

TED LEWIS VICTIM OF UNFEELING FATE

English Battler Goes to Buenos Ayres and Runs Into a Fine Flivver.

WANTS TO FIGHT DARCY

By RINGSIDE. New York, Sept. 23.—Gershon Mendeloff is on the verge of desperation. It is hard to conceive anyone by that name working himself into such a belligerent mood; so well modify the opening sentence by saying that Ted-Kid Lewis is on the verge of desperation. That sounds better.

Ted-Kid has every reason to be sour at the world in general and South American in particular. The fighting Englishman has spent the last three months traveling to and from Buenos Ayres for the purpose of establishing a firmer claim to the welterweight championship by defeating Albert Badou, the French champion, there. He was to engage in one other fight below the equator, before returning to good old New York.

The supposed fistic carnival in Buenos Ayres fizzled out; Lewis didn't fight at all; he practically wasted three months and lost over \$50,000 in ring engagements there. He is now nearing this port; is due in a few days. Is it any wonder Ted-Kid Lewis is sour at the world in general and South America in particular?

Something was said about Lewis being on the verge of desperation. You surely will consider him so after perusing the gist of his letter to the writer from Buenos Ayres.

Wants to Fight Darcy.

Briefly it is this: He wants to fight Les Darcy, the Australian marvel, for the middleweight championship of the world. Lewis says he has already disposed of Darcy's other formidable rival—Mike Gibbons—and so he has. Also, that he is entitled to next whack at the antipodean by virtue of his victory over Gibbons. Lewis is willing to waive all weight stipulations so long as Darcy is anywhere near the 160-pound mark the day of the battle.

Lewis surely must be desperate after traveling so many thousands of miles for a chance at one title—and miss it—he is ready to travel many more thousand miles for a championship bout in another class. Lewis does not invite Darcy to this country, but is willing to head the lion in his den, as it were, by going to Australia and battling Darcy on his home heath.

Compare this to the stand of the other American pugilists who are eligible to fight Darcy. Gibbons apparently does not want to fight the Australian under any circumstances, while Jack Dillon says he may fight Darcy, if the latter were to come to this country.

Like Old School.

The latest proposal of Lewis clinches the contention of his manager, Jimmy Johnston, that Ted-Kid is the only fighter in the game today that beats any resemblance to any of the old-time fighters.

Can you imagine Freddy Welsh, weighing 135 pounds, taking a chance with any one scaling five or six pounds more? If this were the case, the same Ted-Kid Lewis, who is now shooting at the light heavyweight, would be willing to come down to this poundage and take on the clever Mr. Welsh for a twenty-round affair.

Lewis' weight will ever remain one of the ring's greatest mysteries. One day he is ready to battle lightweights at his own poundage; the next he is prepared to engage welterweights; the day following he consents to divide the time with middleweights, and again, when he gets on the verge of desperation, as he now is, he wants to fight any lightweight in the world. Surely he is a ring-anomaly.

Second Invasion.

Should Darcy accept Lewis' challenge it would not be the first time Lewis has fought in Australia; as a matter of fact, Ted-Kid first commanded attention from that part of the globe. As featherweight champion of England he invaded the antipodes and cleaned up whatever lightweights and welterweights he could interpose into the ring with him.

Lewis is not unfamiliar with Darcy's style, and for that reason is confident he can defeat the Australia blacksmith. Lewis does not entertain hopes of knocking out Darcy, for this feat could not be accomplished by such sturdy litter as Eddie McGoorty, Jeff Smith, K. O. Brown, the Greek, and other reputed American sluggers. Darcy has flattened McGoorty twice for the full count, and has whipped Smith, Brown and Jimmy Clabby (twice), in addition to taking the measure of every other American to date.

But Ted-Kid is a different youth and will go miles out of his way to impress a point. After his experience in Buenos Ayres he evidently cares little what happens to him.

However, before embarking for Australia (should that come to pass), Lewis would like to have Jack Britton engage him in a twenty-round contest. Ted-Kid has an old score to settle with the Chicago dancing master and he will not rest easy until he has wiped out the stigma of losing a point to occurrence, last spring. Prior to that occurrence, last spring, Lewis had gained numerous undisputed verdicts over Britton. But he is still unconvinced as to the decision rendered in their last meeting, and is willing to forego any matches if Britton will only consent to meet him in ring combat once more.

Bellevue College Foot Ball Squad for 1916



SECOND BASEMEN SCARCE ARTICLE

Nineteen-Sixteen Seems to Be Jinx Season for Lads Who Play Around Keystones.

WILLIE WAGNER IS CLASSY

By FRANK G. MENKE. New York, Sept. 23.—Nineteen hundred and sixteen has been a jinx season for second basemen. Also it has uncovered the fact that star keystone sackers are becoming rather scarce.

Larry Doyle, after being traded to the Cubs, busted a leg. Illness, accidents and suspensions have kept Johnny Evers out of the game most of the year. Jack Barry, the RFD Sox star, has been rendered hors de base ball by a number of wounds. Lajoie, who started the season with the Athletics, has slowed so much that Connie Mack has supplanted him with Lawry. Steve Yerkes, at second for the Cubs when the playing began, failed and was shipped off to the minors. Heinie Zim, after second base for some time for the Chicago outfit, was traded to New York. Milder Huggins of the Cardinals decided that he was too slow to play any longer.

Second base has been the weak spot in a number of major league machines. The Indians have used Wambegans and Howard. Neither has shown anything remarkable. The Reds tried out a half dozen men at second before they shifted over to Heinie Groh. The Yanks tried out Geddon, Mullen and Magee and Bill Donovan isn't satisfied.

Folsom Quits Coaching. Fred F. Folsom has quit coaching foot ballers after fifteen seasons. Back in 1901 he took charge of the young huskies at the University of Colorado and remained at the helm of the gridiron wheel until this fall. Then he decided that he had enough of foot ball and now is devoting his whole time to law. M. C. Evans of Milliken university is his successor.

McTaggart Champ Jockey. Johnny McTaggart, who was a messenger boy three or four years ago, is the champion jockey of the year. The little chap, riding on the "Pittsburgher" at the eastern circuit, had mounts in 634 races during the season and won more than half of them. His record follows: Total mounts, 634; first place, 127; second place, 108; third place, 92; unplaced, 307.

Only three other jockeys, besides McTaggart, passed the century mark in races won. They are Poole, 115; Robinson, 106; Murphy, 102.

Self-Defense. "M. Cueso, the Cuban outfielder, who has been signed by the Cincinnati Reds and who was having reported next week, broke his leg yesterday."—News item.

\$2.30 Worth of Impress. Willie Wagner, the new Pirate catcher, believes in displaying a good front. Willie reported to the Pittsburghers while they were playing in Brooklyn. After he hoped off the rattle Willie spurred the subway and the elevated as a means of transportation to the ball park. He hired a taxicab at a cost of \$2.30.

"Arriving in a taxi created the proper impression," explained he. "Nothing like looking prosperous, even if you are just fresh from the bushes," explained Wagner.

Barney Obligated—Cost \$5,000. It cost Barney Dreyfuss \$5,000 to harken to the pleadings of a clergyman.

The minister is the father of Carson Bigbee, now playing a fast game in the Pirate infield. Two or three years ago Dreyfuss' scouts reported that a youth named Bigbee had been performing brilliantly for a college team along the Pacific slope. Barney at once signed the kid.

And then along came papa, who said he wasn't keen about his son playing professional base ball and would Mr. Dreyfuss please release sonny from the contract. Mr. Dreyfuss obliged.

Several months ago Barney heard about a kid phenom named Bigbee playing in the Northwestern league. Barney looked him up and found it was the very same Bigbee whom he had released from the contract at father's request.

Barney resigned Bigbee, but it cost him \$5,000 to get the player.

Omaha Boxer Outpoints Scrapper From the South

Coursing Meet Will Be Held in Omaha This Fall

The second annual Omaha coursing meeting will be held the second week in November. The local event will follow closely upon the National Futurity stake meeting, which will be held at Grand Island in October and the best kennels in the country will thus enter here. Omaha was given its first taste of coursing last December and it proved popular.

FIRST HIGH FOOT BALL GAME PLAYED

Nebraska City Leads Way, Playing Tecumseh and Getting Ready for Lincoln.

OTHERS START IN A WEEK

By KARL LEE. From thirty to fifty high schools in Nebraska will start foot ball eleven tomorrow toward a championship of some kind this season.

Nebraska City opened the season Friday with a game with Tecumseh at Nebraska City. The game was the first to be played in the state. Prof. Stevens is coaching the Nebraska City squad this year. His team is captained by Lester Anderson, veteran halfback of last year. Next Saturday Lincoln will play its first game with Stevens' team.

The state championship fights will center principally among some thirty teams in the western, central and eastern districts. Review of the progress of teams last year makes the following classification available. In the west, North Platte, Alliance, Gothenburg, McCook, Scottsbluff, Sidney, Grand Island, Curtis Agricultural school will compete for supremacy. In the central division Grand Island, Central City, Kearney, York, Aurora, Hastings, O'Neil and Minden will probably prove most prominent, while in the east thirteen teams will command the limelight. Central, South and Commerce High schools, Norfolk, Lincoln, Beatrice, Osceola, Nebraska City, Ashland and Tecumseh appear to be the most probable leaders.

Gothenburg Loses Vets. Beaver City started to contest the championship of the southwest last year, but having been easily defeated by Gothenburg, waived its claims. Gothenburg produced a wonderful team, but has lost several veterans. Its first game with the Kearney Normal second team October 6 will permit of speculation as to its standing this year. Intense rivalry was manifested between Red Cloud, Mason City and Beaver City last year, adding zest to the competition. McCook, Cozad and the Curtis Aggregates are probably the strongest representatives in this section. The contest for the west championship will open September 29, with a game between Alliance and Scottsbluff.

Western teams have begun enthusiastic preparations. Coach Ernie Ruppel, of the Nebraska state team, has called his team to order at Scottsbluff. The dope has it that he is laying plans for the western championship. McCook, Senator Norris' town, is also on the run. Coach Prince has already laid plans for victories over Minden, the Franklin academy and the Curtis Agricultural college. Beaver City has refused to play the senator's town because of some differences. At Hebron, Coach H. C. Meents began hostilities a week back with thirty-nine men, five of whom are veterans of last year.

Upstate, Norfolk has been out for drill two weeks. Coach Walker is going about his task with silent determination. Norfolk will meet the Genoa Indians in the first game of the season. O'Neil, another eleven of the north that usually mounts high in the contest for a district championship, has begun activities.

Big Nine Teams at Work. "Big Nine" teams are getting down to a hard regular practice. Most of the elevens will open schedules with games September 30. The most prominent opening game is that between Beatrice and University Place at University Place, September 30. Foot ball was taken up for the first time at a Wesleyan school last year, and at a good time placed in the field. At York, Coach Dewey Harmon of university fame, is handling between thirty and forty men daily. Prospects for a successful season are excellent, it is said. Coach M. Y. Hardwick is working with a fine bunch of men at Grand Island. Little is known of the third city prospects, but it is conceded that they will be good, considering the excellent record of last year.

Camp on Job. Walter Chapin is filling his old-time position as advisory coach and strategist of the Yale foot ball players.

MILLS HAS PLENTY OF BEEF ON LINE

Weight Will Be One of Greatest Assets of O'neigh Eleven This Season.

The alumni who watched Creighton practice Friday were elated. For Tommy Mills now had a team—a real "team" to work with. The material that had showed up even this early in the season pleased immensely.

Coach Mills picked eleven men, enough for a team, Friday afternoon and devoted his entire time to coaching them. Of the eleven but three—Captain Platz, halfback; Stapleton, guard, and Morgan, tackle, were old men. The new material presented a variety of good foot ball and the outlook was encouraging, both from a standpoint of weight and of general ability.

Sleuman Shows Well. Walter Sleuman, former fullback at Hastings college, is showing up remarkably well. Carl Lutes, veteran in the field, with additional weight, is more than making good.

Captain Platz and Marty Flannagan will man the halfback jobs. Marty showed up Thursday night. He is in his old splendid condition and should prove a powerful asset to the team. Leo Hirschman, a small but powerful individual of about 170 pounds, is also making a try at a back job.

Three Out for Quarter. At quarter, the one real weak point in the entire Creighton machine, there are three candidates of no mean ability. Dewey Edson, a well built youth from Pocatello, Idaho, who was a popular star among foot ball lights of the northwest, is trying for the job. Mulholland, the much heralded youth from Spokane, has not arrived yet, but is said to have attained singular prowess at quarter on the Spokane college team, where he played last year. Johnny Hale, end of last year's line, is also said to be a candidate for the job.

Big Cy Kamanski, veteran center, may be back at school before the end of the season. Meanwhile, Burford, veteran alternate, will be out in competition with the giant Erickson of Beatrice.

The tackle and guard positions are cause for much speculation. Morgan, who will occupy one tackle position, is dubbed in a good part of the games last year. At the other side of the line, Walter McCarthy, the tall, masterful youth who comes from Hastings college with Sleuman, is being played.

Two old men, Johnny Hale and Bill Brennan, greet Coach Mills at the end positions. Mills may take a notion to shift Hale to quarter, and that will give a few of the recruits a chance. Phee, an Auburn haired youngster from Champion college (Wisconsin) is one of the lightweights who has turned out for this year. A whirlwind, Trevina, is also making good. Trevina is heavier built than Phee.

Big "Four" O'Connors, 190-pound former foot ball light at the South High school, who it attending the night law school at the university, is playing guard on the line. On the other side of the line, big Stapleton of 211 pounds, is walking around with a growl, while one Charlie Hawkins, candidate guard of 210 pounds from Ord, Neb., is yet to make his debut before the critical eyes of the coach.

Amateur Games Today

Brandeis against All-Professionals. Rourke park, 3 p. m.

Riverview Bloomers against Riverviews. Riverview park, 3:30 p. m.

Kraljicks at Des Moines, Ia. Murphy-Didie at St. Louis, Mo. Stars and Stripes against Albright Merchants. Riverview park, 3:30 p. m.

Frank Dewey against Joe Smitha. Alhambra park, 4 p. m.

Monarchs against Council Bluffs. Car Men. Athlete park, 1:15 p. m.

Luzex at Imogene, Ia.

Felton Has Tough Job. Sam Felton, who is coaching the punters at Harvard, is hard at it trying to develop a second team. The old Crisman star believes he has promising material in McElwaine, Murray, Thatcher and Horween.

Foot Ball Dates of Nebraska Colleges

Table listing football dates for various Nebraska colleges from September 29 to November 10.

Western League Averages

Table showing Western League averages for various clubs including Denver, St. Paul, and others.

National League Averages

Table showing National League averages for various clubs including Brooklyn, Cincinnati, and others.

American League Averages

Table showing American League averages for various clubs including Detroit, Chicago, and others.

The Hypodermic Needle by Fred S. Hunter. Illustration of a man and a needle.

THE FOOT BALL COACH. He carries a grouch and is gloomy. And a frown spreads over his face. He will fuss and he'll fret, Just as if he had bet, On a nag that was last in the race.

THE LITTLE CUTUP. He leads his men into the thick of battle; He storms the hostile trench without a fear; He stops not though the enemy resists him, But bravely waves his flag and calls a cheer.

Aha, a Hunch. This is going to be a lucky year for Charles (Chick) Evans Hughes.

Encore, Encore. Eddie Porey, seated in a ringside seat at the recent Leonard-Conroy fight, was beamed with a bullet when the tilt ended in a riot.

Johnny Evers had just come to after forty-five minutes under the ether while the doc yanked his recalcitrant tooth.

"You're tooth is out," announced the doctor. "Out!" shrieked Johnny, "you're a liar, a burglar, a second-story worker, horsethief, a bum and a homer. I was safe a mile and I can lick your whole family."

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More of the same! Percival Prunes entered the salon at 5:44. In his corner sat Johnny Doolittle and Silk Stockings Johnny Gush. Prunes was dressed in black and wore a standup collar and a wrist watch. At 5:45 Miss Mollie Cow entered the salon from the south entrance. She was accompanied with the veteran adviser, mother, who has grown stout.

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