

# The Six-Day Race Has Them All by the Ears

By "Bud" Fisher



## Judgments

**B**AN JOHNSON never appeared to worse advantage than in his controversy with the National League starting over the ticket-scalping scandal. He has not gained a point, that we can see, but has lost every one. He began by declaring in characteristic manner, that he had proof that Johnson evidently had not expected this to come out. When his best meeting comes off, then, finding himself unable to make good on his war talk, he threatens to stop all professional intercourse between American and National leagues and demands that the American league shut its doors for good. No one is ticket-scalping for such world's championship games as are played on American league territory. The transparency of all this reveals a whipped man trying to make a cloud to blind eyes to his complete fall-down. National league magnates very promptly called to attention the fact that in the recent Giants-Philadelphia world's championship, the American league had charge of the tickets in Philadelphia, so that there was absolutely nothing in this "demand." And as for cutting off all "intercourse" between the two leagues, what intercourse is there that could be cut off except the world's series? And when Johnson talks of not permitting the American league to participate in the world's series with the National, he makes an exhibition of himself. Not so long as the big money is there will even a few fellows like Bancroft Johnson do away with any world series. No one is ticket-scalping in the business that would be heard if anything of that sort was attempted. But there is no danger of Johnson attempting it. President Lynch and other Nationals laugh, reports say, at Johnson's temper and frustration and it is enough to tempt to Johnson. It appears, has been spoiled by overmuch betting and pampering—too much power. He has done a lot for his league and baseball, but he has done more for himself. Some did a little even before he came on the scene of action and it is barely possible that if by any providential dispensation, he were removed from the scene, baseball might go along somehow or other with out him. It is too bad that with so grave a problem as ticket-scalping to be solved, Johnson should have fussed the games as he has done. Before making his ball-chucking and threats, he should have recalled that illustrious and strenuous statesman once said that, "Words are good and only so when backed by deeds." And in the meantime things will drift along in the same old groove and Ban will recover from this grouch just as he has recovered from all the others.

## TY COBB PICKS 1912 WINNER

He Dopes Tigers to Take Over the American League Pennant.

### GIVES ATHLETICS SECOND PLACE

While Chicago White Sox Will Be Hard to Beat, They Cannot Be Considered Seriously as Pennant Hopes.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 16.**—Tyrus Cobb, who is now back in Georgia, says that the Detroit Tigers will win the American league pennant next year. The open season for base ball forecasts is at hand, and the king of hitters is the first to turn prophet. In the course of his remarks he predicted a fight it is natural for Ty to pick the Tigers to finish first. His rating of the teams next year is as follows: Detroit, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Washington and St. Louis.

According to Cobb, luck was against the Tigers last year, but with the brilliant Del Gator back at first the way is paved for a triumph over Connie Mack's outfit. The Philadelphia pitchers, he believes, have now stood up well in three hard campaigns, and the time is ripe for one of the great trio of Bender, Coombs and Plank to fall by the wayside. If any one of the three fails to come up to expectations the chances of the Athletics will be seriously impaired.

Boston may be the dark horse in the race, in Ty's opinion. The Red Sox are sure to finish better than they did last season, and they will probably be in the thick of the pennant fight up to the end of next season. Accidents to star players and the lack of a good first baseman handicapped the team in the last campaign.

**Boston Looms Up.**

With Jake Stahl, a fine first baseman and a hard hitter, back, Boston looms up as a formidable fight contender, according to Cobb. O'Brien, a brilliant young pitcher, who was pronounced a find after pitching a few games toward the end of last season, will be on hand to help Joe Wood. With these two stars in the box, who can win the majority of their games, the chances of the Red Sox are better than in some time.

While the Chicago White Sox will be a hard team to beat and may improve a trifle over last year's form, they cannot be considered seriously as pennant hopes, says Ty. The selection of Jimmy Callahan as manager is a step forward, he admits, but the whole team is too much untried to be developed into a winning machine without a full season's experience.

Ty picks Harry Davis to do well as a manager of the Cleveland Naps, but he selects the team as occupants of fifth place, nevertheless. Brilliant pitching with a demoralized catching staff and infield kept the nine out of the race last year, although it proved strong enough to forge ahead of Chicago and Boston.

Cobb looks for the Red Sox and White Sox to show improvement next year which the Naps cannot checkmate.

The Highlanders, he declares, will not finish better than sixth, and even then will be hard pushed by the Senators. With Clark Griffith at the helm and a few important changes in the lineup, Washington ought to make a better showing. Cobb says that Griffith is due for a change in his career as a manager and fortune will smile on him next season.

## Iowa Boys Who Know the Game



COUNCIL BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM.

## H. S. Basket Ball to Start in Full Play Monday Afternoon

Class basket ball teams will be organized at the Omaha High school tomorrow and on account of the interest that has been taken in the popular gymnasium game some fast quintets ought to be turned out.

Coach Clark will attend the meeting for organization and will discuss plans for the class teams. In addition to coaching the regular squad he will direct the work of the class teams.

The freshman class has already organized. They met last Monday afternoon, elected James Gardner as captain and decided to hold practice in the school gymnasium after 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at the Young Men's Christian association on Saturdays.

The regular school squad will be picked some time this week by Coach Clark. There will be fourteen lads on this squad, enough to carry on practice between two quintets all the time. Preliminary practice was held all last week.

Beryl Crocker, captain, will hold down

his regular position at right guard and Leslie Burkenroad will fill the other guard position. Mahna Berry, last year with the South Omaha High school five, and Harry Munneke, a regular on the team last season, will undoubtedly hold down the forward positions. Just at present Clarence Shary looms up for the center position and has made a good showing in practice so far this season.

Other candidates who are making a strong run for the regular squad include Dave Bowman, who is playing a forward; Sidney Meyer, captain of the junior five last year; Howard De Lamatre, Horace Blake and Finley Jenkins. Kenneth Craig, Earl Baumann and Wallace Menzie are also working hard.

## OMAHA LADS MAY LEARN HOW TO SWIM AT Y. M. C. A.

The week beginning January 8, a big campaign for teaching swimming to the boys and men of Omaha will be inaugurated at the Young Men's Christian association on Saturdays.

Mr. Corson, a swimming instructor of national reputation, will have charge of the work, remaining for the entire week. It is expected that hundreds of boys will learn for the first time the art of swimming.

## High School Boy Has a Record

Robert Wood, captain of the Omaha high school track squad, is considered one of the fastest men in the middle-west in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes and already has a string of records to his credit that give him considerable prestige among western track followers.

He has been able to win a place in every meet entered during the last two years in which time several official records have been chalked up to his credit. His best record and the one which is respected all over the Missouri valley is that of 19 seconds flat for the 100-yard dash, made at Lincoln in the valley interscholastic meet last May. For the 100 yards distance in this meet, on a good track and with no advantage of wind, three official timers clocked him off at 19 seconds flat in the preliminaries.

Wood easily won the finals in 19%, but several officials of the meet then agreed upon 19 seconds as a permissible record. Wood also negotiated the same distance in 19 seconds flat in the interschool track meet with Council Bluffs high school carrier in the season.

He sprung the big surprise of the season by winning first place in the 220-yard dash at Alamo Sugar's outdoor invitation meet, held at Chicago last June. Wood won this event in 22% seconds against a field of some thirty crack interscholastic sprinters, the pick of the middle-west. He holds the Nebraska state interscholastic record of 22% seconds for this distance.

In the local indoor meet held at the Auditorium on April 1, Wood won first place in the interscholastic 50-yard dash, for which the time was 5%. He also was a close third in the championship 50-yard distance, in which F. Kuhn of the Chicago Athletic association won first place in 5%, equalling the world's record, Arthur May, Nebraska's crack sprinter, took second and Wood was only a scant foot behind.

Wood also holds the local high school record for the running broad jump, in which he made 29 feet, 9% inches in the interschool meet last spring. He has also cleared 6 feet 5 inches in the running high jump, but not in competition.

It was thought for a while that he would not be able to take up track work next year, because of failure in studies, but he has now made up all deficiencies and will be able to enter into active training and issue the first call for candidates for the 1912 squad on January 21. Much is expected of Wood in the track contests in which the Omaha High school track team will compete this spring.



ROBERT WOOD.

## Few Changes Are Made This Year in Basket Ball Rules

Basket ball rules for the season of 1911-1912 contain few changes over those of last year and followers of the game will have little difficulty in mastering the minor changes that have been made.

The much-discussed "dribble" rule is still in force, although it was the center of much unfavorable comment last season. Several leading physical training men in different parts of the country advised eliminating this rule altogether, while many coaches and team managers suggested revising it somewhat.

George T. Hepbron of New York, secretary of the amateur rules committee, says of the "dribble" rule: "This rule continues to elicit discussion and, as usual, some say it is too strict, others, it is too lax, while a few say, 'cut it out altogether.'" The committee feels that the rule, as at present framed, strikes the happy medium, and believes it is more conducive to teamwork than the various modifications being tried out by individual teams.

An addition to the rule for putting the ball into play has been made. If, after the ball is placed in play, it is batted outside by both players simultaneously, it shall be thrown up again between the same players at the same spot as before. This rule formerly only contained provision for putting the ball into play after it had been knocked out of bounds by one player.

Section 23, of Rule 11 is slightly changed to read, "There shall be no tackling, holding, pushing or body checking of an opponent under any circumstances." Changing the clothing or person of a player with one or both hands, or putting one or both hands about a player's interpreted to mean holding.

The usual rule of allowing a player five seconds to hold the ball out of bounds is still in force. The rules governing roughness and disqualifications remain unchanged. One important rule which is the same as that of last season is the one that reads, "A man once removed from the game cannot play again during the game."

Other changes are minor ones. They pertain chiefly to slight changes in the wordings of some paragraphs and to presenting clearer interpretations of certain clauses. Several superfluous words have been struck out of some rules where the meaning is obvious.

## Improvement Shown By Contestants in Game of Walking

**NEW YORK, Dec. 14.**—Any ordinary observer who attends athletic meets must admit the growing popularity of walking. This fact is chiefly due to two reasons—the improved performances on the part of the contestants and the increasing familiarity with the merits of this particular branch of sport on the part of the spectators.

It is true that much of the interest is manifested from a comic standpoint, as the efforts of many beginners often appear ludicrous. Nature intended running as a means for man to resort to when desiring to attain unusual speed; therefore to attempt anything beyond a certain limit in fact walking is practically attempting to defeat a law of nature, and its accomplishment is possible only after careful study and long practice.

The heel-and-toe style, of walking combined the best results achieved by students of walking ever since fast walking was tried out, and is based upon scientific principles.

Ordinarily fifteen minutes to the mile is considered brisk walking; twelve minutes may be classed as fast walking, and it is very doubtful if many people can walk a mile under ten minutes with perfect fairness, without resorting to the heel-and-toe style. It is only necessary to attempt this to be convinced that too much resistance is encountered in the common style of walking to attain even this moderate rate of speed.

Therefore, if a ten-minute mile is impossible for ordinary walking, and a six-and-a-half-minute mile actually has been exceeded by adopting the heel-and-toe style, the advantage of the latter becomes apparent and serves as a strong argument that it deserves to become an established feature at all athletic meets.

Many prominent athletes who have distinguished themselves both in running and walking declare the latter to be far the more difficult of the two, not alone in perfecting the style, but also on account of the greater physical strain which it entails.

In order to abide by the rules the body must be perfectly erect at all times, the feet must be rigid every time the heel is placed down and the heel of one foot must be down before the toe of the other foot is raised.

A rolling motion is also imparted to the hip to overcome friction, and this when properly performed induces great speed. The position of the body places a severe strain upon the stomach brought on by the necessary exertion, and unlike running this strain cannot be relieved, as the position of the body permits of no relaxation of the stomach muscles.

By observing the rule requiring the knee to be "locked" every time the heel is brought down practically places the entire weight of the body upon the locked knee. This is very trying and often results in the disqualification of a contestant, who has become too exhausted to comply with this requirement, thus being guilty of unfair walking.

Those competing in the metropolitan district represent America's foremost amateur walkers and range in ability from seven minutes to seven and a half minutes for the mile, although a better time would result with increased competition.

## OPEN ROWING TO BE REVIVED

Canadian Professional Tries to Arrange Match with Arnet.

### DURNAN IS REGARDED AS FAST

Boston Mathematica Ace of the Opinion Greer Would Prove Better Opponent for the Canadian.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 16.**—For years there has been little rowing in open competition by professionals. A revival of it seems certain as a result of the efforts of "Eddie" Durnan, a Canadian professional sculler, to arrange a match with R. Arnet for the championship of the world. This match has fallen through, but developments have arisen from the negotiations which assure Durnan several races next year.

William Haines, a professional sculler of note in Boston, with Durnan, will probably row for the professional single sculling championship of the United States and Canada. "Jig" Gray, the Harvard coach, and Frank B. Greer, four-time senior single amateur sculling champion of Canada and the United States, wish to row the Canadian.

Durnan is regarded as the fastest professional sculler on this side of the Atlantic. He issued a challenge several months ago to Arnet, the professional champion of the world. Arnet accepted on the condition that his terms be complied with. Durnan agreed to many of them, but others he felt would have handicapped him and made the match profitless to him. Arnet suspended negotiations when he learned that all his demands would not be granted.

Durnan wanted the race rowed in Canada. Some years ago he made a trip to Australia to row for the championship. He left Canada in the finest possible condition, but on the long journey across the ocean he became seazick. His condition became grave and he required the services of a physician. On the trip Durnan lost twenty pounds. He rowed the race shortly after his arrival because of stipulations in the articles of agreement, but he had no chance to win.

When the facts became known that Durnan was seeking matches and that the one with Arnet had failed he was challenged by Haines and also by Gray. Some years ago Gray and Durnan were to have rowed, but the Harvard coach found it impossible to meet him after negotiations had been going on some time.

Haines sent a direct challenge to Durnan. The latter replied to it. He said he would meet Haines in the spring in a three or four-mile race in Toronto Bay, Canada, for a purse of \$1,000. The Canadian prefers to row in June. The warmer the weather the better it suits him. The race has practically been arranged. Of the three, Gray, Greer and Haines, the latter will probably get the first chance at the Canadian.

Boston rowing enthusiasts, especially those in the amateur ranks, are inclined to the belief that Greer would prove a more formidable opponent against Durnan than Gray or Haines. Greer is a big, heavy-muscled sculler, a little more than six feet tall, with broad shoulders and undisciplined skill with the sculls. Greer proves a consistent champion. He had tremendous power. He wrestled the honor from C. S. Titus of this city at Worcester some years ago.

He retired from the amateur ranks to accept a position as trainer for crews. He still does considerable rowing. He is enthusiastic about a chance to meet Durnan. He believes he can defeat the champion decisively. He is a much taller, broader and stronger man than Durnan. He has never rowed in competition a greater distance than a mile and a half. Durnan, on the other hand is well accustomed to traveling three and four miles.

The key to success in business is the judicious and persistent use of newspaper advertising.

## NEW BOHEMIAN CHESS CLUB OPENS SEASON

The Bohemian Chess club, organized a short time ago, playing at Bohemian Turner hall, is progressing nicely, and judging by the interest taken in it the indications are that it will have a large membership. As is to be expected, some of the players are only beginners in the game, but all are willing to learn.

The following game, played last Saturday, is a sample of the average game played:

WHITE. BLACK.  
Martin Siera. Emil Jacina.  
IRREGULAR DEFENSE.

1. P. K. 4. W. K. R. 3.  
2. P. Q. 4. W. Q. 4.  
3. P. K. 3. W. K. K. 2.  
4. K. K. B. 3. P. K. K. 4.  
5. B. K. 3. W. B. 4.  
6. P. Q. 3. W. P. K. 7.  
7. Q. Q. 2. P. Q. Kt. 4.  
8. Castles. Q. R. Kt. Q. B. 2.  
9. K. Kt. 2. W. Kt. 3.  
10. Kt. K. 2. P. Q. Kt. 4.  
11. R. B. 3. P. Q. B. 2.  
12. P. Q. 3. W. K. Q. 1.  
13. Kt. Kt. 3. W. Kt. 2.  
14. P. K. R. 4. P. R. 4.  
15. Kt. R. 2. W. Kt. K. 2.  
16. P. K. 2. W. R. 3.  
17. B. Q. 3. W. K. K. 3.  
18. P. K. 3. W. P. K. 3.  
19. P. K. 3. W. Kt. 3.  
20. B. K. 3. W. Kt. 3.  
21. P. K. 3. W. P. 3.  
22. P. K. 3. W. R. 3.  
23. Q. B. 2. W. B. 3.  
24. Q. Kt. check, and mates with the next move.

**Hand Ball Semi-Finals.**

The hand ball tournament in the noon gymnasium class has reached the semi-finals. A great deal of interest has been aroused by this tournament and the rivalry has been intense.

## SWIMMING STUNTS NEW YEARS AT THE Y. M. C. A.

In addition to the big cross-country run which the physical department will pull off on the morning of New Year's day, Mr. Maxwell is planning an interesting swimming exhibition to be given on New Year's afternoon. The committee on aquatic, Mr. Werber, chairman, is promoting this, and the public is assured of an excellent program. Both men and women are invited to this exhibition, which is free of charge. New Year's day is the one day in the year when all departments are thrown open for the inspection of both men and women, and this makes the reception and open house a very popular event.

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The changes at Sioux City ought to prove strong all around. The new owners, Hutchins, Hanlon and Kerby, all Sioux City men, are well liked there and have plenty of finance. The town is ripe for business. The feature of this change is that it puts Second Base and Andreas in as manager and relegates Babe Towne from his old job as high private behind the bat. Babe still is some catcher and this change may prove very helpful. Red Andreas is popular in Sioux City if he isn't elsewhere on the circuit. He is a good ball player and resourceful, far more so than Towne.

With Ned Hanlon and John Montgomery Ward as president and business manager respectively of his Boston Nationals, the new owner, Mr. Gaffney, should have no trouble in getting a winning team. Those two old-time players and sharks at the game—two of the brainiest men base ball ever knew—ought to build a winning team out of losing material. But at that, Boston had some material at the close of 1911 that should prove strong in 1912.

The January number of the Base Ball Magazine is a humdinger, or words to that effect. It has enough good old dope on the good old game to feed a hungry mid-winter fan for a week. The recent article from Tim Lincecum being the desert of the month. The magazine is unique and it branches out in this number into the fistic arena with two good stories, "Around the World With Jack Johnson" and "Life of Matty Baldwin."

Brother Dave has been burning shavings all winter. Not that he couldn't get the coals, but it's been so mild he didn't need them and besides Pa says burning coals teaches the boys to smoke corn-cob pipes and he doesn't like that. He has had enough time breaking some of them of their agricultural habits.

Jack Holland fell on a bowling alley recently and broke an elbow, but since he has made \$40,000 in St. Joe in the last two years, his elbow probably doesn't hurt him much.

President Murphy has bought First Base man Gaudin of Montreal, the man Coneskey canned. Well, Ty Cobb was canned once, just once.

Also, it is no cliché that big Gus Williams will not play with Omaha in 1912.

Look out for Izzy at Des Moines, etc.

## Grade Youngsters Practice for Tests

The grade school youngsters put in some busy hours last week practicing for the tests in chinning the horizontal bar which will be held during the second week in January under the direction of Raymond L. Carns, superintendent of athletics.

Judging from the showing made by the boys in practice, this test will be the hardest of any which come under the athletic contests. It is new to most of the boys and they have considerable difficulty in mastering the knack of raising themselves any number of successive times. Many of the boys lack enough strength in their arms and the ability to keep the body in the right place while chinning themselves.

To pass the test in the first class the boy must chin the bar nine times in succession and in the second he must raise up six times without stopping. In the third class, four times is the requirement.

After the chinning tests are completed all the boys' total showings for all four tests will be tabulated and those who have passed the requirements will be awarded medals. First class award is a gold filled medal, second class silver one and those who are successful in the third will receive bronze ones.

The school having the largest number of boys who pass in all the tests will be awarded five points towards the big outdoor meet which will be held next spring. Banners and pennants are also included in the list of individual school awards.