

Jeff Never Was Any Good at Spelling, Anyway

Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

THE third "organized" major league talk is again revived. It revolves around a recent visit by Ban Johnson and Ed Barrows, president of the International league, made to Cleveland, Buffalo and Toronto. It is, of course, part of the purported scheme for fighting the Federal. Since the futile efforts of organized base ball at whipping the outlaws through civil procedure and since it has been unable to crush it by other means it might not be surprising if this third league materialized, although on what it would subsist we do not know. Not on patronage, we assume, judging from the receipts at other box offices. If it is a case of the survival of the fittest, the sooner it comes the better. One thing is certain, since that Jolt Johnson received from Curt, organized base ball, grand old cart that is, must go along with a little more head to the players' right to share the right-of-way from now on. Despite Johnson's windy fulminations, he got an awful wallowing and the exhibition has not helped his prestige any with the general base ball public.

While various cities are enjoying Chief Johnson from pitching, it does not take a court order to keep some pitchers nearer home, of whom we wot, from pitching.

It must be admitted that Judge Bissell's logic in pointing out the fatality of the ten-day clause because it failed to provide mutuality of the contract would have been more lucid and convincing if the player in the case had been some other than the well known Harold Chase, who has never regarded the weight of a contract as much heavier than a feather.

Detroit managed to uphold its end of a riot with Washington the other day, even though Ty Cobb was not on the ground. It is interesting also to note that when young Mr. Morgan of the Senators ran up to Sheridan with menacing mien he was met by a straight jolt from the veteran ump's good right arm. It may have dawned on him just then that Sheridan is an undertaker by profession, though we don't know that he umpires merely to drum up trade.

Pa Bourke has dispensed with the services of Mr. Ebon Clossman. The only mistake Pa made was to delay the dispensing for a year. Ebbie is a nice boy, but we never would have guessed him a Class A pitcher.

Eddie Plank and Chief Bender, the old guard of the Athletics, are the king pitchers of the American league. Christy Mathewson of the National. You can't beat 'em. Even shortening Plank up an inch or so didn't faze him. As a matter of fact, his achievement stands out as one of the phenomena in the history of athletics. He laid an invalid most of last year, then comes out a man of 42—and takes his old place at the top of the list, a list of the greatest pitchers, perhaps, ever assembled in one league. It takes quality to do it, just as it takes quality to do what old Matty and Bender are doing.

A thoughtful man watching the Omaha pitchers wonder why they do not study the prime art of pitching, the thing that has made most of the great pitchers—control. Most of our youths, as well as most of the Western league pitchers, throw two or three times the number of balls in a game that Mathewson, for example, would throw, and then wonder why they are all in by the eighth or ninth inning or earlier? Headwork is the need.

Sanborn of the Chicago Tribune will set few arguments on his assertion that Ty Cobb has harmed more than helped base ball. The force of this must be especially apparent to the man who meets the payroll of the Detroit team. Ty is said to be contrite and anxious to get back into the game and give his employer all he has. Yes, but in the meantime his team's chances of winning the pennant probably have gone a-slimmering, largely because Tyrus decided it would be fine sport to whip the butcher. Of course, there is another vital point and that is the diversion of base ball interest from playing to paying since the advent of the Cobb star.

No, as the Sporting News suggests, laying Cleveland's first position to a "lack of harmony in the team" explains nothing. "When was there harmony in that team?"

Up to this writing our esteemed Omaha base ball nine has played eleven games on its present roster with nine winners and three. The climax of its exhibitions was that double tragedy at Denver last Sunday. Any one of a dozen reasons might explain the situation; take your pick.

"Fechers" Graham turned into a veritable lemon for the Shoux when he went in and pitched against them.

Johnny Evers and Maranville and a few others have put the finishing touch on those Boston Braves so that they hardly know themselves these days.

Another pitcher? Well, here's hoping.

Pa's boys will soon be out of Kansas.

TAKES GINGER TO WIN OUT

Local Nines Forging to the Front Are Full of "Pep."

LIVE GAME THIS AFTERNOON

Leland Giants of Chicago and Stars Triumphs to Play at Rourke Park and Settle Some Old Scores.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

In looking over the local base ball talent that was already on the job and also taking in the new ones that have bobbed up this season you will find some mixture not only in nationality, but several other ways. The contrast between a pair of rangers that shook pass last Sunday stood out rather conspicuously. Any national fan could easily see why one team, although its lineup looked the sweetest on paper, was compelled to take the short end of a close score. The boys that copped the grapes played the game as if they were in love with it and they had all the stuff on deck that is essential for a winning ball club, namely, pepper, harmony, the old fighting spirit intermingled with an occasional base ball joke. The torrid weather didn't seem to bother the winners because they were on the field to play base ball, consequently climatic conditions came in for a secondary consideration. Now let us wander to the team that opposed them.

These fellows aforementioned should have won the game as they have got the material if they only injected the proper dope. But they are a little puffed on themselves and they just play as if they had duty bound to stay on the field until the adjudicator pushed them off. No excitement is roused up in their stolid frames and when one of the gang does pull off a phenomenal play it is taken as a matter of course with no emotion whatever attached to it. They play the game in a mechanical way. This is only one example.

Must Be Live Wires.

In order to have a winning combination the majority of the members must be live wires. In the club taken for an example about two are built on the live wire plan. But it will be impossible for them to keep up their style of play unless the rest of the crew wake up and change or the live ones tie up with some congregation that go hand in hand with their methods.

Real Article Today.

If you want to see a real chocolate base ball team in action today trot out to Rourke park and see the conflict between the Stars and the Union Giants that hail from Chicago. Guess the majority of fans will remember their visit here last season. They looked rather sugary, consequently the Stars will have to ramble some today to cop the long end. What the Giants did yesterday and what they can do today is a different story. At that the Omaha insects must take in consideration that the Stars as a general rule only play one game a week and the Tar Babies toss the horseshoe every day, except when inclement weather prevails. In all probability Sanders will whiz them across the crockery for the Stars today, and it makes no difference what kinker the leader of the opposition picks, they won't get away with this debate if the Reds crew give Sanders at least mediocre support.

Diamond Plotam.

That famous Moose club team called in the undertaker.

On the initial pouch Bob Koran is doing excellent work for the Farrell Syrus.

For several weeks John Hickox of the Workmen team has been on the sick list.

Clint Clair is playing under cruel conditions. He has a split finger and a bum ankle.

Last Sunday Cromer Coady picked several round boys for his services with Wisconsin, Neb.

Occasionally the McGraw Electric gets a batting streak and it is a tough matter to stop them.

For the A. O. U. W., Joedy Gilman was up on his toes like a big show artist last Sunday.

In Hoped, Grant and Williamson, the Townsends have a trio in the outer works who are stronger than onions.

Down at Arlington, Neb., Guinan surprised the natives when he pulled one out of the clouds with one paw.

Shook, who was shook from the Mickel's Victrolas, is doing well for the recently organized Athletics.

Uncle Sam Feltnan was the big noise when he pitched for the Stars last Sunday. He copped a pair of safe blows.

The Wagners were only able to secure three hits off of Sullivan, the Twenty-Fourth Street Merchants' kinkster.

Harvey Baker is now kinkster them for the Holy's. He has a world of steam coupled with quick breaking legs.

Mattie Mathewson, who used to be the star kinkster for the Farrell Syrus, is laid up with a broken leg at Denver.

Ed Ferron struck out a dozen of the Chris Lycks and only allowed these dangerous gents with the pole six hits.

Moss Howard, the dandy slybumpier first sacker of the Stars and Stripes, is out of the city spending his vacation.

By letting the Council Bluffs Imperials hand them a lemon the Stars and Stripes have now dumped a quartet of games.

But the Chris Lycks were real slick all last week after unloading 12 rocks to the Dundee Wagon Mite congregation.

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Up an Interesting Schedule for Today

GAMES TO BE PLAYED BY LOCALS TODAY:

Against U. W. against Emil Hansson, second game at Fort Omaha.

Twenty-fourth Street Merchants against Brodsgard Crownin, first game at Fort Omaha.

Stars against Union Giants at Rourke park.

Chris Lycks at Mondamin, Ia.

Fort Motor company against Omaha Rubber company, first game at Florence park.

Wagners have grounds for second game at Florence park.

Florence Athletics at Bennington, Neb. Stars and Stripes at Dunlap, Ia.

Joe Smiths against Atlantic, Ia., second game at Athletic park, Council Bluffs.

Vinton Street Merchants against Beacon Press, second game, east diamond, Fontelle park.

Mickel's Victrolas at Fontelle, Neb. Armour's at Blair, Neb.

G. D. Kiplingers against West Side Electric, first game new diamond Elmwood park.

Fontelles against Ak-Sar-Bens, Thirty-first and Taylor streets.

Imperials against Jepsen Brothers, first game west diamond Fontelle park.

Krebb Transfers against West End Merchants, first game at Chris Lyck park.

Alamitos against Western Auto Supply, Fort Crook at 3:30 p. m.

Wagon Mite Merchants against Nebraska Auto School, first game at Miller park.

Monmouth Parks against Brown Park Pharmacy, second game at Miller park.

Advo against Murphy Dids, first game, east diamond, Fontelle park.

Townsends against Luxus, second game at Chris Lyck park.

Dundee Woolen Mills Reserves against Wagon Mite Reserves. This game will probably be forfeited to the Dundee Woolen Mills Reserves.

Trimbles Brothers against Auto Row, east diamond, Fontelle park, second game.

Dundee Woolen Mills at Wahoo, Neb. Montclair at Bellevue, Neb.

Brandels Stars against King-Peck company at Fort Omaha this morning.

F. O. Humonobles against Browning King & Co., Fontelle park this morning.

Thomas Kilpatrick company against Rexel Shoe company, Chris Lyck park this morning.

Walter G. Clarke at Portomouth, Ia. South Omaha Ramblers against Council Bluffs Imperials, first game at Athletic park, Council Bluffs.

Holly against South Omaha Polish Athletic club, first game at Thirty-second street and Dawson avenue.

Black Kats at Plattsmouth, Neb.

Chance Robs Credit.

Manager Chance has taken on for either a trial or farming purpose Milton Warner, the 17-year-old pitcher of the Tawnee Hill club, Council Bluffs.

Warner is more than six feet tall and weighs 115 pounds.

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