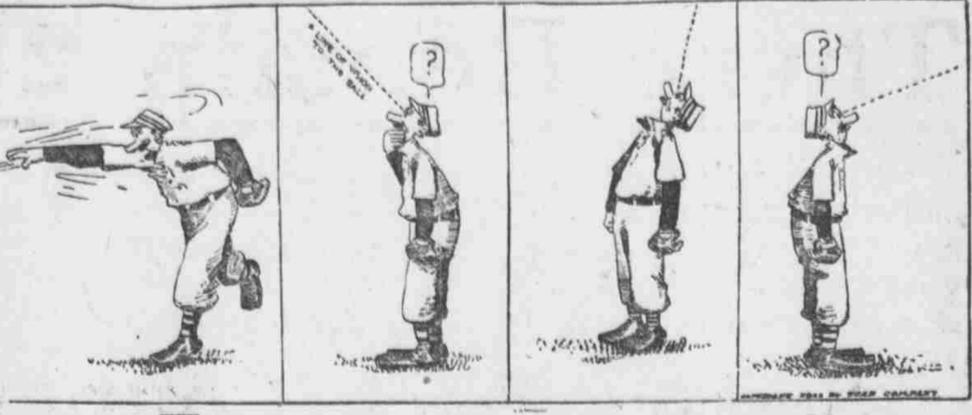
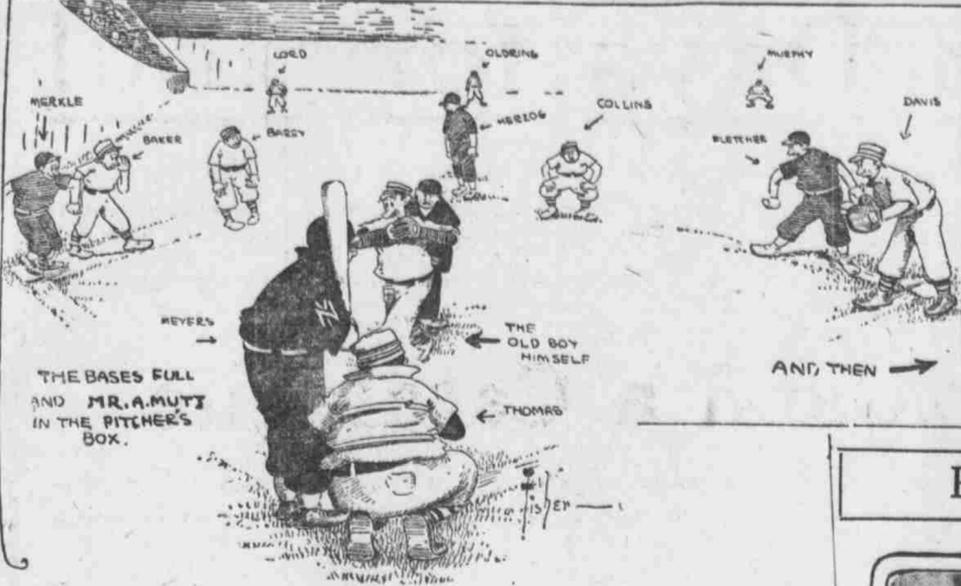


Perhaps Mutt Got the Wrong Signal--Perhaps

By "Bud" Fisher



Players Who Got the Motor Cars



FRANK SCHULTE (LEFT) AND TYRUS COBB, DEMON SWATTERS, WHO WERE VOTED THE AUTOMOBILES FOR BEING ADJUDGED THE MOST VALUABLE MEN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LEAGUES.

WELLS AFTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Would Make Enough Money to Keep His Mother Comfortably.

FEARS SON WILL BE INJURED

After Every Battle He Must Appear Before Her to Show Whether He Has Received Any Marks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The one ambition in the life of Matt Wells, the English lightweight champion, is to win the world's title from Ad Wolgast, and it is largely because he wants to earn enough money so that he can insure his mother a trust fund of at least \$25 a week as long as she lives.

Nobody would ever think that Mrs. Wells is 62 years old, as she is just as lively as a cricket and takes long walks, swims and other outdoor enjoyments with all the ardor of a much younger person.

Mrs. Wells dreads the thoughts of Matt being seriously injured in his fights and she has always cautioned him to be content with the pugilistic game, but as long as he is content to emulate Matt and remain single as long as their mother is alive.

Once during the four years that Matt was an amateur on the other side he beat a fellow so badly that it made him timid for a long time in the ring, and ever since he has always let up on his opponent when he showed signs of grogginess.

It was because of his great love for his mother and his loneliness when she is not at his side that prompted Wells to cable her to come to America when he had only been here a week himself.

Wells probably has fought less battles professionally than any champion that ever stepped into the roped arena. During the years of 1904-'05-'06-'07 he was the amateur lightweight champion of England—the greatest record in the history of that class.

Before looking in public Wells was a member—and still is—of the Lyons Boxing club. They used to hold bouts for the members only and it was because of the marked superiority he displayed over any other man in the organization that they urged him to compete for the amateur title, for which any boxer in the world under 146 pounds is eligible.

Wells' first fight as a professional was fought against Eustace L. Crooks, the French welterweight champion. After engaging in nine other unimportant bouts and winning all of them he came to America, arriving here in March, 1910. He fought here eight times, and although most of them were no decision affairs, the majority of newspapers acknowledged him victor on each occasion.

No wonder that fans in this country marveled when they heard that he defeated Freddie Welsh for the lightweight championship on February 27, 1911, for they regarded him as a welterweight, and that he would have to saw off a leg in order to make the limit of the lightweight class.

It was the failure of Packer McFarland to go to England to meet him as scheduled last spring that made Wells come back here and it is his intention of staying in the United States until he defeats both the Chicago boy and Ad Wolgast. He has fought six times on his second invasion of America, which has been an undisputed victor on each occasion, his opponents including men of every known style of fistcraft.

Besides the beautiful belt he won for capturing the English title, the most prized gift in Matt's keeping is an illuminated address, with the signature of the earl of Lonsdale, which was presented to him at banquet tendered him in London before sailing.

When at home Matt lives with his mother and two brothers in Peckham, and the house in which they reside and all its furnishings were given to his mother by the fighting member of the family.

Judgments

THE spiking of Baker by Snodgrass and the ticket scandal rather mar the escutcheon of the world's series. The ticket deal seems to have been contrived at, if not conspired in, by Brush, which makes it bad. If Brush is partly responsible, it is indefensible. Base ball cannot afford to tolerate such scoundrelery.

Whether the Giants win the base ball championship of the world or not, their reputation for "mucker ball" has been gloriously sustained. A crowd of New York fans is not squeamish, but the Snodgrass-Baker incident on Tuesday disgusted even the most hardened fans.

The Snodgrass-Baker incident might be more easily dismissed as a mere accident liable at any time to happen in base ball, but for the report that it was carefully premeditated. Nor should fans of a distance discredit this eye witness statement. Incidentally, the Athletics are sore at Hugh Jennings for the part he is said to have played in this Baker affair.

Captain Davis was in a little gathering of players and so was McGraw. The latter turned to Baker, who had started to spit things with Snodgrass, and said, "Why, you, you're a quitter. Jennings and the whole Detroit team told us to get after you and that you would quit. And we're after you, too."

At this Snodgrass took a hand in the affair. He showed a new pair of shoes and said with a sneer, "See those. Well, Brush has bought us all new pairs and we're going to use them on you. I'll get you yet and we will all go after you."

At this time Captain Davis took a hand in the dispute. "That's a coming in you to pull," he shouted to Snodgrass. "Talking about getting anybody. You couldn't get a batter alone in ball player. A fine thing in a great series like this to be talking that kind of stuff. Why, you won't get on third base again during the series."

Later Devere was heard to remark: "I've got a new pair of shoes, and I intend to spike the first Athletic player that gets in my way."

EVERYBODY PLAYS FOOT BALL

Youngsters Seen Every Day Practicing on Vacant Lots.

SUNDAY GAMES ARE SCHEDULED

Shamrocks Go to Council Bluffs—Two Games Arranged for the Gridiron at Port Crook This Afternoon.

'Foot ball is getting more popular every day. Even the school kids have organized teams and most any evening one will see the young ones engaged in the sport. Already approximately twenty-five teams have been mustered in the three cities.

At Athletic park in Council Bluffs this afternoon the Shamrocks from South Omaha will endeavor to thrash the Dodge Light Guards. Both teams have enviable reputations. Last season the Shamrocks only dropped one game, and in that game they had the best of the deal, but foot ball luck helped the opposition to score a touchdown. The Dodge Light Guards failed to drop a game last season, and they expect to duplicate this season.

Quigley, for years associated with the Diets team, has been signed by Captain Callahan to play a back-field for the Shamrocks. The old, reliable southtown pug, viz. Jack Fitzgerald, will play right halfback for the Shamrocks.

There will be plenty of foot ball at Port Omaha this afternoon. First game, Superiors vs. Papillon; second game, Soldiers of Company A vs. Soldiers of Company H. The Port Omaha gridiron is now inclosed and a small admission fee will be charged to defray expenses and buy a few smokes for the participants. The gridiron was moved over close to the grandstand and bleachers so now 1,000 foot ball devotees can be comfortably seated. The first squabble between the Superiors and the Papillons will be an interesting affair. After this the soldiers will go into battle. Last week another team was organized at Port Omaha and now two teams roll around on the gridiron every day getting in shape to maul the Omaha gladiators. The team that wins today's struggle will clash with the Shamrocks at Rourke park on next Sunday.

Today the Monmouth Park herd will glide down to Missouri Valley. Already this season the Missouri Valley children have refused the hopes of a trio of Omaha aggregations and they don't think that they will have much trouble wiping the Monmouth Parks off the map.

Today the Excelsiors will buck up against the huckles at Woodbine. The Excelsiors will be out beated at Woodbine, but they expect to make up the deficiency in beef with speed. The Woodbines have already slipped one over on the two Omaha aggregations, namely, the Defenders and Belmonts, and they are of the opinion that they can and will cough up enough points to send the Excelsiors home with a downcast countenance.

New Team Organized. Last week a new team to be known as Clark's Specials was organized, and it is out with a challenge to all teams. The team will reportedly like to meet the much-outed Monmouth Parks, and say they will play for their suits, foot ball and any amount of muckums. The squad will be under the skillful tutelage of Pat Byrne, the once famous New York pug. Teams wishing games address Patrick Byrne, 221 Twenty-fourth street. Here are the ferocious ones: Gesman, center; Palmer, right guard; Murphy, left guard; Curran, right tackle; Flanagan, left tackle; Quackenbush, right end; Theuer, left end; Byrne, quarterback; Roach, right halfback; Braach, left halfback; McKinney, fullback. Today the team will rebash their signals and learn a few trick formations, and by next Sunday they will be ready to accommodate any of the rough boys.

Gossip of the Gridiron. This season the Omaha teams are receiving better treatment at Woodbine, Ia. Last Sunday Yost of the Shamrocks played with the Superiors. He showed up well.

Louie Devine laid on the shelf last Sunday and watched his team tussle with Woodbine, Ia. added another victory to its list last Sabbath when it defeated the Belmonts against Woodbine, Ia.

Corporal Clark of the soldier pigskin warriors says his team will soon be in shape to trawl the local squads.

Duke Earl Bressman distinguished himself by playing quarterback for the Belmonts against Woodbine, Ia.

The Shamrocks have secured Rourke to play for them. Rourke is a former hand for the Dodge Light Guards. Quigley, formerly with the Diets team, is now playing quarterback for the Shamrocks. Captain Harry Callahan of the Sham-

rocks would like to see the color of the team that can hand his Irishmen a knock-out.

About 400 foot ball enthusiasts journeyed out to Florence park last Sunday to watch the Diets and Monmouth Parks go to it.

A large gathering will undoubtedly be on hand at Council Bluffs today to witness the Shamrock-Dodge Light Guard jamboree.

Canon of the Port Omaha squad does not ramble quite as fast as shot from a cannon, but at that he tears up the dust some.

On election day, November 7, an "all star" Omaha team will hike down to Valley, Neb., and endeavor to annihilate their aspirations.

Today will be the Shamrocks' initial appearance of this season and a large gathering will undoubtedly be on hand to witness their ability.

Harry Smith, formerly with the Diets squad, will hereafter play fullback for the Joe Smith combination of the Council Bluffs.

Several universities have consulted Williams of the Superiors about playing college foot ball, but he don't seem to cater to the knowledge institutions.

Swede Carlson, who was a star tackle on the freshman outfit at the Nebraska Uni., played a grand game at center for the Monmouth Parks last Sunday.

Uncle Sam Anderson of the Monmouth Parks had his knees put on the blink last Sunday and a consequence he will probably be out of the game for the balance of the season.

That little fellow that holds down the quarterback position for the Monmouth Parks tagged Wright is sure a fast boy on his pedals. He has all kinds of medals and trophies piled up in his room.

Company L of the Fifty-fifth regiment of Iowa, National guards, has organized a foot ball team and desires games. Teams that have been dates on the calendar, address V. R. Landon, 45 Charles street, Council Bluffs.

Next Sunday the Shamrocks play the soldiers of Port Omaha. The boys in blue have made several changes in their lineup and Corporal Clark thinks they will now proceed to reach the summit of the championship ladder.

Under the tutelage of Russam the Creighton high school bunch are rounding into grand shape. Russam is well known in local base balldom. He caught for the Hollys about half of the last season.

Those plucky little Defenders ambled down to Havelock yesterday and made an excellent showing against the heavy Havelock boltermakers. Last Sunday the Defenders buried the Swifts from Squalville.

The Key to the Situation—Bee Ads.

SPRACKLING GIVES ADVICE

Keep Cool Head is Tip Coming from the Star Quarterback.

GOOD KICKERS ARE IN DEMAND

In East Long, Low Punt is Gaining Favor—Ball Travels High and is Found to Be Hard to Handle.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—"Keep a cool head," is one of the leading tips that Carl Sprackling, All-American quarterback of last year, gives to aspiring foot ball players. Sprackling recently handed out a few bits of advice which will no doubt prove of value to schoolboys. He cited several instances of where players had forgotten even the simplest things about foot ball in the excitement of a game because of the fact that they got rattled. Coolness, he said, was one of the main requisites for a player running a team.

Sprackling laid some stress on the need of good kickers this year. "There are many kinds of kicks in foot ball and in many ways to make them," says the famous gridiron star. "The most common is the long, high punt. McKay, Brown's captain last year, was the best man I ever saw at this style. He held the ball at arm's length and on a level with his head, the ball pointing in at an angle of thirty degrees. He brought his leg up straight to his feet, and his foot turned inward at the same angle as the ball. He caught the ball on the side, giving it the spiral twist. His kick continued through until his foot was over his head.

"In the east the long, low punt is gaining favor. The ball travels about ten yards high, and is hard to handle. Flanagan's quarterback had this kick down the last year. His kicks would travel through the air for twenty yards, hit the ground, then roll forty to fifty yards more.

"The drop kick and place kick will be more important this year, for there is a lack of scoring plays within the twenty-yard line. A team must have a man who can make field goals. The place kick gives more distance, but is less accurate than the drop kick, because two men handle the ball in the former.

"A drop kick is usually made by dropping the ball with a slight tilt backward.

TWO FAST HORSES TO RACE IN AUSTRIA SOON

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 21.—Two of the season's best grand circuit performers will be raced in Austria next year. John E. Madden has sold Soprano, 2:09 1/2, to Leopold Housler of Vienna, the present owner of Bob Douglas, an American bred trotter. Arlo Layburn, from the Gess stable, has been sold to I. Schieringer, and will also go to Austria.

BACK MATERIAL PLENTIFUL

Coaches of Larger College Elevens Are Not Given Any Worry.

EXCELLENT QUARTERS ABOUND

Yale Appears to Have About as Good a Backfield as Any College, Though Some Players Are Not Heralded.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Wealth of backfield material is causing the coaches of the larger college foot ball elevens little or no worry about this department this season. Even the minor colleges report better backs. Almost every season it is the same way. There is always a great deal more trouble in developing a good line than a good backfield, but this season the candidates for the positions behind the line seem to be universally better than for the last few years.

Excellent quarterbacks abound on the important teams. Sprackling of Brown, Howe of Yale, Pendleton of Princeton, Butler of Cornell, either Wigglesworth, Potter or Gardner of Harvard and Thayer of Pennsylvania class with the best of quarterbacks that have ever been turned out in this country. In some special branch of quarterback play all are stars.

Sprackling has a habit of making long runs through a broken field. Howe seems at his best in working trick plays. Pendleton is a fleet runner and as good a halfback as a quarter. Butler has a penchant for kicking field goals. The three Harvard quarters are good all-around players, while practically the same can be said for Thayer.

So much has been said of the other members of the Harvard backfield that it is hardly necessary to discuss further the playing ability of Wendell, Campbell, Morrison and Frothingham, who have been acclaimed by Boston critics as the best machine in the country behind the line.

Yale's Backfield.

Yale appears to have about as good a backfield as any college. Although Kelly, Philbin, Spalding, Anderson and Church have not been heralded with as much display type as the Harvard backs, they are just as likely to appear to good advantage as the crimson man in the big battles of the year. The Bulldog men in the games played so far, Anderson in particular has attracted attention, and from all accounts he is likely to develop into one of the stars of the year.

"Bill" Roper, the coach at Princeton, is especially pleased with the work of the Tiger backs. De Witt and Baker are having an interesting contest for the left halfback job. De Witt is a natural foot ball player and is of strong build. He is not quite as speedy as the other backs, while on the other hand, Baker makes

up in speed what he lacks in weight.

"Tom" Sawyer is almost certain of his place at right half, with Penfield as the most likely for fullback. Penfield has displayed excellent kicking power in all three departments of the game, kicking off, punting and drop kicking. Unless "Addie" Hart, the captain, is not needed on the line Penfield will hold on to the fullback assignment.

Although having the advantage of a veteran line, there has been some worry at Princeton over the slow manner in which the experienced men have developed this year. Every man in the line except Norman, at left tackle, played last year. It is likely that Hart will replace Norman, but otherwise the men who are now in line will probably play against Yale and Harvard. They are: Weight and White, ends; McCormick, tackle; Wilson and McLean, guards, and Blumenthal, center.

The University of Pennsylvania has been having a lot of trouble with a light line, but reports from Philadelphia indicate that the backfield is satisfactory. However, the captain, is said to be the individual star of the team at fullback: Harrington and Kennedy, the halfbacks, are both veterans.

Cornell and Brown both have excellent backfield men, and linemen above the average. In addition to Sprackling, Brown has two men, Tenny and Brothner, who have been doing spectacular work in running up large totals. Marble, Metcalf, Jones and Snell are all doing well for Brown. The Providence collegians have a substitute quarterback who comes from China. His name is Liew, and he is said to be the first Chinese who ever played foot ball in this country.

O'Connor at left half, Hawkins at right half and Underhill at fullback form an excellent set of offensive men at Cornell. There are several good substitutes at Illinois also.

Dartmouth is having trouble all around this year and the team has been changed so many times that neither the back field nor line is certain. Llewellyn, Hogsett, Morey, Dana and Dudley are said to be the most promising backs for the big game.

Fans Still Have Their Choice.

With the Giants and Athletics still to finish you may take your choice of the superiority of the National and American leagues. A Sox fan argues that because the Sox walloped the Cubs without a lookin and the old St. Louis Browns skinned the Cardinals, that proves the American the better league. The National fan can come right back and show that Cincinnati, sixth in the National race, beat Cleveland, third in the American. What the post-season games usually show is the condition of the respective teams at the time. The Cubs were as completely beaten by the Sox as they could have been, and it is not hard to see the chief reason—they could do nothing with Walsh, while themselves having no pitcher anywhere near form. That, of course, must not discredit the grand victory of the Sox.

Carl Morris Takes Up Training Again in New York City

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—With the indomitable pluck that he showed in his fight with Jim Flynn, Carl Morris has again taken up the training grid at the new Polo Athletic club with the declared intention of making good in New York, the scene of his recent disaster. New Yorkers have little time to devote to a lower, and Morris has been cast aside as a hopeless failure by most of the fight fans. Yet to condemn him absolutely may be as much a mistake as was the ridiculous idea that he would be a star of the game at his first attempt.

When analyzed the result of his fight with Flynn shows that he really did wonderfully well when all the facts are taken into consideration. The result of the contest, instead of being a cause for condemnation, should be the cause for high praise. The fact that Morris was able to last for ten rounds with an experienced man of Flynn's caliber was a worthy feat for a novice. If Morris' hitting muscles are developed as they are capable of being Flynn would never last half the distance.

But Morris was poorly handled in spite of the money spent on his training. Instead of work calculated to develop hitting power he got long runs on the road and snap as well. He has never had the use of a well-equipped gymnasium before, and in fact is just becoming acquainted for the first time with the use of the different paraphernalia of an up-to-date training quarters. Morris is only 22 years old, and despite his great size his muscles have not been developed. He is boyish and good-natured as well as intelligent, and like all game men, is free from bluster. Altogether he has a winning personality that causes every one who comes in contact with him to feel friendly toward such a good-natured person from the first.

At the New Polo Athletic club, where he is now training under the management of Billy Newman, Morris will have the benefit of intelligent coaching. A match with some local man will be obtained for him in a few weeks. When the name Al Falzer, Tom O'Rourke's white boy, was suggested to Morris as a possible opponent the big fellow's face lit up in a happy grin. Morris likes fighting and makes light of the injuries received in the Flynn combat. The truth is that while he presented a repelling sight his injuries on that occasion were superficial. His brain was clear and he was strong on his feet, although bathed in blood. This naturally made him look worse than he really was. Whether or not Morris has the latent ability to eventually become a champion is more or less of a mystery. Yet one cannot help admiring a man possessed of such sterling courage and determination.