

Judgments

"I've got to have a little bet down to make it interesting," is an expression often heard at athletic events, no matter what may be their character. A week ago at Chicago the American derby was revived after a lapse of twelve years. Every effort was made to suppress the betting. There was no betting ring. Several hundred detectives mingled through the crowd to clamp the firm arm of the law down on handbook makers. Suspected pool rooms in Chicago were watched closely. But, despite all this, reports of the big event carry the news that betting was as brisk as it was in the halcyon days of old. The bookies had the better system and they hoodwinked the promoters and authorities. There is no gainsaying the fact that the American propensity "to take a chance" is omnipresent. As long as there is competition there will be betting. In horse racing this is especially true. Racing of the thoroughbreds has been termed the sport of kings. It is. Unusual is the individual who is not thrilled by the jumpers. Harness racing is merely patchwork compared to thoroughbred racing. But thoroughbred racing will never really come back clean from the betting evil. And yet it is something to wonder at sometimes that horse racing was made a dead issue by reformers, while the wrestler, the boxer and divers others of his kind thrive and prosper by milking the public on fake events, trimming not only the man who risks his money but the man who pays his honesty at the box office as well.

The American league is providing a pennant flight this year that should provide the palpitating fan with sufficient excitement. With the season half over, as yet not a single team has broken away from the field to make a threatening spurt toward the coveted goal. Ordinarily a line on what can be expected can be made at this time of the season, but this year as much doubt covers the eventual outcome as it did when the eight starters broke away from the barrier in April. On form Boston looks the best bet, with the White Sox to follow, but New York and Cleveland have been going great guns and these outsiders are just as likely as not to whizz down the pike to victory. And Washington and Detroit are still fighting for honors with a moderate degree of success. It's an open race in the American league, one which may terminate in almost any fashion and no team is more than an even bet.

The announcement that Columbia may give up rowing, owing to lack of success, will be a sad blow to the Poughkeepsie regatta. In recent years Wisconsin and Georgetown have given up rowing, Stanford and Washington have ceased to go east, and now Columbia is willing to quit. Cornell, Syracuse and Pennsylvania are about all that is left. Rowing is a sport that is little appreciated out here in the west. It causes some furore in the east. But rowing is a difficult sport. It's expensive and it's hard on the men who take part. Six months of strenuous training is necessary for a few short races. It's too hard on men who are also burdened with constant study and it will never be popular except in a few of the larger schools. As a result, the dropping out of one college, like Columbia, is a blow that hurts.

The United States Golf association in its efforts to suppress professionalism among its members, seems to be over-reaching itself a bit. Because the Woodland Golf club of Newton has decided to abide by the national association's decision that Francis Ouimet is a professional, the Woodland club has been denied its membership. The national association is getting so strenuous it almost insists that a man who works for a living shall not be an amateur golfer. It is said Ouimet is not of that "social caliber" which golf properly demands. The national association may mean well, but it's making itself ridiculous and organized golf is going to sail a turbulent sea if it continues along its present lines, permitting the cheap aristocratic minority to force its undemocratic ideas into use.

Umpires are born, not made, is an old saying. And which way does this apply to Tom Connolly, dean of the American league staff. Connolly never played a game of base ball in his life. In fact he never saw one until he was of age. Tom was born in the old country and it was not until he had reached the voting age that he came to the United States. But he's a great umpire. He is the most popular umpire in the league with the players. Pitchers are always sure they will get their dues when Tom is working. With the batters the same applies. Few arguments and fights ensue over Connolly's decisions. But was Connolly born or made? Here's a chance for argument either way.

It's about time for Barney Dreyfuss and August Herrmann to quit harping on the Slesler case. Continuation of the argument over the services of this player will do no good. Slesler has been awarded to St. Louis and the public isn't crazy to hear any more about it.

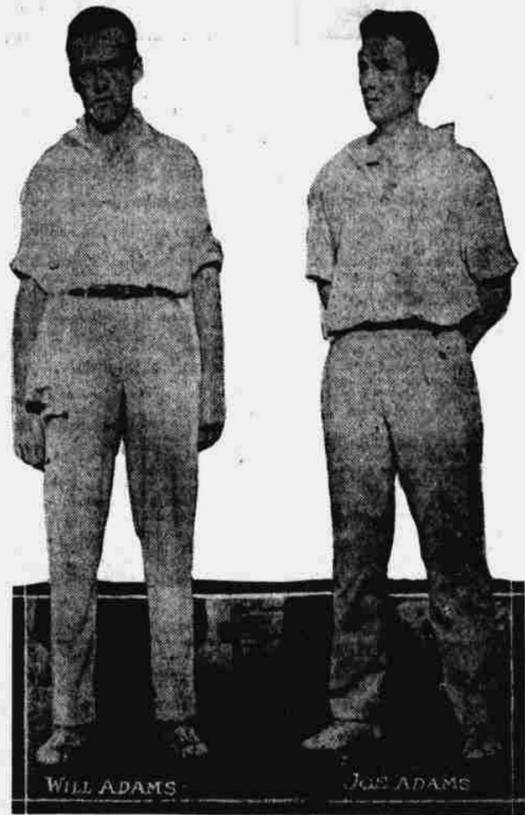
New Mack Infielder Is Son of an Old-Time Star

Eddie King of Amherst college, who has joined the Philadelphia Athletics, is a son of the former star outfielder who played with "Pop" Anson many years ago. Connie Mack of the ex-Champion Athletics will conduct a school of instruction, assisted by Harry Davis and Ira Thomas, in his Philadelphia base ball grounds. His squad includes many promising college players from whom Mack expects to develop a winning combination.

Duluth Spends Huge Sum On Big Rowing Regatta

The Duluth Boat club will hold the national rowing championship over the mile-and-a-quarter straightaway course on St. Louis bay, a land-locked estuary of Lake Superior. The club will spend \$20,000 in bringing crews there for the races, August 11 and 12, which will include singles, doubles, centepeds, four-oared and eight-oared shell races.

HOLDERS OF THE OMAHA CITY CHAMPIONSHIP AT DOUBLES—Joe and Will Adams, who won the tournament from the Potter brothers. Joe Adams was also runner-up in the singles, and made Ralph Powell, winner, do his utmost to win, the match going to two all on sets.



AMATEURS GET SET FOR CITY SERIES

Contests to Decide Championship Titles Will Be Started Second Week in August.

QUIG WANTS A PARADE

BY FRANK QUIGLEY. Next Wednesday night when the directors of the Omaha Amateur association hold their weekly talkfest, first arrangements for the city championship games will be consummated. This season the directors are going to shoot the initial bomb approximately the middle of August, so if Jupiter Pluvius butts in they will be fortified with a couple of extra Sundays.

So far the parade noise has not been stirred up, so the writer might as well start the ball rolling. Last year the base ball parade was a distinct success. About 100 gas carts loaded to the brim with base ball players oozed over the main thoroughfares and amply demonstrated the strength of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association to thousands. This ostentatious exhibit helped considerably to create packed houses for the championship contests, which followed. At the present time the money box of the association only contains \$107.51 to defray the expenses of the various trips and as this amount would only pay for the squares and bunks and because the railroads are averse to floating across with free transportation like some of the local pitchers, something must be done to swell the gate dough. A parade turned the trick last season and unless some wise nut can conceive a plan that will prove more magnetic to draw a crowd, another parade will have to be staged.

Umps Quit Job. Because McDougal and Tompssett, municipal umpires, quit adjudicating at the expiration of the sixth round during the McCarthy Sunnybrooks-Nourse Oil jamboree, the directors ordered that another nine-inning game be booked, the first three innings to decide the game left unfinished. The score of the unfinished game was 14 to 5 in favor of the Sunnybrooks. Tompssett quit barking because he had to go to work at six bells, but the reason why the other fellow quit still remains a mystery.

The directors allowed the Walnut Grove Athletics a game postponed some time ago with the Quiveras. The Albright Merchants asked for a rehearing on their game played with McCarthy's Sunnybrooks, but the directors turned a deaf ear to their plea. The National Cash Registers and Trimble Bros. teams will be allowed a rehearing of their case at the next meeting. The Trimble Bros are the boys that are doing the kicking. The game in question was played on Memorial day and resulted in a 7 to 5 victory for the Registers. Recently the Trimble Bros woke up and found that one of the players, although just an ordinary Class C ball player, was not under contract consequently he was not eligible to participate in said fracas. His contract was turned in the next day and he has played in ever game since then.

Hollander Barred. The directors barred Hollander from playing with the Beddeos, because Manager Hageman of the Trimble Bros, objected, but they allowed the Beddeos to sign up any other Class C ball player they could grab.

Chuck Johnson's contract with the Modern Woodmen No. 945, was declared void.

Pennant At Stake. One of the biggest little games of the season will be on the boards at Thirty-second street and Dewey avenue this afternoon when the Trimble Bros, and the Tradesman put on their farewell bout, which will eliminate one or the other from the chance of staging the final game with the Beddeos for the championship of the Booster league, a Class C organization. At the present writing, the Beddeos, Trimble and Tradesman are knotted for first place in aforementioned league. Intense rivalry exists between these two congregation billed for today, so a classy scrap is looked

for. Game called at three and a half whistles. At 1:30 down at Armour park, the Chris Lycks and the South Omaha Merchants of the American league, will fight it out for second place. Both teams are now tied for roost two. The Omaha Bicycle Indians, leaders of this league, will quarrel at 1:30 p. m., with the J. D. Crews at Luxus park.

OMAHANS' HORSES BRING HOME BACON

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Childs up. Ben Earl, a handsome brown gelding, won his two heats in the 2:10 pacing class, with time of 2:04 1/2 and 2:04 1/4. Ben Earl is a 5-year-old pacer, by The Earl. He was purchased by Peterson Bros. last fall for \$4,000. In ten starts over half-mile tracks last season this par-excellent piece of horseflesh never lost a race. His bow at Cleveland marked his debut on mile tracks. Winning as he did the classic of the initial Grand Circuit meeting, put a long, flashy feather in his cap and gave Omaha more well-earned publicity in the horse world. Ben Earl will be seen in action at the Great Western Circuit races here in August.

R. C. H., owned by Tom Dennison and Peterson Bros., raced out a fourth in the 2:13 pacing class at the Cleveland Grand Circuit meeting Friday. The heat positions were three, five and two. Marvin Childs was driving. This horse obviously has a great future.

Ed Peterson is president of the Omaha Driving club, under the auspices of which the Great Western Circuit meeting here, August 22 to 26, inclusive, will be staged. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Dennison returned from the east yesterday.

Meeting Draws Near. In another month they'll be turning em at the East Omaha track at the harness racing classic of the middle west when the cream of the famous Great Western Circuit's horses will furnish the greatest four days' card ever hung up in this section of the country.

The early closing events present a galaxy of turf stars that, together with the notables, who will be named in the late closing purses, will attract to the East Omaha track racing fans by the thousands. The early closing purses consist of two \$2,000 purses, three \$1,000 purses, two \$500 purses, one stake race with \$300 added.

The late closing purses, which close Tuesday, August 8, are as follows: 2:11 Trot—Elks club purse.....\$ 500 2:18 Trot—Rotary club purse.....\$ 500 2:30 Trot—Commercial club purse.....\$ 500 2:30 Pace—Omaha Printing company purse.....\$ 500 2:31 Pace—Stock Yards purse.....\$ 500 2:31 Pace—Brandete Store purse.....\$ 500 Free-for-all Pace—Alamo Engine.....\$ 1,000

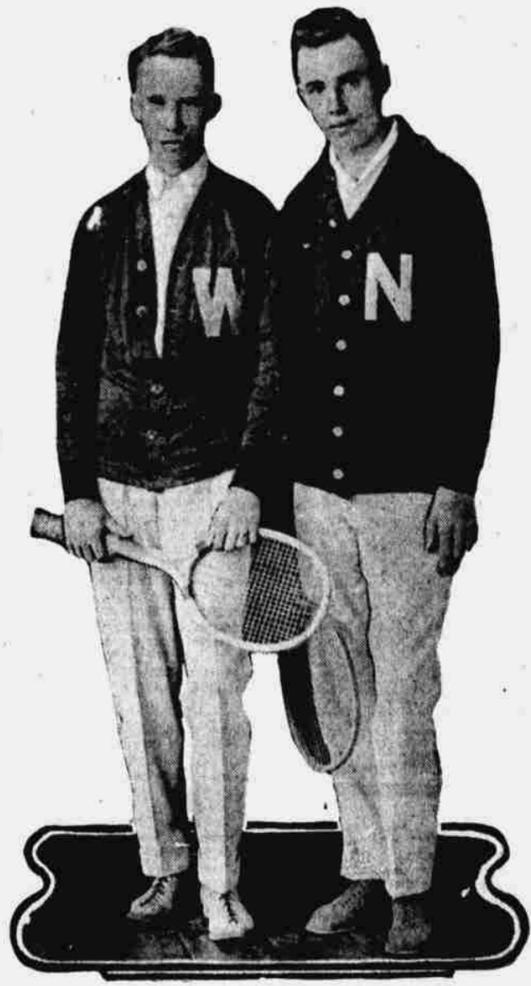
Smith Is Busy Man. Otis M. Smith, prominent local horseman and secretary and treasurer of the Omaha Driving club, will be the busy man for the next few weeks attending to the mass of details incident to the staging of a Great Western Circuit meeting, which, by the way, marks the first time in the history of the state that a Nebraska city has been in that favored class. The August meeting also will mark the first time that a Nebraska harness race has been run for as high as a \$2,000 purse.

The East Omaha track is in ideal condition at the present time. By the time of the big meeting it should easily be the best half-mile oval in the entire United States—and that's covering a lot of territory. But horsemen who have visited the leading tracks in the country, will back up this statement without fear of contradiction.

Horses that have been campaigning around nearby circuits, as well as several steppers from stables from distant parts of the country, are beginning to drift back into Omaha to get ready for the big August classic. From now on the East Omaha track will be the lighthouse for horsemen, horses and followers of the sport from the east and west and the other two directions.

Trek To Omaha Starts. Several stables are expected to breeze into camp after the Wahoo, Neb., meeting on the Nebraska Speed

THIS PAIR HAS LONG HELD THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AT DOUBLES—Clarence A. Davis and Harry H. Ellis of Beaver City, who have defended their title as doubles champions for four successive years, and who won again at Wayne during the week.



CLARENCE A. DAVIS. HARRY H. ELLIS.

association circuit is run August 1 to 3, inclusive. Among the arrivals last week was L. B. Taylor of Newhall, Cal., a prominent horseman of the western state, who has a likely looking string headed by Baxter Lou, a pacer with a mark of 2:10 1/2.

Another Californian on the ground is Mr. Spencer of Santa Rosa, whose string presents a classy headliner in The Proof, 2:08 1/2. He also has in tow a green pacer with a time record of 2:04 made over a mile track. Mr. Spencer is a topnotch California horseman. Owing to an unforeseen state of affairs in the west, when some races up on the north coast failed to fill, he was too late to name any horses for the early closing purses. That his steppers will be nominated for the late closing list goes without saying.

Dennison String to Iowa. Omaha horses are expected to show the followers of the Southwestern Iowa and Missouri Shortspur circuit meetings a few new wrinkles in the racing game. A delegation of local harness speedsters will be taken over to Corning, Ia., this week for the meeting in that town Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Included in the string are Jim O'Shea, owned by Fred Myers, and three horses from the Dennison stables—Tena G., Hal Connors and Frank Holloway. Babe King, the world's fastest pacing pony, the property of Miss Frances Dennison of Omaha, will be taken over into Iowa to please O'Polloi with her great pacing exhibitions. Babe King is one of the brightest attractions on the middle west turf today.

Fred Myers has sold two of his string—McKinney Wilkes, a trotter, and Sir Charles K., a pacer, to Horton Bros. of New York. These two well known local horses were shipped east a couple of days ago and will be used on the speedway in the city of the "Great White Way." Horsemen are predicting that both steeds are due to clean up as matinee performers.

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Ad Wolgast Gains a "Rep" for Hitting Where He Shouldn't

Has Ad Wolgast a mania for fouling his opponents? It looks that way, or Adolph is getting careless in his desire to inflict punishment on his adversaries. Wolgast has won most of his great battles, the ones over a distance, because the body punishment he administered wore the other fellow out.

However, up to the time they gave Willie Ritchie the decision and the lightweight championship in the sixteenth round, Ad had not been disqualified for hitting low. Since that time Ad has lost a number of battles through fouls and perhaps holds a record in that line. Wolgast never got over the fact that they gave the championship to Ritchie on a foul. He has maintained that the blow was as fair as any ever delivered.

In a number of battles Ad has hit low. At Milwaukee against White and Ritchie he did the same thing. He repeated the trick against Hammer, but on all occasions he got away by apologizing to his opponents.

Recently he lost to Frankie Russell at St. Louis on a foul. He was counted against at Shreveport last winter when they handed Bobby Waugh the verdict of a low blow, and his latest foul lost him a verdict over Champion Welsh at Denver.

Still Wolgast is going along well. The battles he has won have shown he has regained his old-time form, but wherever he appears the referee is on the alert for fouls and watches his style of punching more than that of any other boxer in the ring.

Heard on the Sandlots

Next Sunday the Krafjooks will hold their annual picnic at Florence, a week of the Frank Dewey is performing back of the bat for the Nourse Oil Co. Mike like a veteran warrior.

Last Sunday Minikus of the Luxus punctured three on the bean during the Luxus-Armour tangle.

The Ramblers are willing to speculate that the Frank Dewey can trim the Stags. Push up the kale, Stags.

Last Sunday Bennie Monroe, the chief linker for the J. D. Crews, held the Chris Lycks to three scattered hits.

William Holbrook got back into the game with the Hollys against Plattsmouth and he played his usual stellar game.

Old Man Graves of the Armour clubbed the pill to the tune of 4-67 last Sunday. His batting eye is still as good as ever.

The Maasas did not shine very bright this season and they finally burned out. They belonged to the Inter-City league.

Behind the stick G. Lane is doing superb work for the Albright Merchants. He has proved to be a doddle in said position.

Case, formerly a heaver feared by many of the Class A clubs, says he is too busy to monkey with base ball this season.

It wouldn't take much coaxing to inveigle Louis Knecht back on the boards. He used to be the pilot of the Luxus aggregation.

Linn Young says he is going to drop back into the arena and help the Bourgeois grab berth one in the Greater Omaha league.

Although he has stayed in the shade all season to date, Henry Brossman has had a battle with himself to keep off the turf.

A quartet of teams are still in the ring in the City league, namely, the Hollys, Murphy-Dillias, Mickel Victorias and Beselins.

Carl Stangl is still plating the pill rather periodically. He slaughtered a trio for the Gas children against the Bourgeois.

Occasionally Paul Kelly dons the spangles on Sunday mornings and utilizes his finger for one of the Knights of Columbus teams.

James Mullin is figuring on gathering together a bunch of old war horses, giving them a few days' practice and then bump the tub-rotchers.

Edward Spellman strained his right side, as a consequence he is unable to throw. He will probably return home from Milwaukee this week.

Harry Champion of the J. D. Crews is catching like a real champion. It is a difficult matter to pliff a sack on his accurate speedy peg.

Last Sunday Shields of the Emil Hansens accompanied the Hollys to Plattsmouth and performed behind the bat in a faultless manner.

Any out of town team wishing trouble with the South Omaha Merchants, call Carl Bachman at South 1814 or slip him a letter to 1614 N street.

Last week Frank Butler caught for Bosssett. Besides picking up a sack of kale, he collected barrels of credit for his spectacular work.

The Albright Merchants would like to book a few out of town games. Catch J. Lane at South 1131 or drop him a line at 330 Jefferson street.

The medicine prescribed by Manager Genis of the Walter G. Clarke did not have a stimulating effect and the hand is now resting in the cemetery.

Up at Arisland, E. D., Walter Spellman overly made good. He returned to Omaha last week. The village fans burn the clouds when praising Spellman.

The Chris Lycks are especially anxious to book a few out of town games. Call Edward Stangl at Walnut 2171 or address him at 1421 North Fort-first.

Howard Wahl, put his smeller on the blink when he blocked a base runner, attempting to score at first. Howard was catching for Denison, Ia.

The Council Bluffs Imperials were figuring on playing the Rhenadoth, Ia., today, but they got their feet crossed and the Smiths hooked the game.

James Miola, one of the directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association, is in Chicago spending his time and dough taking in the Windy City.

Monaghan and Hanson are marching towards the front as pill plasters. The former belted four and the latter three for the Ramblers last Sunday.

Monroe and Stavakis are leading the J. D. Crews with the stick. These fellows are feared by opponents when they money towards the pickle sign.

Pete Peterson, Al Wilson and Deber are

the chief fielders for the Modern Woodman team. Last Sunday Deber nailed five hits, Peterson three and Wilson four.

Bud Lawler of the Hollys fielded like a fatted dove at Plattsmouth last Sunday. Considerable credit is due Lawler for the victory registered by the Hollys.

In Guennee, the hot corner agent, the Council Bluffs Imperials have some hit-smith. He cracked three on the coons last Sunday and also stole three bases.

Donahue worked on the mound for the McCarthy Sunnybrooks during their championship row with the Nourse Oil. He whiffed five, walked one and allowed seven hits.

Up at Hooper, the Corr-Electrics averred that they were accorded the best of treatment and they heartily recommend this town to all the teams seeking out of town combats.

Leslie Pickett, the old timer who good to pick 'em up at corner two for the Ramblers and who was lately associated with the Emil Hansens, has quit the horsehide army this season.

Well, the Ramblers rambled away last week on cho-choo to be entertained at different country towns for a couple of weeks. They have the championship of the National league nailed to the cross.

For the first time in his life Harry Wright, local athlete of repute, saw a big league game. He saw that sixteen-inning contest between Brooklyn and Chicago, which ended with the score tacted.

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