

DARCY CLIMBING TO HEAVY CLASS

Is Now Heavyweight Champion of Australia and is Rapidly Putting on Weight.

MAY MEET JESS SOME DAY

By RINGSIDE. New York, Aug. 19.—Australia may yet supply Jess Willard's next opponent. And said opponent may be none other than Darcy, whom Antipodeans have long accepted as middleweight champion of the world.

Darcy came into possession of the latter honor by knocking out Dave Smith, a cruiserweight equal to a light heavyweight in this country, in twelve rounds.

The battle between Darcy and Smith commanded unusual attention on the other side, inasmuch as it was a meeting between teacher and pupil.

While on this side Smith may be considered an antiquated fighter—that is, so far as his ring experience is concerned—the nevertheless made a better showing against Darcy than did the following Americans: Eddie McGoorty, Jimmy Clabby, Jeff Smith and "Buck" Crouse.

Makes Weight Easily. Darcy scaled 160 pounds for Smith, the latter weighing two pounds more.

Why the reference to Jess Willard in the introductory sentence? Well, by the time Big Jess is ready to battle again Mr. Darcy will have attained such proportions as to be considered a likely opponent for Willard.

Australians are present engaged in comparing the records of Darcy and Jack Dillon. A match between the two demon battlers has been broached on the other side.

Antipodeans assure us that while the war is in progress there is no possible chance for Darcy to visit America. So it is suggested that Dillon go over there and establish his supremacy in the light heavyweight division.

Race Track Habitude. McGoorty has become an habitue at the Australian race tracks. He no longer thinks of fighting, except when the name of Dave Smith is mentioned.

McGoorty had been kept in strict training, may have been considered for another match with Darcy. However, Jimmy Clabby has supplanted McGoorty in the high esteem of Australian fight followers.

Harry A. Koch, former state and city tennis champion and now one of the nuttiest of golf nuts, left Omaha Friday evening for a tour of the east.

Koch is going to visit Chicago, Boston, New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Washington and several other cities. He intends to spend most of his time playing golf.

Harry doesn't care much about this golf game.

Only Five Nebraska Shooters Entered in The Grand American

For the first time in years no Omaha marksmen will take part in the annual Grand American trap shoot which starts at St. Louis tomorrow.

Five Popular Veterans



It is a vote was taken among all the fans of the United States to decide who have been the most popular players in the game, it is a safe prediction that Christy Mathewson, Ed Walsh, Hans Wagner, Cy Young and Nap Lajoie would lead the field.

Two days later I saw Chris and said to him: "I am going to exercise that option on Stricker. Which of my pitchers do you want?"

William Chase Temple Tells a New Yarn on Eccentric, But Lovable Old Chris.

WAS TRIMMED IN TRADE By FRANK G. MENKE. New York, Aug. 19.—Chris Von der Ahe is another of those base ball figures who never will be forgotten.

A thousand and one stories concerning Chris already have been related. But a new one was given to us the other day by William Chase Temple, donor of the Temple cup, and a Pittsburgh magnate back in the early 90's.

"I Got Dinky-Dink"—Chris. Chris hesitated for a few seconds, perspiration broke out upon his forehead, he took another look at my watch just before the hand marked noon and said:

"I wrote out the terms of the trade, signed my name, pushed the paper for Chris and with a hesitant pen, he affixed his signature. As he gave back the paper to me with one hand he poked the forefinger of the other at me and said:

"Right away Chris got suspicious. 'You got Galvin?' he asked. 'Oh, I couldn't let you have Galvin,' I answered. 'The Pittsburgh people would mob me if I traded all through the town people don't. I can't trade him.'"

Insists Upon Galvin. "Well, all right, I give you an option on Stricker," answered Chris.

Those Hustling Browns The Browns have finished in the first division only twice in the fourteen years they have been in the American league.

George Sisler, the Browns' wonder, is credited with being the most versatile pitcher in the big yard. He is there as a pitcher, a batsman or an outfielder.

Only five Nebraska shooters entered in the Grand American. The owners of the Browns have hung up a bonus of \$5,000 to be divided among the players if they win the pennant.

Stables from all parts of the country started arriving in Omaha the first of last week; special trains from Burlington will bring the Great Western Circuit performers which appeared there the last five days.

The Hypodermic Needle

By FRED S. HUNTER. We care not of the Europe scrap. We care not of the fuss of kings. We care not how much they change the map.

And such inconsequential things, We care not of Pres. Woodrow. We care not of Chuck Hughes. We care not how the people go. Or if they both should lose.

We care not of the Red Sox. Or the Brooklyn or the Phils. Or whether Freddie Welsh will box. Or of the monthly bills.

In fact, we care for nothing. For fall will soon begin. And we will yell and cheer and sing. When the foot ball boys check in.

The St. Louis Carls have signed a new shortstop named Bohm. And according to his playing his name will be pronounced Bohm, as in 'bon-bon,' and 'Bohm' as in 'bone.'

Connie Mack has succeeded in performing one accomplishment at least. He has proved the futility of a college education.

Bob Emslie celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as an umpire the other day. Which, we should say, is some endurance record.

THE OLD KICK BACK. At last we get that Freddie Welsh. Is going to stage a fight. He'll defend his precious title. In a tangle with C. White.

And it will not be ten short rounds. And no decision, too. But it will go full twenty, bo. And that, old pal's, a few.

And yet, we see a fatal line. That makes us laugh with glee. Puts on the fight, a different light. "Welsh picks the referee."

Lincoln scribes declare Lincoln has a chance to beat Omaha out in the pennant scramble. Yes, if Lou North, Earl Smith, Kewpie

presiding judge, will be assisted by E. Peck and C. M. Buck of Omaha, associate judges.

The clerk of the course will be Charles Ronin of Fremont, Neb., widely known as a horseman and as the father of Jimmy Ronin, who has had charge of the East Omaha racing plant this year—and incidentally successfully handled some of Tom Denison's horses.

R. R. Caldwell of Mansfield, O., is the official program of the meet-

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WESTERN LEAGUE MEET CALLED OFF

Zehring Reconsiders Decision to Call Mid-Season Gathering of Club Owners.

There will be no mid-season meeting of the Western league. After calling the meeting for Omaha last week, President Zehring reconsidered and called it off.

Zehring suggested the meeting to the magnates presumably because he thought it would be a good idea if the club owners should gather and talk over matters of the year.

Immediately gossip was started in Lincoln that the meeting was called for the express benefit of Rourke.

Western league rumor factories are already working overtime regarding the season of 1917. Gossip of changes in club ownerships and managements are current and Zehring's job is even poorer on the block by the time.

Butcher Resumes Lead in Western. Butcher of Denver has regained the lead in the Western league, displacing Rebel Oakes, his manager, Shields, Denver, leads in stolen bases with 30; Litschi, Wichita, in sacrifice hits with 31; Dyer, Denver, in home runs with 12; Butcher in total bases with 207; Krug, Omaha, in runs scored with 78; and Denver in team hitting with 290.

Leading batters: Butcher, Denver, .345; Oakes, Denver, .342; Johnson, Lincoln, .339; Gilmore, Sioux City, .330; Coy, Wichita, .330; Krueger, Omaha, .322; Gray, Wichita, .321; Livingston, Sioux City, .321; R. Miller, Omaha, .318; Connolly, Sioux City, .317.

Leading pitchers for eighteen games: North, Omaha, 12 0 2 23 28 10 42 27. Shaw, Wash., 12 0 2 23 28 10 42 27.

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