

SILK HAT HARRY'S DIVORCE SUIT

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Drawn for The Bee by Tad



Judgments

There is one well-oiled, smooth-running cog in the Rourke machine that is overlooked by the ordinary fan even in his most critical analysis of the local Western league team, and that well-oiled, smooth-running cog has been the means for a number of Omaha victories this year. Ray Miller is that vital part of the machine which saves many a game and yet does not figure prominently in the sensations of the battles. It is not Miller's hitting of which we are speaking. Miller has been performing mightily well at the bat, assuredly, and his hits have counted in the Rourke wins, but effective slugging never escapes notice. It is Miller's fielding of which we speak. A casual glance would not betray any particularly bright streak of fielding on the part of Miller, but a more studied observation will show that Ray is about the classiest first-sack custodian Omaha has had in many a year. Never has there been a first baseman in Omaha who has been the superior of Miller at foot-work. He glides around the bag in faultless style, and he shifts position with the throws more easily and more smoothly than any other first baseman in the loop. And another virtue Miller possesses is his ability to scoop them out of the dirt. Nine out of ten first basemen will let low throws get away from them. It is not an error for a first sacker to let a low throw get away from him, the fielder makes the throw gets it. But Miller hasn't missed a low throw, no matter how difficult the scoop may have been, this year. And Kilduff and Burg have sent a lot of them his way. Not only does Miller save errors for his mates by his fielding, but he gives the other infielders confidence, they know he will capture the throw if it is possible, and that means fewer hits will be beaten out because of the over-activity of the infielders to make the play. He's a mighty big asset to a ball club, is Miller, and Omaha is fortunate in that he is a Rourke.

UMPS START MANY FIGHTS

Amateur Association Confronted With Many Protests Over Decisions of Munny Arbiters.

TWO TEAMS FIRED BY CITY

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

The robbers, yeggmen, porch climbers, gentlemen burglars, etc., as called by the fans and players, otherwise known as umpires, are having oodles of trouble this season. Evidently there is a screw loose somewhere, or if not, the fans and players are so enthusiastic they temporarily forget that the gink out in the middle of the diamond is only a mere man, and all of their ugly remarks cut him to the gizzard. If the latter is correct, then the fans should use better judgment and cut out and frame the harsh words, but if the umpires are at fault then a corrective treatment of some kind should be resorted to. Last season when the umpires were picked at random, apparently, the teams were better satisfied, or if otherwise they kept their inward thoughts in seclusion, because the directors did not have to battle with as many protests all season during 1915 as have already been ushered in this year.

Two Teams Canned.

Two teams, namely, the Hollys and Trimble Bros., have received instructions that their presence will not be tolerated hereafter on the municipal lots. The members of both these teams are gentlemen off the field and the writer is unable to conceive how they could be such roughnecks as to deserve the punishment meted out to them. As the writer understands the situation, the Recreation board is catering to the public and especially the class that are unable to spend their hard-toiled-for kale for luxuries. Now the Hollys are one of the best teams and one of the most popular in the City league and have a large bunch of followers. Is it right to make the persons that would like to see the Hollys in action be compelled to dig up 25 cents for this privilege? The writer would suggest that a suspension for two weeks would be enough punishment for the first offense, or, better still, arrest the parties at fault, make them pay their fine in police court the same as any other fellow that delights in demonstrating the way he can utilize his lunch hooks. If these ball players that want to fight a couple of \$10 fines with expenses to pay it wouldn't be long before the roughneck stuff would be obliterated.

Teams Cut to Limit.

Thursday ushered in the day for all the magnates of the different teams to cut down the membership from fifteen to an even dozen. Superfluous players that were retained until June 1 will now be offered an opponent to hook on with some contingent that is in a depleted state. You managers ought to cast your lamps around, for it is a lead pipe cinch that some good timber was unloaded last week. On June 15 the hooks will be closed and unless a team is the victim of unfortunate circumstances unforeseen at this hour it will be impossible to sign a player after that date. By decorating the Bourgeois congregation with a defeat on Decoration day the late representing the Luxus suits works knotted up the first stall in the Greater Omaha league. It was a great argument and the Bourgeois lost out in the final chapter after a strenuous battle to retain their position at the top of the ladder. The Omaha Gas company crew are tied up with the Luxus. Of course, the chances are good for either team to inoculate the dropsy today, for the Gas Company meet the Armour and the Luxus will take on the Bourgeois again. Homer Hall, the leader of the Gas children, says that if his congregation of stars are tied with the Luxus when they meet again he will asphyxiate the enemy.

Three Are Knotted.

In the City league the Hollys, Beselios and Murphy did it's are tied up for first place, but some gang will have to move down the ladder this afternoon. The Beselios and Hollys will meet at Luxus park at 1:30 p. m. One gang of the other will have to take a back seat. This game will be hard fought and will undoubtedly prove magnificient as a crowd drawer. In the American league the Omaha Bicycle Indiana and the Chris Lycks are tied up with an average of eight hundred for the upper berth, while the J. D. Crews and the South Omaha Merchants are tied for second place. Some of the teams in this league are not dishing out the bread of baseball there are capable of, but in event they come out of their trances, the leaders will receive more damage than a tornado could inflict. The Southern league is going along nicely contrary to predictions forecasted some moons ago. At the present writing the Corr Electric and the Fairmont Delicias are guarding the top spot, but one of them will have

to go away back and squat today, for they will cross bats this afternoon to temporarily decide which team will retain the exalted position.

Matters look unusually bright for the Stars to gloat the rag in the Metropolitan league. So far they have played seven games and iced the bunch. The Walnut Grove Athletics are close on their trail.

Seems as though the Tradesman have boosted themselves rather high in the booster league and it will be a difficult matter for the other teams of this league to start them cellarward. The Krajiecks are leading the Inter-City league. They have played six games and nailed them all. In coop two you will find the Brown Park Juniors with one game dropped out of seven bloodless battles.

Joe Smiths Start.

Last Sabbath the Joe Smiths fired off their first shot which killed the aspirations of the remaining tribe from Lincoln, Neb., and on Memorial day they smothered the Stars and Stripes. The park they utilize is now in dandy shape and they are ready to meet all comers, being especially anxious to transport teams from any neighboring village in the radius of one hundred miles. For further information write to Al Storm, 30 Pearl street, Council Bluffs. They will meet Harlan, Ia., today.

A large crowd is looked for at Rourke park this afternoon when the Bradens warriors will pounce on the dusky rats from Tennessee and endeavor to hold them in submission, so they will not travel around the paths as if there were a cat on their trail. The Tennessee Rats have already amply demonstrated the fact to the fans that have seen them perambulate on the turf that they are a tough combination to feed on lemons. Both teams are in the pink of condition for this fracas, so in all probability a contest worth the nicks with interest and compound interest at that will be staged.

GOTCH WILL NOT WRESTLE

Champion Announces He Will Not Leave Circus to Tackle Stecher in Omaha Labor Day.

WOULD LOSE BIG WAD OF COIN

It's all off. There will not be any Frank Gotch-Joe Stecher wrestling match in Omaha on Labor day, as so many wrestling fans fondly hoped. After months of speculation, during which the fans prayed and hoped, but yet did not anticipate, negotiations have been called off. Gotch has at last said he will not meet Stecher on Labor day. He made this definite assertion in Decatur while appearing there with the circus. It seems that the circus will not permit Gotch to break his contract with them, which calls for his services until November. Also Gotch, collecting large sums of easy kake with the show, doesn't care particularly about breaking the said contract. In Decatur he said quitting the circus to wrestle Stecher Labor day would mean a loss to him of at least \$18,000, even though he were guaranteed 40 percent of the gate receipts on the big match. Gotch cannot see why he should pass up \$18,000 just to wrestle Stecher, who might trim him. Of course this does not mean Gotch and Stecher will never meet. Frank may be willing to tackle Joe after he has through with the show game. It is not likely, however, the match will now be staged for another year, as it is such a big event and would draw so many people no promoter would stage it indoors. He would want to stage it in the open. So if Gotch and Stecher ever do meet it probably won't be until next summer.

The announcement of Gotch that he will not wrestle leaves all interest compounded in the Stecher-Lewis match here on July 4.

RACING INTEREST

CENTER ON BENSON

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from a greater part of the states within the radius of these points.

Fred Ward Arrives.

Among the nationally famous turf men who are here for the Benson meeting is Fred Ward, superintendent and trainer-in-chief at the Hemet Stock farm, Hemet, Cal. Mr. Ward, one of the most successful and result-getting handlers in the country, arrived at the Benson plant with sixteen head, including several fancy steppers that should be reckoned with before the week is over. Of the harness horses which have answered the call on Nebraska tracks are the two well known trotters, Great Northern and Doctor Way. Both of these hopefuls are owned by Mr. Ward.

He also has with him the pacer, Hemet, a 3-year-old with a mark of 2:08 1/4, a horse that the talent figures will make them all go some. Another of Mr. Ward's charges is the filly, Abbie Lou, a 3-year-old trotter with a mark of 2:1 1/4. Abbie Lou won all of the futurities for 3-year-olds on the coast last year and has been the cynosure of many horsemen's eyes since she took quarters at the Benson plant. A promising looking string from West Point, Neb., arrived at the Benson plant yesterday. Roy Owen, a veteran horseman of Nebraska, who is handling the West Point Point representation, hopes to check out with some of the purse money.

Following the Benson meeting Mr. Owen will take his charges over to the Nebraska Midway circuit, which comprises Nebraska City, Auburn, Aurora, Kearney and Fremont, and will be back at West Point in time for the opening races there July 18. Reports

from West Point point to a successful season for harness racing.

Of course, the local horses are being worked overtime in preparation for the meeting. The stars of Al Thomas' classy looking string went through their paces in fine style last week, and it's safe to say this well-known member of the horse racing fraternity will not be far down the line when they hand out the purses to the winners.

The East Omaha plant of the local driving club will be represented with ten or twelve head at the Benson meeting—and "represented" is the word. While many of the boarders at the track made famous by Otis M. Smith, Ed Peterson et al. are not being started this early, horsemen are making unlimited mind wagers that those that do glide under the Benson wire this week will not inhale very much dust from preceding travelers.

The Benson management has announced exhibition miles each day of the meeting by Babe King, the world's fastest racing pony, owned by Miss Frances Dennison. Babe King will step against time each afternoon, with Jim Ronin, the well-known trainer-in-chief at the East Omaha track, handling the reins.

The following are the officials for the three days' meeting: F. D. Van Felt, starter; C. M. Buck, head judge; H. V. Reisin, clerk of the course; Gene Melady, lead timer; Ed Creighton, assistant timer. The success of the Memorial day matinee at the Omaha Driving club's track has been a big topic of discussion in local horsedom all week. Omaha's high-pitched interest in harness racing on a good, clean scale moves the driving club officials to announce that another matinee will probably be held some time this summer.

Otis M. Smith, secretary-treasurer of the driving club, and Ed Peterson, president, both expressed themselves as being exceedingly well pleased with

the support given the game by horse race loving Omahans.

Horsemen are still talking about the class A trot at the matinee, which will go down in local racing history as the stake race. Garrety, the little bay stallion from Texas, seemed to be a trifle gamier than the rest of the field and won; on the face of things, Garrety didn't have any more speed, but the horse had the stamina and managed to be the first under the wire. The talent is wondering whether the starters in this event could "hit 'er up" as well this week as they did last. Irene Beau and Hal McKinney showed their acknowledged class in the free-for-all pace, neither of them being near out of speed when they flashed before the judge's stand at the finish.

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Mr. A. S. Shuh of 1127 Third St., Cincinnati, O., has written a very interesting booklet giving the history and secrets of this process, which is being mailed with a Free Trial offer to anyone sending him their name and address.

Sandlot Quips and Quirks

Hereafter the South Side Merchants of the Inter-City league will be known as the Tomatoes.

Maher and Potach, tinkers for the Beselios, each have a one-bit game to their credit this season.

Frank Novak has resigned as chief cook and bottle washer for the Gate City Machine Works aggregation.

Ohio Bowley, formerly with the Luxus, is now sleeping around in the infield for the Joe Smiths in a faultless manner.

Last Sunday Grimm of the South Omaha Merchants demonstrated that he could move his peddle some when he stole home.

Roy Carlin has been released by Trimble Bros. and he is now a member of the Southeast Improvement club gang.

In five games only seventeen hits have been allowed by the Beselios, while the Beselios have garnered fifty-four.

Rudy Eggers would like to secure his release from the Mickel Victrolas so he could step up with the Murphy Did It's.

By the addition of Sherer the Beselios infield has been bolstered up considerably. He is a classy fielder, with oodles of pep.

Henry Tomack is a regular Benjie Kauff in the outfield for the Corr Electric and he somewhat resembles Cobb when at bat.

Last week the Chicago Street Merchants slipped one over on Hibbler's Cube when they grabbed the grapes to the taste of 2 to 1.

Prad Widemeyer was sure stinging them on the nose last Sunday when he stepped three to the land of safety for the Tradesman.

Doyle and Red Diaz, recently attached to the Chicago Street Merchants and undoubtedly strengthen this aggregation considerably.

Front of the Ducky Holmes is now remodeling the front of the Beselios' dugout. He generally bumps 'em against the fence.

The W. U. Electrical club surprised the natives last Sunday by making a game evidently they have bolstered up their lineup.

Supervisor Clark jumped in the ring during the Hammer-Tack Street Merchant tussle and assisted Duce to do the adjudication.

Up at Lyons, O'Brien and Schneider of the Beselios are making a game of it, skimming the horseshoe in all corners of the lot.

Behind the pan Roaster is performing like a big show goat for the Beselios. His pot plays a conspicuous part in all of their taggins.

Works. Under his supervision this gang should go skyward.

For the Merchants' Hotel, Bob Peterson cracked four on the smaller out of six trips in the platoon against the Omaha Printing Company.

In the center patch George Balderson is pulling down the sky ticklers for the Joe Smiths, and is also bumping them rather hard with the ball.

Now that Harry Cross is no longer a member of the Greater Omaha league a purple staff he will probably hook on with some team in the big four.

Lefty Hiatt is knocking them in grand style for the Beselios, but the geezers behind him fail to produce enough runs so he can cop the grapes.

Old Man Lawler of the Brandels team binged three on the nose that proved detrimental to the hope Blair, Neb., had of winning the Brandels.

Morrison, the Corr's new pitcher from Lincoln, is striking 'em out like a crap man. He sent sixteen back to the bench talking to the manager last Sunday.

After walloping the magnates of the Greater Omaha league, all the directors of the Omaha Amateur association are waiting for the big four.

Andy Anderson made his presence felt during the match between the two Beacon press teams when he joined one at an opportune and critical moment.

George Hotel had the home run fever last Sunday. He put two over the boards for the team and another whack went just as far, but the umpire judged it a foul.

It seems as though all the teams in the Inter-City league find it a tough proposition to get a hit in or through the pasture which F. Duce is the custodian.

Edward Gurooss, the delivery clerk for the Armour, staged a neat twisting duel with Trunk of the Luxus, but he failed by one point to land in Camp Victory.

Hubback of the Gate City Machine Works rammed into the linchpin when he made fourteen of the South Side Merchants bump the air with their chin straps.

On the initial punch the Tradesman gave a knock labeled Walter Howe that with his line of chatter has been up the balance of the crew during Gurooss' monologue.

Archie Hunter's Ombra, the disruptive Verano crashed one for the Inuit and Butek also crashed one for the trout. These hits were for Ducky Holmes' arm.

Behind the bat Billy Rhoads is the popular Sude for the Beselios. The fighting spirit means truly out of fields from the ball until the last spot is created.

The Corr Electric are especially anxious to secure a league out of town for September day. Address Frank Hubback at 314 South 13th street, or answer Trunk 1341.

The Inter-City league will meet at the city ball park Wednesday. All the magnates of this league should attend, as several matters of vital importance have to be found so.

With Albert Widemeyer on the rubber and George Goodenough behind the stick, it is a difficult matter for the opposition to get in the count against the Tradesman.

It seems, the master patch sensation for the Beselios, that a second last Sunday when he made four hits, four runs, two assists, two steals and stole seven bases.

When Ducky Clark stepped in the plate for the Beselios' first game the Omaha Printing Company boss crashed him out of one point to land in Camp Victory.

Mr. Roaster has not got a thing on Edward Gurooss, the giant that towers the Omaha park. For this reason Gurooss game he is a difficult nut to crack.

For the Beselios, an X-factor stepped up and found a suitable crowd last Sunday. He only allowed the Beselios to score four hits and batted an average of .300.

Archie Hunter brings the credit of defeating the Bourgeois aggregation on Saturday last. While on duty for the Beselios he had a hit and worked perfect at the Beselios.

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