

ZUPPE NEVER PLAYED GAME

Coach of Victorious Illinois Eleven Always an Observer Himself.

PUTS CONFIDENCE INTO TEAM

"Never-Say-Die" is the Motto of Famous Leader Who Instills His Men with Enthusiasm with His Presence.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Bob Zuppe, who coached the Illinois foot ball eleven so well that the team climbed to the crest of western foot ball, never played with a regular team.

Zuppe attended Wisconsin university. He had foot ball ambitions but coaches there looked him over, pronounced him too small for "varsity" purposes, and shoved him off to the sidelines. Unable to help the "varsity" with brawn, Zuppe decided to help it with brain. From his position on the sidelines, or on the scrub eleven, he discovered errors in the coaching system and he discovered ways in which the team's efficiency might be increased.

Reinforcing up course one day, Zuppe told the head coach of his findings. The head coach happened to be a human being. He didn't scoff at Zuppe's suggestions. He accepted them because he saw at once that they had weight—lots of weight.

All during the rest of his college career Zuppe continued to act as advisor for the team. His advice was good—mighty good. Many of Zuppe's suggestions helped the Wisconsin team greatly. Zuppe, in due course of time, graduated, but he left college without a "W." He had helped the team with his brain, but not with brawn. And the brawn assistants were the ones who got the sweaters and the coveted letters.

Offered High School Job After graduation Zuppe went to Muskegon and coached the team there into the championship. His work was so good that Oak Park High school, in Chicago, offered him a job as coach. The salary was a sizable one—and Zuppe accepted. Zuppe took charge of Oak Park High and developed a joke-looking team into a world beater among high school eleven. Not only that, but he developed a flock of mediocre players into stars of the first magnitude. Zuppe taught Ohe, the great Dartmouth quarterback, the rudiments of foot ball. He taught Pete Russell, the Chicago quarterback; he turned out Macomber, one of the best halfbacks in the west, and he turned out a score of others who since have made their marks in college foot ball.

The success Zuppe scored at Oak Park High influenced the University of Illinois people to offer him a job there. There were some among the Illinois athletic authorities who were against giving Zuppe the job. He'd never played on a

big college eleven, so they didn't think he knew much about coaching a college eleven. But the majority ruled on that committee. And the majority favored Zuppe's appointment. It was a mighty lucky thing for Illinois that it did. Zuppe went to Illinois when Illinois looked to have just as much chance to win the Western Conference championship as the Cincinnati Reds have of winning the 1915 world series. But Zuppe turned the trick.

In his first speech to his new charges Zuppe said:

Play with Winning Idea.

"Boys, we will have a motto and that motto shall be 'We don't get hurt.' And, in the second place, we will play along the theory that there isn't a foot ball eleven in the world that can beat us. In the third place, boys, when you go against a team that outweighs you, don't worry. Use your brains. Where brawn and bulk are lacking, brains will turn the trick."

The Illinois crowd got the spirit of the thing. They played with a "never-say-die" manner. They fought and fought, and kept right on fighting, whether they were miles ahead or miles behind. And the result was that they won every game they played, against the strongest, greatest teams in the west.

Whether that "we don't get hurt" motto had anything to do with the fact that rarely, during the last season was an Illinois man on the injured list is a question. But one thing is certain. That motto kept the team from making any complaint. All of them tried to live up to the motto—outwardly at least. Injuries that would have sent ordinary foot ball players to the side lines or the infirmary were unnoticed by the Illinois players. They became stoics. Probably they suffered, but they never gave a sign.

Illinois' record is better than that of any other team in the country. And that doesn't except Harvard. The Crimson eleven won seven games and was tied in the two others. Illinois won every game it played. And the Illinois team was piloted by a man who never played foot ball on a varsity college eleven. Whoop 'er up for Zuppe, boys, a few score whoops are due.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve Cured Ben Pool of Throat, Ala., after being dragged over gravel road bed. Soothing, healing, antiseptic. 2c. All dealers.—Advertisement.

Gandhi Contracts Cough. Chick Gandli of the Washington team is so concerned about the cough that has bothered him for several months that he has quit his howling alleys in Washington for the winter and will spend the off-season in the open, in hopes of regaining his health. It was at first thought Gandli's trouble was a throat affection due to smoking cigars, but now it is feared it is deeper seated.

Leach Will Go. The appointment of Roger Bresnahan as Cub manager foreshadows plainly the transfer, release or jump of outfielder Tommy Leach, who was a candidate for the berth given to Bresnahan.

JOHNSON TO BE BUSY PUG

Champion of Boxing World to Enter Into Two Fights in One Month.

PUZZLE TO MANY OF THE FANS

Some Think Reason for His Activity is Because of Flat Pocketbook, Others Because He Sees Defeat Ahead.

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the universe and fugitive from American justice, has subscribed to contracts calling for his appearance in two fights in one month. This may seem a misstatement of facts, but it is the truth, nevertheless, that the huge Ethiopian is about to overwork himself, for the first time in his perturbed career.

Much significance is attached to Johnson's sudden willingness to perform a little extra labor. It is taken to mean one of two things—either Johnson's coffers are barren, or he realizes that he has reached the end of his tether as a champion and wishes to replenish his purse before stepping out of the pugilistic limelight.

For the present, the correct answer is known only to Johnson alone. By next spring it will be common property.

Can it be that Johnson is apprehensive of the outcome of his bout with Jess Willard, and has arranged for another match so as to protect himself in case of a defeat by the cowpuncher? Johnson is matched to do battle with Willard on March 17 next, and less than a month later he will take on Sam McVey, an old friend, massive of frame and ebony of color.

Ever since Johnson ascended to the heavyweight throne he has taken the precaution not to arrange the dates of his ring meetings too closely together. This is the first time he has undertaken to tackle two big men within a month.

To Fight Outside States. It now appears likely that the Johnson-Willard clash will occur in Buenos Ayres, thus affording South America its first ring championship battle, or in a Juarez (Mexico) arena.

Johnson's affair with McVey is scheduled for Cuba. Billy Gibson, the local entrepreneur, has been commissioned by a syndicate of Havana sporting men to bend his efforts toward bringing the match to the light little isla. Gibson immediately obtained the consent of McVey's manager to handle the bout, and William will receive an equal share of the profits for his trouble.

Meantime Jess Willard and Sam McVey are in this country, keeping as far apart from each other as they deem advisable. Neither is popping any challenges at the other, both fearing to take a chance of losing the match with Johnson. McVey, however, does not seem able to keep out of trouble, for Sam Langford

HUSKERS TO ELECT CAPTAIN

Rutherford and Cameron Only Candidates for the Eleven Job.

BASKET BALL IS UNDER WAY

Large Number of Candidates for the Team Offer Their Services and Captain Hawkins is Trying Them Out.

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Nebraska will elect a foot ball captain for the 1915 season at a meeting of the athletic board and the "N" men Monday evening. Only two candidates aspire to the job. "Dick" Rutherford, star halfback, and Cameron, center and tackle. The best of feeling prevails in the squad and regardless of the outcome the 1915 leader is sure of the whole-hearted support of the foot ball men for both Rutherford and Cameron are exceedingly popular and have excellent records to back their claims.

Preceding the election the athletic board will grant letters to the members of the squad, who have fulfilled the Missouri Valley requirements and then the ballot on captain will be taken. The Missouri Valley conference requires participation in at least two big games, but under this ruling the largest number of letters ever granted will be given.

Men to Get Letters.

These men will be awarded letters: Captain Vic Halligan, Halfbacks Rutherford and Chamberlain, Ends Howard and Ball, Tackle Corey, Guards Abbott and Shields, Center Cameron, Quarterback Potter, Fullback Doyle. In addition to the regulars Fullback Delapatre, Quarterbacks Hawkins and Caley, Guard Gross and Halfbacks Seitzer and Sam Porter will get letters.

While Stehm had an imposing array of talent at the beginning of the foot ball season last fall, he has a still better list to draw from next year. He will have practically an entirely veteran eleven. Only the end, quarterback and tackle positions are open and Stehm still has some letter men to draft for these places.

Fourteen veterans will be back—the largest number in the history of the school. There is plenty of reason to expect great things of the Cornhusker eleven next fall.

Basket ball is well under way at Nebraska. Stehm issued his call for players this week and Captain Hawkins has a big squad to draw from. Rutherford and Hawkins are the two old standbys for the basket ball men, but the new material is promising and Nebraska hopes to annex another Missouri Valley championship.

The Huskers will not play any collegiate games until after the Christmas holidays. The first of the Missouri Valley conference games come with the Ames Argies in Lincoln, then Kansas Argies at Kansas, Ames at Ames, the Fort Dodge cavalry team, Minnesota at Minneapolis and four games with Drake.

Oklahoma and Washburn sprung a surprise at the meeting of the Missouri Valley conference representatives which ended here today. Oklahoma's foot ball record, especially is excellent—Coach Bennie Owens having developed one of the best aggregations to be found in the west. The Washburn eleven defeated several Missouri Valley schools and made Nebraska go some, scoring on the Huskers. But neither Oklahoma or Washburn filed an application and the conference was spared the necessity of enlarging the conference or turning these deserving institutions down.

MRS. BARLOW GREAT GOLFER

Eastern Woman Wins Chief Trophies in Ten Out of Thirteen

CHAMPION FOR THREE YEARS

Holds Highest Honors on the Links Around Philadelphia, with a Series of Other Successes Besides.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 4.—Undoubtedly the most brilliant season's record of any woman golfer in the eastern section of the country is that of Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow of Philadelphia, who won the chief trophies in ten out of the thirteen tournaments in which she competed. No less than five qualifying medals were gathered in by her. The Golf association of Philadelphia recently awarded her the silver cross, an acknowledgment that she is the best golfer in that district.

Three Years Champion.

Mrs. Barlow has won the Philadelphia championship for the last three years and five times in the last ten and has won the Mary Thayer Farnum memorial trophy ten times out of twelve. The summary of her success this year follows:

May 3—Won one day invitation at Overbrook Country club.

May 11—Won qualifying round medal for Philadelphia championship for the fifth time, third year in succession.

May 20—Won qualifying round medal at St. Davids with a new course record of 84, won St. Davids' tournament.

May 28—Won invitation tournament at Philadelphia Cricket club.

June 1—Fourth in women's eastern championship at Greenwiche.

June 7—Won qualification round medal at Shawnee Country club; won Shawnee tournament.

July 4—Won Cape May tournament, third in the qualifying round.

September 12—Lost in semi-final round of women's national championship at Nassau.

September 23—Won qualifying round medal play for Berthelina cup at Huntington Valley with a new course record of 82.

September 24—Lost to Mrs. F. H. Fitter in second round for Berthelina cup.

October 5—Won Mary Thayer Farnum memorial trophy for tenth time.

October 18—Won qualifying round of Mrs. Thomas' tournament at Philadelphia Cricket club. Won tournament at Philadelphia Cricket club.

October 24—Won championship of Merion Cricket club.

November 14—Won invitation tournament at Lakewood Country club. Second in qualifying round.

Awarded silver cross by Golf Association of Philadelphia for best aggregate score in the qualifying round for the Philadelphia championship and the Mary Thayer Farnum cup.

McGraw to Marlin.

There will be no trip to California by the Giants, as some rumor maker suggested. John McGraw returned to his desk in New York with the statement that training plans would be carried out as in past years with the work done at Marlin.

Nichoff Recovers.

Bert Nichoff, former Rourke, now with Cincinnati, has just won a battle from a serious attack of tonsillitis. Bert is in Redland looking for a job as an electrician.

MAGNATES FLIRTING WITH WICHITA TEAM

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retrograding major team. Wichita falls into a slump and crashes to the bottom.

And then comes the real dire result. The fan also tumbles to the bottom. Glorifying in a winning club, pleased with life he plunks his half a buck down regularly and cheers for his favorite. Then his favorite beats it by request right in the middle of the season, when a pennant is an excellent prospect. The fan becomes disgruntled and peevish. He becomes thoroughly disgusted with base ball and its methods and, as remarked before, transfers his affections to chess or checkers. Final result, the entire league suffers and its subsequent success is jeopardized.

Perhaps Wichita won't sell its franchise to a major league club. It is so hoped. But on the other hand Topeka might. The Topeka men have about given up the ship. They are strong base ball men, but they have dug down deep in their jeans for four years and most any man will get tired of that movement, maintained constantly for four years. And they would sell in a minute.

Keyers May Buy.

Topeka has one prospect, H. H. Meyers, a base ball bug, is dickering for Tacoma, Wash., and Topeka. He wants Tacoma, but his prospects there are bum and after he finds out his price is too short for that club he may buy Topeka. Mr. Meyers is from Dakota and has never before been in base ball, but he is said to be willing.

It is hoped Topeka will sell to Mr. Meyers and it is hoped that the present Wichita men do not sell or if they do they will not accept the offer from the major leaguer. Base ball in the Western is not in any too certain a status now and those who have their money tied up here cannot jeopardize their interests by permitting such a happening.

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