

JOHNSTON BOOKED TO DRAW THE GATE

Promoting Genius of Madison Square Garden Runs Afoul of Political Juggernaut.

ALL HIS MATCHES SUCCESS

By RINGSIDE.

New York, Oct. 21.—They (a clique of burrowing "sportsmen") are trying to oust James J. Johnston as matchmaker and manager of the Show corporation which conducts boxing bouts in Madison Square Garden.

Johnston presents some forceful arguments why he should be retained. And he backs these arguments with facts and cold figures.

This is more than can be said for Johnston's four predecessors. These gentlemen all antedated Johnston as supervisor of Garden boxing shows since the Frawley law went into effect, but not one turned in an account that showed a profit for the Garden general management.

Makes Good on Job.

It was with a view of getting results—in the form of huge profits—that the Garden directors secured Johnston after his predecessors had utterly failed.

And for his judicious management and money making proclivities, they are trying to give James J. the "gate." Once the juggernaut politics trails at the heels of one it is well to get off the highway.

Appended are some statistics which seem to prove that Johnston is peculiarly adapted to managing the boxing exhibitions in the great metropolis amphitheater.

During the month of March, 1916, Johnston had a hand in staging three bouts, and the gate receipts aggregated \$194,038.50. The Willard-Moran fight, which Johnston was instrumental in bringing to the Garden, proved a sufficient magnet to attract \$151,000 at the box office. It is quite true that "Tex" Rickard clinched the match and was the nominal promoter, but it was Johnston who induced the westerner to stage it in the Garden and thus swelled the coffers of the Garden directors to the extent of some \$15,000. This is the largest sum ever paid for one day's rental of the Garden.

Two Other Bouts.

The two other bouts which were conducted by Johnston last March were the Leonard-Dundee and Welsh-Leonard matches. The former drew \$14,531.50, when everyone predicted a financial failure for Johnston; while the Leonard-Welsh affair showed receipts of \$28,507.

The latter sum, was taken in just six days after the Moran-Willard fight of March 25. Leonard and Dundee fought on March 8.

Johnston furnished more proof of his capabilities. The total net profits for twelve fights under his regime ran up to \$53,231. This was after all expenses had been paid off; and under this head comes the rental of \$1,000 for each fight. The \$1,000 is deducted before a fight starts, in order to assure the Garden folks of at least a slight return for opening the doors.

Never Pulled a Frost.

The largest amount, of course, accrued from the Willard-Moran fight, the smallest sum, \$2,400, was drawn by Langford and McVey, the burly colored heavyweights. And even with this meager sum of \$2,400, Johnston was able to pay off the fighters and place more than \$1,000 in the hands of the Garden officials.

Johnston has been directing boxing bouts in the Garden for eighteen months, and in all that time has never staged a "bloomer," so far as extracting a profit for the Garden is concerned. Yet this is the man they are seeking to eject, and in his place install a man whose practical knowledge of the boxing game is confined to witnessing an occasional boxing exhibition. Politics is to blame for the existing chaos in Garden affairs, and the sooner this disturbing element is removed from the premises the sooner New York's boxing public will be enabled to see some real fight fireworks. For Johnston has a number of attractive matches in contemplation.

If Johnston is removed by the powers that be, he will immediately "bug" the Garden contingent by stacking the Garden with his mind at a rival shop, which in size is second only to Madison Square Garden. And then we'll see if Johnston is really the promoting genius he has thus far seemed to have shown himself to be.

Omaha and Sioux Clash at Soccer

Next Sunday the Clan Gordon soccer team of Omaha will clash with the St. George eleven of Sioux City at Omaha.

Two soccer games are carded for Miller park this afternoon. The Chechie will tangle with the Townsends and the Caledonians will clash with the Nonpareils. The standing of the teams in Omaha and District Soccer league is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, D, P. Rows include Townsends, Caledonians, Nonpareils, Chechie.

Lure of the Blind Works Its Grip on Ernie Holmes

The lure of the blind in the dawn of the morn has clamped its grip on Ernie Holmes. "Just about a week about 200 miles west of here on the Platte would be my dish right now," sighed Ernie as he dreamed of the mad flight of the ducks before the pursuit of the northern winter.

Ernie is getting the old Parker ready and intends to make the dream come true within a few days.

Rickard Would Stage Carpentier-Darcy Go



TEX RICKARD

LEFT-LES DARCY

RIGHT-GEORGES CARPENTIER

Tex Rickard, who staged the Moran-Willard bout, is ever on the lookout for big things. Rickard never does anything by halves, and when he decides to put on a show he goes after the best in the market.

As a feeler of the public pulse in the sporting line Rickard is without a peer. He let it be known recently that he was thinking of promoting another bout, the principals to be Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight champion, and Les Darcy, who holds three or four titles

down in Australia, where they haven't been able to find a man to beat him. Undoubtedly a bout between these two men would be the greatest drawing card that could be put up for the entertainment of the pugilistic fans. It would draw as large a crowd, if not larger, than the Johnson-Willard affair did in Havana.

WHEN A BAD ERROR IS NOT AN ERROR

Outshaw's Miscue Loses Game for Brooklyn, but His Average Remains Unscathed.

SCRIBES KICK ON SCORING

By FRANK G. MENKE.

New York, Oct. 21.—When is a fatal error not an error?

The answer to this question can be found in looking back through the files to the story that tells of the second game of the recent series for the base ball championship of the world.

In the third inning of that game, George Cutshaw made an error that enabled the Sox to tie the score and eventually swish through to victory in the fourteenth session. Yet Cutshaw wasn't charged with a fizzle. Quant isn't it?

Scott was on third base. Ruth hit an easy bouncer to Cutshaw as Scott started for home. Cutshaw fought the ball instead of letting it come to him. And while he was fooling, Scott crossed the plate, but Cutshaw recovered the ball in time to throw out the slow-running Ruth at first.

That play lost the game for the Dodgers. If Cutshaw had fielded the ball cleanly, he would have nipped Scott by ten feet, because the ball came to him fast and Scott didn't have much of a lead when he started for the plate. If Scott hadn't scored, the game would have ended 1 to 0, in nine innings, in favor of the Dodgers. Cutshaw made the worst error of the game, yet he wasn't charged with one because he got Ruth at first.

An error is a "lost opportunity." Cutshaw lost an opportunity to catch Scott, and so made an error. Yet he didn't because he caught Ruth. Aren't scoring rules odd?

Some of the decisions of the official scorers in that series were weird—and a bit more. Their rulings conflicted almost always with those of veteran sport writers, yet their announcement had to be taken at their face value, because they were doing the official work.

The scorers put over a new one on the old-time writers, when they charged Olson with two errors on one handling of the ball in the third inning of the final game. Cady was on second and Hooper on first. Janvrin hit to Olson, who first juggled the ball, permitting Cady to reach third—and Hooper second, and then threw wild to second, permitting Cady to score. Hooper to move on to third and Janvrin to second.

Usually such a play is scored merely as a single error. But the official folks pointed out that Olson first had enabled Janvrin to reach first base and both Hooper and Cady to advance by fumbling and later moved the three runners around another base each by his wild throw. Thus, two errors.

Very good, Eddie. But those scorers reversed themselves in the seventh inning of the same game. Mowrey was on first by virtue of a single. Then came Olson. He rapped a bouncer to Scott, who fumbled it long enough to permit Mowrey to reach second and cinch first for Olson. After recovering the ball, however, Scott decided he had a chance to beat Olson with a throw. He made the throw and the ball went up against the grandstand. Mowrey going to third and Olson to second.

There was a case similar to Olson's in the third. Scott's fumbling gave life to both Mowrey and Olson, while his wild leave advanced both runners an extra base. But the official scorers ruled that Scott should have but one

error, while, on almost the same play, they had assessed Olson two.

In the first game, Chief Meyers whaled a ball into center field. Walker lost it momentarily in the sun. Then he saw it again, set himself for the catch, and the ball trickled right through his hands.

The scorers gave Meyers a three-base hit on what looked like a fearful error to ninety-five per cent of the spectators. One of the Sox smashed a ball to left. Zach Wheat ran in for it, judged the ball perfectly, got under it and then let it go through his mitts. The ball plunked him on the knee and bounded away, while the runner raced to second. He was credited with a two-bagger, yet it looked like a bad error for Wheat to lose that ball.

Twice during the last game the pitcher heaved a ball at the catcher that was a trifle wild, yet seemingly within his reach. Each time the catcher did reach for those balls and both times they were fumbled by him. The bulk of writers scored those plays as passed balls, which certainly seemed to be, yet the official scorers, after a heated conference among themselves, announced "a wild pitch."

Rourke Players to Stay in Omaha for The Winter Months

Omaha seems to look good to members of the Omaha base ball team, for about half of the team intends to spend the winter in Omaha this year.

There are a couple of reasons why the athletes are remaining in Omaha, one is that they like the town, and the other is that it costs money to move nowadays.

Marty O'Toole has made plans to stay here this winter and Monday morning goes to work for Ernie Holmes. Cy Forsythe is working for Earl Higgins. Bobby Marshall, Cecil Thompson, Otto Merz and Lou North are still in Omaha and expect to stay.

Marty Krug has gone back to his home in Cleveland, but expects to return to Omaha about January 1. Harry Krause has pulled his freight for San Francisco and the Golden Gate, while May Miller has gone back to breathe smoke in Pittsburgh. Joe Burg will stay in Chicago, while Kewpie Kilduff is down in Kansas. Ernie Krueger is getting ready to hike for his coaching job in Arizona, and Shag Thompson has already made tracks for his beloved Dixie land.

Omaha Man Says Leonard Is the Coming Champion

"The greatest lightweight I ever saw," is the way Carl Marfisi describes Benny Leonard, the New York lad, who put the fixings to Ever Hammer at Kansas City last week. The Omaha fan went to Kansas City to see the fight and returned with nothing but praise for Leonard.

"He's the coming champ, that boy," said Marfisi. "I've seen most of the champs in my day, but none of them ever had anything on Leonard. He's fast and clever and shifty and he carries the punch. Mark my words, he's going to be the lightweight champion before long."

Dennison Making Plans For the Luxus Banquet

The annual banquet of the Luxus base ball team will be forthcoming in a few days, announces Johnny Dennison, the irrepressible pilot of the brewer aggregation. Dennison is now making arrangements for the spread and searching the city for cabaret talent. Johnny has not decided upon the date yet, but expects to in a short time.

STATE TOURNEY TO OMAHA ONCE MORE

Happy Hollow Club Will Get the 1917 Nebraska Golf Championship Event.

LINCOLN LOSES OUT AGAIN

The 1917 Nebraska state championship golf tournament will be held at the Happy Hollow club.

The board of directors of the state association has not yet definitely decided upon the location of the 1917 tourney, but conditions have so worked themselves out that the Happy Hollow club is practically assured of the event.

The Lincoln Country club was to have been given an opportunity to entertain the tourney. In fact, Lincoln was offered the big state tournament, and this means that once more the event will be held to Omaha.

The Happy Hollow club is next in line, that club will be awarded the tournament.

American League Clean-Up

The National leagues appear to have been outclassed from Sagout to Sagpale in the recent post-season series with the American league pastimes. Of the fourteen games played for the world's title and in the Chicago and St. Louis championship series the representatives of the parent league copied only two contests.

Omaha Coursing Meet to Be Held First of Month

The second annual Omaha coursing meet will be held at the Douglas county fair grounds November 1, 2, 3 and 4. Omaha's first coursing meet, held last year, proved a success and it is planned to bring an even superior collection of the fleet-footed pups to Omaha this fall.

The event will be staged under the direction of the Omaha Coursing club. Ray Virgin of Utica, Neb., is president. A. A. Misegadis of Talmage, secretary, and Ed Sorenson of Benson, treasurer.

According to Mr. Misegadis, if the November meet proves a success, the national stake will be brought to Omaha a year from this fall. About twenty-five kennels from all parts of the country will enter the Omaha event.

Gothenberg Believes It Has Another Chamberlain

Gothenberg is producing a star of unusual qualities this year, according to reports. At halfback the town folk claim they have a man who has the earmarks of another Chamberlain. His name is Brestel, he weighs 189 pounds and is one of the fastest halfbacks the school has ever had.

The Chicago title won by White Sox. First Game: R.H.E. Second Game: R.H.E. Chicago (A.L.) 8 9 0 Chicago (A.L.) 2 2 2 Boston (N.L.) 1 1 0 Boston (N.L.) 1 1 0

The Hypodermic Needle advertisement with illustration of a man and a needle.

By FRED S. HUNTER

A CONFESSION. We're not a base ball expert. We seldom cop a bet. We can't predict the winner. Of the race next year we yet.

We can't foretell a gosh-darned thing. We're not a dopster seer. In fact, we do not even know. If there'll be a league next year.

Oh, Unquestionably. We would assume that the Brooklyns are bowed deeply in gloom over the loss of the world's series. They only got \$2,800 each for the loser's end.

FOR CONFIRMATION SEE MR. F. YOST. Tufts will never beat Harvard again. They'll never get the chance.

Does anybody know how the Cards and Browns came out in the St. Louis city series? Well, we don't care either.

We have heard a lot of stories of the little school of Tufts. And we've heard that all its students were but bits of mental fluff. But we'll bet for all that's said, Ask the Tiger or the Red.

That they'll say to put the accent on the "uff." Being a low-brow Red and Crimson means the same to us and anyhow it's a "Tuft" job trying to find a word to rhyme with Crimson.

Pittsburgh and Dickinson. Foot ball reports seem to indicate that a U-boat has torpedoed Mr. Daniel's navy.

Au Revoir Woodie. Rubie Marquard is going to stomp for Wilson, 'tis said. Now, what we want to know, is the Rubie for or against the pres? As the sixth game of the world's series was not played, Charley Ebbets had to return \$50,000 to the fans. Which is the reason for the storm that swept this way from the east the other day.

Battling Levinsky is going to fight Willard, according to news from the east. What's the matter with Kid Williams? Jess Willard has been sued for \$25,000 which should fill Tom Jones with ecstasy.

We're full these days of drear and weary woe. For soon the festive bull will start to flow. For circus days are near an end, Willard shoots around the bend, For to fight a fight again, For he and Tommy need the yen, And that is why we're full of weary woe.

Having earned the confidence of the American public, Bill Carrigan now, we hear, is going to go into politics. Chicago is in the midst of a disquisition as to whether the Cubs shall train next spring in Tampa, Fla., or Pasadena, Cal., which we take it, is an issue of such vital importance that the prosperity of the National league entirely hinges upon it.

RESTA ONCE MORE LEADS AUTO RACE. Italian Takes Lead for American Championship by Victory Over Johnny Aitken. EDDIE RICK HAS A CHANCE. Dario Resta, the famous Italian pilot, once more leads the automobile drivers of the country in the race for the championship of the United States and the trophy of \$13,500 cash that goes with it.

Resta resumed the lead by his victory at Chicago a week ago. But the Peugeot driver held the edge by the skin of his teeth, and he's not going to cop the title and kate without vanquishing some tough competition. Johnny Aitken, Eddie Rickenbacher and Ralph De Palma are in hot pursuit, and it is possible for any one of the three to beat Resta out.

Resta, by his victory at Chicago, now possesses a total of 3,200 points. Johnny Aitken, the Indianapolis driver, has 2,940 points. Omaha's favorite son, Eddie Rickenbacher, has 2,210 points, and Ralph De Palma has 1,790. Wilbur D'Alene is fifth with 1,120.

Three More Events. There are three more championship events to be held, the Harkness trophy race at New York next Saturday and the Vanderbilt cup and Grand Prize classics at Santa Monica in November. The New York race will give 600 points, probably, to the victor, and the coast races 800 or 900 points each, so it can be seen any one of the four names has a chance to win the cherished title and mazama.

Next season drivers will all through the year carry the numbers on their cars corresponding to the position they earned in the championship fight this year.

Four Win All Races. Resta, De Palma Aitken and Rickenbacher have won every big race held this year. Resta won at Indianapolis, three times at Chicago, and at Omaha. Rickenbacher won at New York and Tacoma. Aitken won at Cincinnati, Indianapolis and New York. De Palma won at Des Moines, Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Resta has won every big race held on the Chicago speedway. He has been in eight events on the Maywood oval and captured every one of them. This is a record that bids well to stand untouched for years to come.

Omaha Coursing Meet to Be Held First of Month. Nebraska scattergun marksmen haven't been doing much trap shooting this year in the registered tournaments, at least. In the trap shooting records compiled by Sporting Life for the first nine months of the year only two Nebraska amateur shots are shown to have taken part in registered shoots, totalling 2,000 targets or over. They are Al Koyen of Fremont and R. Starkey of North Platte. Three Nebraska professionals, George Carter of Lincoln, George Maxwell of Hastings and Rush Razez of Curtis, got their names into the records. The averages of the Nebraska shots are as follows:

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His name is Brestel, he weighs 189 pounds and is one of the fastest halfbacks the school has ever had. The school is represented by a formidable team and has been scheduled with the Wood River, Lexington, Norfolk, Wood and Alliance, the latter game to be played Thanksgiving.

Johnson, the former Wesleyan star, coaches the team.

THREE IN FIGHT FOR STATE TITLE. Central of Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice in Running for Foot Ball Championship. WILL FORM A CONFERENCE. By KARL LEE. This week's games will probably definitely map out the last lap in the race for the Nebraska state foot ball championship.

Although the scores registered thus far made by leaders assert definite standings, there is still time for an upset in the dope. While one way the fight seems to have simmered to a stand between Beatrice, Lincoln and Omaha, there still remains North Platte and Kearney to be tested. Both, according to reports, have splendid teams, well balanced, and, although comparatively light, are equal to most any sort of battle.

South High and York are out of the race entirely, so far as their chances of gaining the title are concerned. It will be a merry battle between these two teams, Grand Island and Norfolk for standings in the first division.

Grand Island, although possessing a fast, scrappy team, has met with hard luck in its two defeats with Lincoln and Beatrice. In its game with York, November 30, it still has an opportunity to register for third or fourth places.

The fight for the title is tied up in three games, the Central-Beatrice game, November 3; the Beatrice-Lincoln game, November 18, and the North Platte-Lincoln game, November 24. In its battle with North Platte, November 3, Kearney will have its only try at the title. Alliance, probably the only other possible contender for honors, plays North Platte, November 17.

Form Conference. A "big nine" foot ball conference will be formed by a union of coaches during the state teachers' convention, November 8, here. Superintendent of Schools J. M. Showalter of Norfolk, who is a member of the Board of Control of the State High School Athletic association, will introduce the matter at a session of the Board of Control during the teachers' convention. The plan is to make a conference to include the best nine foot ball teams in the state. At the present, Central, South High, Beatrice, Lincoln, North Platte, Norfolk, York, Grand Island and Kearney are the leaders.

Notes of Sandlot Gridirons. Another new team, to be known as the Fontanelles Juniors, has slipped under the wire. For games with the German Shamrocks last Douglas 890 and Aquilth for C. E. Wagner.

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GUN CLUBS PASS UP CHANCE FOR TROPHY

Only Sixty-Three Clubs Take Advantage of Offer Made by Interstate Association.

SEVEN HUNDRED FORMED

By PETER P. CARNEY. At its meeting last winter the Interstate Association for the Encouragement of Trapshooting decided to give trophies to the first 200 newly organized gun clubs in 1916—the only thing necessary on the part of the officers of the new gun club being to inform the secretary of the Interstate association of the formation of the club.

More than 700 gun clubs have been formed this year and of this number only sixty-three have been wide-awake enough to get in touch with the Interstate association. Therefore the Interstate association has only given sixty-three trophies. The fact that the Interstate association would give such trophies was given due mention in all sporting publications, yet it appears that very few of the clubs know of the offer.

The idea of the Interstate association was to aid the new clubs in their formation by giving them a trophy for which they could hold weekly or monthly tournaments for during the year. The Interstate association is always willing to aid the gun clubs and new organizations can still get in on the offer if they communicate with Secretary Shaner. The Interstate association has the trophies and will willingly give them to the clubs that should get them.

The clubs that took advantage of the offer in September were: The Port St. Joe Gun Club, Port St. Joe, Fla.; Princess Anne Trapshooting Club, Princess Anne, Md.; Leominster Sportsmen's association, Leominster, Mass.; and the Parkton Gun club, Parkton, Md.

Thus far Iowa leads in the organization of new gun clubs with ten; Indiana and Kansas come next, with five each; Illinois with four and California, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New York and Ohio formed three; Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, formed two, and South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, Missouri, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Florida, District of Columbia, Colorado and Connecticut, one each.

Big Nine Coaches Are Asked to Number the Men

Chicago, Oct. 21.—A new appeal has been directed to coaches of foot ball eleven in the "Big Nine," to have players numbered so that spectators can more easily distinguish them. A. A. Stagg, coach of the University of Chicago squad, is practically the only coach in the western conference to adopt the plan of numbering players.

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On account of a heavy, muddy field the game between the Council Bluffs Midgates and the Mohawks booked for last Sunday was cancelled.

U. S. Grant Golden has again bobbed into the limelight. He is going to organize a fast squad in the north end, and go after the Chan and the Nonpareils.

Gus Carlson, formerly of the Monmouth Parks and last season connected with the Fontanelles, is going to work at right half for the Dundee Woolen Mills.

At fallback, Claude Schrum is performing like a real veteran for the Dundee Woolen Mills. He is a crack picking holes and solving the weak spots of the opposition.

Those Ducky Holmes warriors started out like a house on fire last Sunday. If the blaze of pep isn't extinguished they will make things hot for all of their opponents.

Jude McCabe got a crack in the stomach last Sunday that knocked the wind and nearly his foot ball aspirations out of him. Jude bumped Mother Earth for the count.

The management of the Athletics wants it distinctly understood that their team is Class B and should be recognized as such, regardless of the fact that they played the Nonpareils.

Thomas Moore, quarterback for the Nonpareils, left on a business trip for Sterling, Colo. He will return to the Nonpareils meet the All-Stars.

Hereafter Tom Cronin will engineer affairs for the "Thirty-third and California Street Merchants." He will replace Lambert Medin, who resigned as manager, but will still play with the team.

Pete Whitehead of the Fontanelles Reserve is hobbling around on crutches because of an injury to his hip. He will probably be able to don the spangles in a couple of days.

Although reported that Curtis Peterson was hurt playing foot ball, this statement was erroneous. He put one of his fins on the blind spot of the Fontanelles Reserve and as a consequence will probably be on the shelf for the balance of the season.

MacK Congrove, associated with the Thirtieth Street Merchants, was stars, coach, etc., last Sunday when a gentle warrior heeled him directly above his left light. He is still carrying a black eye.