shipped direct from New York to Bermuda, where the New Yorks will get into shape. Charlie Barrett, the New York trainer, will direct the shipments and the service of the food, and has decided that pastry, soups and similar dishes shall be tabooed.

CHINESE BALL TEAM RETURNS

Accorded Such Excellent Treatment that it Will Come Again.

WILL WLY LONG LIST OF GAMES

Will Tour the Entire Country and Will Play Most of the Leading College Teams During the Season.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The members of the Chinese University of Hawaii base ball team, which made one of the longest trips ever attempted last year by a college team, are so well pleased with the showing and treatment received from their American opponents last year that they have decided to pay another visit to this country.

Word received from Albert K. Akana, captain of the team, states that the faculty and board of directors have given the team permission to make another trip. The Chinese collegians have jumped at the chance, and arrangements are already being laid for the trip, which will be an extended one.

Captain Akana writes stating that the nine, which will be composed of about fifteen players, will leave Honolulu on March 18. He expects to arrive with his team at San Francisco on March 26, immediately after which the long list of dates arranged for the oriental ball tossers will be begun. Starting on the coast, the team will work its way eastward, playing games on the coast and middle western states. After these are finished visits will be made in the east, where a number of games are to be played with big eastern college teams. Southern and New England nines also will be met. The trip will be concluded on June 21, after which the squad will return home. All told, the tour will comprise approximately 50,000 miles—a nice little jaunt for a college team.

No games have been scheduled with Harvard, Yale, Princeton or Pennsylvania for the reason that no satisfactory dates were obtainable. The 1913 schedule shows that the team will play over a hundred games while in this country. This year's trip is shorter than they made last year, when they did not finish it until September.

Will Play Many Games.

An idea of just how many games this unique team will play while in this country is shown by the long schedule being arranged for them. In California Leland Stanford university, Santa Clara and St. Mary's college will be met. In Utah

games have been arranged with Brigham Young university and Provo university, Colorado university, University of Colorado and the University of Denver in the Colorado itinerary. In Kansas, Salina-Westeyan, Friends' university, Southwestern college, Wichita club of the Western league, St. Mary's college, Kansas State Agricultural, Baker university and University of Kansas will be met.

The latter part of April will find the team in the middle west. Games scheduled in that section are with the University of Wisconsin, Missouri university, Westminster college, Kirksville State William Jewell college, Canton, Knox college, Iowa, Morningside college, St. Joseph, State College of Iowa, Coe college, Ames, Des Moines, Decoras, Sacred Heart, Beloit and Northwestern college, Chicago will be reached about May 10. In the vicinity will be played games with St. Vitours, Notre Dame, Oberlin, Ohio Normal, Ohio Wesleyan, Buchtel, Williams and Marietta. Following the western games will come the southern trip. In the south contests have been arranged with the University of Virginia, Washington and Jefferson, Waynesburg, Groves City, Slippery Rock Normal and Westminster college will follow. On June 7 the Chinese will play Seton Hall at Newark, Albright, Penn State, Swarthmore, Mount St. Mary's, Tufts, Holy Cross, Dartmouth, Vermont, Middlebury and Williams are some of the eastern colleges which will be played.

Great Reception in Hawaii.

Captain Akana writes saying that the team on its arrival home some months ago was given a great reception by the ball fans of Hawaii, who wanted to know all about the game here. The leader also said that his men had picked up a number of pointers, which they have introduced at home. This summer when they come here, he wrote, the Chinese hope to spring some "inside baseball" on some of their American opponents.

For one thing the men will be better equipped to play than they were in 1912, for they gained some very valuable information from the American tour. This was a very successful one, as they won sixty-six of the 119 games played and tied four. Furthermore, they have had some valuable instruction from Pacific coast professionals who are now in Honolulu. The team which is coming here in the spring will be partially the same as last year. It is already training; in fact every month of the year is a training period, for the weather permits ball playing all the year around in Hawaii. So in this respect they have one big advantage over American collegians, whose season is comparatively short compared to theirs.

TO ABOLISH HAMMER THROW

Agitation Against This Form of Contest Will Eliminate It.

IS NOT LEGITIMATE SPORT

Because Prowess in It is Only Attainable by Strong Men and It Does Not Take in Mental Effort.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The agitation against the hammer and weight contests in college sports is not confined to this side of the water, for the never-ending controversy over them has again been revived in connection with the Oxford-Cambridge sports. Their introduction into the sports was, in the main, accidental. A brawny Scotchman, whose profession was that of strength, became acquainted with the originators of the sports. Out of admiration for his performances they were persuaded to include the weight first, and the hammer, a year later. In the list of events, and the events were promptly added to the program of the amateur championships out of a desire to enroll as many varsity athletes as possible. It was this action primarily that turned what was really meant as an experiment into an established custom. It gave rise to a prolonged dispute between Cambridge and Oxford, but, in spite of periodical protests, there has been no change since 1865, and now the matter is up again in England, and many athletes, past and present, are taking sides.

It has long been contended by Oxford that both the hammer and the weight contests rightly come under the head of gymnastic feats. It is urged that they are not legitimate forms of athletic sports any more than rowing, boxing or foot ball, and that prowess in either direction is only obtained by what are known as strong men. Cambridge contends that hammer-throwing, at least, is oldest in date of any athletic sport. Both hammer and weight are recognized as field events, they say, and that very few people nowadays would care to witness anything but running and jumping at the games. Other athletes say that it might be well to give only half a point to each of the two events in the college meets, and thus a possible tie would be avoided, which would mean the retention of both events and revive the odd event. Others suggest the throwing of a cricket ball instead of the weight. But the general opinion seems to favor the half-point scheme.

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