

Jeff Had Everything Fixed for His Flight Except the Aeroplane

By "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

THE big subject in base ball just now is the probable pennant-winning of the Giants in the National League. The Cubs are nearly out of it. They lost their hold when Chance got hurt early in the season. With the big boss and Evers out and Miner Brown and other star pitchers not up to par, the old warriors have done amazingly well to stay in the fight as they have. They would be on top today, at that, but for Brooklyn. If the Cubs lose the flag, as seems now they will, it will be due to one of the anomalies of the game—that the tallener can beat the leaders. It is a good thing for base ball, too, that such is the case. It fortifies it against becoming a dead sure thing. Owing to the intense rivalry existing for years between New York and Chicago, embittered by the Cubs' close victory in 1908, New York devotees are making much of their team's triumph this year. Of course, in the nature of things, the Cubs had eventually to miss a pennant. They could not go on indefinitely winning them. But under Manager Chance, the team has done its part toward landing flags. He became manager at the beginning of 1909 and in the five years following, exclusive of 1911, the Cubs have won four firsts, and one second. If results count, Chance and the Cubs have been fairly successful. It will not quite do, therefore, to make invidious comparisons at their expense now. If the Giants win, it will mark another coincidence, for they will be pitted against the Athletics, who were the American league winners in 1905, the last time the Giants beat out in the National. It remains to be seen whether they can devour the Mackmen as easily this year in the world's series as they did then. We think not, though we make no predictions as to the winner. We believe it is the common judgment of good base ball men that the game in all its interests is benefited by a New York victory in the National league this year. It is stimulating to the uncertainty of clean sport to have a break in the line of triumph as often as possible. The Cubs have proved themselves one of, if not the greatest teams, in the history of the game; they can lose nothing by losing this flag.

We would like to say here a word for old Jawn Gending, manager. Jawn, for to these many years, we have wot of as a catcher and an all-around cracker-jack ball player, but he blossomed out as a manager only this year. When he went to Rock Island in that capacity he found a team badly run down and trailing the dust of all the other seven. When the season closed Jawn's team was making them all hustle and, while it finished last, it had been out of the cellar and tightened up the race so that it was not over until the last heat had been run. If Jawn and President Mike Sexton arrange a deal for next year we predict the team will not end in last place.

Roger Bresnahan is still unable to forget he was for a long time a Giant. He was so eager to beat his old teammates Friday in order that the Cubs might win out, that he stuck in a couple of raw recruits from the Southern association to pitch for the Cardinals against New York. Oh, yes, Roger is about as eager for the Cubs to win as the rest of the National League managers are. It is much easier for the minors than such men as Harmon and Salley. Why didn't Bresnahan put one or both of them in? Anything to beat that team has been beating the league for four years. Oh, well.

Jim Kane showed his class as the hunter of the league Friday, when he laid down three perfect buns and beat them out. The big fellow has the action and speed to perfect this very important science of the game. He came to bat five times Friday, making four singles—one hit to left and the three buns—and a triple and four runs.

A good many depists have gone to the trouble of using a lot of figures to show that the Cubs can't win the pennant. The absence from the line-up of Manager Chance showed that a good while ago.

Spitter O'Brien is handling the American league slingers about as easily as he did the Western leaguers when with Deaver. If Jimmy McAlexander can handle O'Brien, Boston will have a great artist to start next year with.

Bill Burns, who held the Cubs to one hit and no runs early in the week, was bumped for thirteen hits and eight runs by the Cubs on Friday. Which shows that Bill has his ups and downs even yet.

About the time Johnny Evers regained his poise and became serviceable to the Cubs, he was accompanied by the ump. Which is the witness of an otherwise strong player.

Too bad old Cy Young can't pitch any more. He has just lost one game since going to the Boston Nationals.

But for Danny Durbin to come sauntering into town and hold us to seven skinny hits and a run or two is adding insult to injury.

Winter will soon be here and then Schoony can get all the sleep he wants to.

Yes, we can still use a top-notch outfielder and shortstop.

Something seems to be lacking in management at Lincoln.

Champions of the Loup Valley



From Left to Right—Sautter, Third; Murphy, Utility; Cook, Pitcher; Miller, Second; Ammerman, Catcher; Grokosky, (Manager) First; Poppe, Center; McDaniels, Right; Couplin, Left; Bodounek, Short; McBeth, Mascot. SCOTIA (NEB.) BASE BALL TEAM.

BASE BALL IS ON THE WANE

Stars of the Diamond Must Give Way to Gridiron Men.

STRAGGLING GAMES SCHEDULED

Tough Scramble for Honors is Anticipated When the Hollers and Farrells Get Together Sunday Afternoon.

Before many days amateur base ball players will have to go way back. Foot ball will goot its way through for several weeks, and after the leather eggs' season has matured, the stove leaguers will work overtime.

A tough scramble for the winning pearly is anticipated in the following: Hickey or Morearty will pass them over for the Hollers, and Hamilton, Kelly or Young will "boot" them over for the Farmer Burns Farrells. First game called at 1:30 p. m.

Lineup for first game: Brodegaards, Managers. Thurber, Center; Benson, Short; McGraw, Left; Mullin, Right; Durfee, Catcher; Koehler, C. Sautter, Second; Kennedy, Dyer, First; Kelly, Utility; Fuller, Catch; Quigley, Young Bell, Pitch.

Lineup for second game: Holler, Managers. Falconer, Center; Young, Short; McCreey, Left; Erickson, Right; McAndrews, Kelly, Second; Spellman, G. Doughty, First; Welch, J. Daugherty, Catch; Hamilton, C. Sautter, Pitch; Kelly, Morearty, Pitch.

Bresnahan will do the barfiks. There will be some nifty ball tossing out at Benson park this afternoon when the Benson Eagle horsehide manipulators will lock horns with the Omaha Grain Exchange.

Across the waves at Athletic park, Council Bluffs, a cream de menthe affair is looked for this afternoon when the champions of that burg will again do their mightiest to administer another trouncing to the boat shovers that hover around Lak. Manawa, commonly known as the Council Bluffs Rowing association.

From Council Bluffs the Red Men base ball machine will wander over to Treynor, Ia. for the purpose of showing the farmers how fast they can play ball.

One of our local teams, the Sherman Farmers Merchants, will vamoose off Blair, Neb. about eight rings this morning.

Naughton's Notes on Pugilism

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—I am the only boxer in the world who does not lie about his weight, remarked Lightweight Champion Ad Wolgast recently. No one who heard knew whether Wolgast was justified in paying this tribute to his own truthfulness or not. The dead line in the class named is 135 pounds and the plummet always swings in the 132 pound notch when Ad weighs in to do battle.

The lever does not move, and those present are given to guessing whether Wolgast weighs 1235 pounds or several pounds less. He says occasionally that the machine to show much less.

The only direction in which Wolgast has established a reputation for veracity regarding his avoirdupois is in his claim that he always weighs within the lightweight limit.

That there are fighters who fit notoriously about their weight is an undeniable fact. They guard the secret of their poundage as tenderly as a woman hides her age, and people who know little of the ring and its peculiarities wonder why this particular point should involve so much misleading information.

The best answer, probably, is that the boxers are afraid of one another. A ringman who can make a certain notch without distressing himself always wants a formidable rival to weigh exactly the same. While the negotiations for a match are in the early stages, the rival will try to make it appear that it is easy enough for him to meet the other man's weight terms.

By talking that way he hopes to avert suspicion to the end that the weight question may be sidetracked. He knows that if he says he cannot conform to the terms required of him, the man he is seeking a fight with will be more determined than ever in insisting upon his favorite weight.

"I can do it easily, but I won't allow him to make weight, the more insistent will the other man be. And there was never a champion yet who wouldn't hang out like a veritable shylock demanding his pound of flesh if he felt it would enhance his chances of retaining his laurels. He could do it in the full knowledge that removing the last pound

renders the other man weak. By his demands he virtually admits that he feels his only chance of winning rests in forcing his adversary to enter the ring in a weakened condition.

And who is to blame a champion for holding fast to what he has gained by dint of hard fought battles? If anyone says "you shouldn't be so particular about a pound or two," a champion—if he is a lightweight, for instance—may say, "I am not particular, I simply want to meet the men of my own class. The lightweight division ranges from 125 to 135 pounds, and I for only boxed 135-pound men when I only weighed 125 pounds. If I allow any one to come in over 133 pounds I am going out of my class."

Bartling Nelson—Albeit he is not seriously regarded as a championship possibility at present—is still a stickler for weight limits. The Battler is still keeping himself within the lightweight boundaries. He believes that the crown will be his again and he is going to be as strict as ever in making his challenges conform to the rules laid down in the matter of weight.

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"Why?" "I believe I'd come back a heavyweight. Look what the climate out there does for Johnnie Thompson."

Whether it was the Australian climate or not, Thompson certainly came back to this country much bigger than when he went away. A year or two ago—before Nelson was defeated—there was talk of bringing the two Danes Nelson and Thompson, together for the lightweight championship. Now Johnnie is matched to box Bob Mehat at New Orleans and the contest is being advertised as the first elimination bout in a world's middleweight championship summer.

The contest takes place today and the articles permit of twenty-five rounds of milling if that number should be required. Thompson likes this distance and consequently likes New Orleans, the city named being the only place where twenty-five rounds goes are sanctioned.

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High School Girls to Have Big Tennis Tourney Next Month

The high school girls will hold a tennis tournament this fall beginning the first week in October. Drawings will soon be made and it is expected that all preliminary matches will be played off the first week.

This has been decided upon by the High School Racquet club, which is under the direction of Miss Dumont, the girls' physical training instructor, who had charge of the tournament last spring. Miss Dumont hopes to have a large list of entries and a silver loving cup will be awarded to the winner of the tournament.

This cup is at present in the possession of Miss Laura Zimmerman, who won the tournament last spring. Miss Zimmerman will be called upon to defend her title.

The High School Racquet club has at present an active membership of seventy-five girls and considerable interest has been taken in tennis play by the girls of the school since the organization of the club. The following are the club officers: President, Laura Zimmerman, vice president, Beulah Byrd; secretary and treasurer, vacant at present; reporter, Elizabeth Rainey.

Athletics Eligible to Play in World's Series

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia American league base ball club today announced that he had sent to the National commission the names of twenty-one players as eligible to represent his club in the world's series this fall. The names of the players are:

Catchers, Thomas, Lapp and Livingstone; pitchers, Bender, Coombs, Krause, Plank, Morgan, Martin and Danforth; infielders, Davis, McInnes, Collins, Barry, Baker and Derrick; outfielders, Murphy, Lord, Oldring, Strunk and Hartzel.

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The Iowa Varsity Team Will Be Strong and Well Balanced

IOWA CITY, Ia., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—When Iowa faces Minnesota on Northrup field on October 23 the Gophers will be confronting an aggregation of veterans, developed under one of the best coaches in the west and with more than a year's experience thereof. From present indications the Hawkeye team this year will not be an exceptionally heavy one, but the men will be well balanced in regard to weight.

Four or five men are expected to stand out prominently in the Iowa machine. These include Captain Murphy, who will be used either at full or half, both of which positions he has filled during his two years on the team. Murphy has always been the most reliable back on the team when short gains were needed and is a great dodger in the open field.

Curry, at quarter, is another upon whom the Iowa rosters are relying. His work in running back punts and circling the opposing ends last year was always spectacular and consistent and there are not a few who believe that he will be the leading quarter in the west this fall.

O'Brien, the big center; Alexander, the negro tackle, and Trickey at guard are others of whom great efforts are expected.

The Iowa line is certain to include a solid front of veterans from tackle to tackle, with some "T" men of previous years as substitutes. O'Brien will be at center, with Clemens as an available veteran. For the guard positions Trickey, Repass and Hanson will be available unless Hanson should fall to remove his conditions. His loss would be a severe blow to the team, as he is relied upon to do the punting.

Alexander and Key, last year's tackles, are both back and are trying for post-

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