

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

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JUDGMENTS

FROM Jeffries' own version of his experience at Reno the meeting with Johnson, which can scarcely be called a fight, was tragic and pathetic. Doctors agreed that physically Jeff was a perfect man, and yet in the ring he was dazed and limpish; the machine of trained muscles found nothing to guide or direct it. His mind had collapsed under the pressure of a nervous prostration and he veered from side to side of the arena like a ship without a rudder, the helpless prey of the black panther, who was at his best. This is the theory of scientists based upon Jeff's statement and condition, but still one cannot quite believe that Jeffries' physical condition was all it should have been for such a struggle. It is not natural for a man who had lived the indulgent life he had had for five years of retirement to "come back" to normal condition. But one fact must stand out above all others from this mass of tragic pathos, and that is the unfeeling greed of the promoters who lured the champion into the belief that he could regain his old form and whip the negro. It is now easily doubtful if any of these fellows ever had the remotest idea that Jeff could accomplish such a feat, but what they were after was gold, and with Jeff as the "fall guy" they could not get it. The thing has an abominable aspect that must disgust people of a high sense of justice and fairness, and the real lovers of sport. Jeffries' defeat by Johnson is being compared with Sullivan's fall before Corbett, and they are somewhat analogous, but there is a sting and a tragedy to Jeff's doom which John L.'s did not, could not have, Johnson did not whip Jeffries; rather he mauled him into insensibility, the mere physical effect of what the conqueror of Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Sharkey used to be. It will always be doubtful, without any disparagement of the negro as a fighter, that he could have lasted many rounds before the real Jeffries. The fight was a farce and that should have been foreseen and the meeting prevented.

President Bourke has secured two new players, Ruter Spillman and Bill Moriarty of Louisville, both infielders, in his effort to strengthen the Omaha team and turn the tide in its direction. The men are said to be good, have fair records for their work in the American association and probably will add material strength to the team. The loss of Graham at second and King in center have been serious indeed. But things ought to change now. Persons, the new left fielder, looks strong and until King's return some four or five weeks hence, Thompson or one of the new men ought to be able to cover center satisfactorily. The pitchers will have to settle down to a better basis and Lusk will need to go batting consistently. Lusk has been steadily and terribly anxious, but out of the present aggression President Bourke will probably be able to whip a club that will make the rest of them go from now on.

President Bourke has released War Sanders, his veteran pitcher, and the little southpaw has gone to his home in Tennessee, probably to get into one of the minor leagues of the south. Sanders came to Omaha from the St. Louis Cardinals in the last end of 1908 and in 1909 figured in the deal whereby Minor Brown, now the Cubs' premier pitcher, went to St. Louis. He has pitched every season since for Omaha, but in 1909 he showed a decided decline and President Bourke hoped to trade him last winter, but failing, brought him back this year and in the hope that he would help the team some way. But he did not. He had lost most of his cunning, even his control, which had always been his best asset. Sanders was a heady ball player and popular in Omaha and his passing is marked with much interest, though it is undoubtedly best for the team.

There is just this to be said to the home knickerbockers: Omaha has always had a team fighting every inch of the way, and Bill Bourke is trying today as hard as ever to develop a winner. In the last few years how many times have we finished in second division? How many times have we won the pennant? How many times have we been fighting it out with the leaders at the last? Just take a look at the records and they will show you that you have no ground for complacency. Furthermore the season is not over and the pennant still disputed. This time last year we were trailing, but at the end we were splitting with the leaders and lost by a narrow margin. Come out of it and show your nerve.

Leahie is still leading Cubb a dog's life for the American league batting honors. Cubb is running a close second and the race promises to be good all the way. It was a great thing for Cleveland the day it received Leahie as its manager's job. At it is able now to concentrate all his powers on playing.

Rube Waddell signed the pledge and then sent it to Hugh Raymond, who up to date has not affixed his signature, we are informed. Here are two names who belonged back in the '90s with old George McGinnis and those backslapping luminaries.

After all, it seems to have been Jeff's head instead of his body that failed. Physically, he is said to have been perfect, while mentally he was in a trance and knew nothing from the time he entered until he left the ring.

Jimmy Austin's weakness at the bat continues to cause him some trouble, and he has been benched of late, being replaced by Deane, who has been hitting well. Austin's work at third is just as spectacular as ever.

It appears that Comiskey made a mistake when he let Bill Dahlen get away from him. Since going from Des Moines to Brooklyn Bill has been the big factor.

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TEAM BATTING HAS FALLEN OFF

Corridor Continues to Lead the League in Base Stealing—Kane is the Leading First Base of the Beach.

King and Cadman are leading sluggers for the Roughs for the week just ended. At that they are set above the .300 mark. King is mighty close, lacking but one point, while Cadman is .274.

There is a little fight on between Kane and Sten for first position in fielding. Sten stands .98, while Jimmy from Pittsburg is just a point above the .90 mark. King is mighty close, lacking but one point, while Cadman is .274.

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CRIMSON PROSPECTS FINE

Harvard is Jubilant Because Coach Haughton is Staying.

SIGNS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

Only Six of Foot Ball Veterans Will Be Absent and Track Team Also is Strong—Field Will Be Weak Spot.

BOSTON, Mass., July 8.—According to a statement issued by the athletic authorities at Harvard the outlook in athletics at the Cambridge institution for next year is very bright and the prospects for a good season are as well as could be expected.

Harvard men are jubilant because Percy Haughton has consented to take charge of the foot ball squad again. He has signed a three-year contract to instruct the crimson forces. Of the twenty-two men who have won their "H" at foot ball fourteen will return to college in the fall. Four who played against Yale last fall will be among those missing next season.

"Ham" Fish will be the greatest loss to the team and it will be hard to fill his position at tackle. Paul Withington at center also will be missed. There are a number of promising men from last year's squad, however, who will be given a thorough tryout.

It is thought that the ends will be Smith and Rogers, while Minto is good for the position of fullback. L. Withington and Fisher are slated for the positions of guards. The quarterback job will be taken over by O'Farbery and Wigglesworth. Corbett, Frothingham and Wendell will be back again to take care of the backfield. Everything considered, Haughton will have a fine squad to work with.

Captain Foster of the track team is optimistic of his chances next year. It is quite true that Gardner, Lawrence and Little will not be on the squad next year, yet he has a number of veterans who can be depended upon to win most of the dual meets for Harvard.

Twelve men who have won their varsity letter will be in college. These will represent 23 of the 224 points scored in the dual meet with Yale, and 4 points of the 136 scored in the intercollegiate.

The crew prospects are also very bright. Only three varsity men will be lost by graduation, they being Wade, Bacon and Whitney. There is enough material in the form of substitutes and freshmen to fill the places left vacant by these men.

The base ball team will suffer the most. Captain Mackenzie, the third baseman, Shortstop Marshall, Pitcher Hicks and Outfielders Brown and Gardner will leave this year. C. T. McLaughlin, the new captain, will have a hard time trying to fill the places of these men. R. G. McKay will be expected on the field alone before it is ready for the game. It is expected that the work will be done by August 1. New jumping and vaulting pits are being built in the oval and a foot ball gridiron and basket ball courts are under construction.

According to the plan, the one-quarter mile track and twenty straightaway will be the best in the country. They are being modeled after those built for Th Jamestown and St. Louis expositions.

AMERICANS FEAR ENGLISH PLAYER

Anthony Frederick Wilding Has All Tennis Honors Across the Water.

NEW YORK, July 8.—Because he will be one of America's most dangerous opponents in the next Davis cup match in December Anthony Frederick Wilding, who has won all England singles, is one of the most important personages in the tennis world of today.

His defeat of A. W. Gore, holder of the title in the challenge round, and his win over Leslie C. Wright in the final means that Wilding has improved his game of late. In 1908 when the American team went to Melbourne after the Davis cup Wright beat Wilding by three sets to one, the score then being 3-1, 6-4, 6-2.

It is only natural that Wilding should beat Gore, for the New Zealander is only 22 years of age, while the Englishman is 34. With Wilding it is a case of the game being in the blood, for his father, Frederick Wilding, seven times made one of the doubles which won the New Zealand championships. In his early days Anthony was coached by his father, and when it was a handicap singles at the New Zealand championship tourney. The following year he won the championship of Canterbury. They he went to Cambridge university and played against Oxford in 1904.

In 1905 he won many prizes in open tournaments. He won the Scottish championship in 1904 and the same year he captured the singles at Reading, Sheffield, Rippon, Shrewsbury, Eastbourne and Queens. At the autumn meeting at Cannes, Barcelona, Paris, Wiesbaden, Homburg, Baden-Baden and Prague. In 1906 he won the fourth of France championship and all three-cornered courts championships at the Queens club. With Norman E. Brooks he won the doubles championship at Wimbledon in 1905 and with Major J. C. Sturkie the doubles in 1906 at Wimbledon, and the same year the covered courts doubles, mixed doubles, South of France championship singles, the Cannes cup, singles at Wiesbaden, Dippel and numerous other prizes. Wilding made one of the doubles champions of Europe at Homburg in 1906 and with Norman E. Brooks represented Australia against America in the Davis cup matches, when he won the fifth and deciding match from Frederick E. Alexander.

Wilding also represented Australia in the Davis cup matches of 1906 and last year. He won the championship of New Zealand in 1904 and 1908 and the championship of Victoria last year, defeating Norman E. Brooks. Wilding won the international singles at Brisbane this year. He was formerly a lieutenant in the king's Colonial, and along with being a good cricketer is a keen motorcyclist.

Big Amount Expended for A. A. U. Meeting. NEW ORLEANS, La., July 8.—Work is progressing on the Tulane university field, which will stage the national championships of the Amateur Athletic union to be held here August 14. About \$3000 will be expended on the field alone before it is ready for the game. It is expected that the work will be done by August 1. New jumping and vaulting pits are being built in the oval and a foot ball gridiron and basket ball courts are under construction.

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The municipal government is backing the meet. Business men and civic organizations are lending help. In addition to the \$3000 secured to make the athletic field a first-class ground, \$3000 will be sent to Secretary Sullivan in New York to defray the expenses of the athletes who come here for the contests.

With the money and time which will be expended and the ardent support of influential citizens, it is believed that there will be no excuse for criticism on the action of the championship committee which awarded the meet to this city.

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BIKE RACE TO BERMUDA

Preparations for Tour to Bermuda Are Being Made.

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WILL NOMINATE TENNIS TEAM. Official Organ Announces Plan to Get Best Players.

NEW YORK, July 8.—Affairs surrounding the Davis international lawn tennis challenge cup have taken a new turn during the last week. From the official American tennis organ the statement is made that it has been decided to nominate the team of players to represent this country at the time of playing the all-conquering national championship on the courts at Newport, R. I., which will begin August 12. That was the procedure last year. At that time it will be possible to obtain players willing to journey to Australia. Already it is known that Beals C. Wright, now competing in England, and the two Californians, Maurice E. McLaughlin and Neville H. Long, are willing to go. However, much depends upon the form that the two latter display when they appear in the eastern tournaments this season.

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