

CONTROL BRAIN

Topeka Jack Johnson Says Coolness Required in Ring.

Without It Success in Ring-Is Practically Impossible.

IS MOST VALUABLE ASSET

Retires to Manage Pool Hall and Enjoy Family.

May Open Gymnasium for Teaching Boxing.

Topeka Jack Johnson has retired from the pugilistic activities and has engaged in running a pool and billiard parlor at 119 West Fifth street, but at that, he just can't quit talking about the popular pastime.

During his experience in the ring and as a trainer, Johnson has learned one thing, and that is the necessity of perfect control of the mind, even when one is the target for a rain of blows from an opponent, or at any other time, while engaged in a sparring contest or in a prize fight.

Johnson in an open letter to the public says that without this ability, one cannot attain and retain highest honors of a ring, although it is possible for one to "get close."

Jack Johnson has been engaged in the pugilistic game for several years but prefers the management of a pool and billiard parlor in Topeka and less money that he might enjoy the company of his family.

He may add a gymnasium for instructions in physical culture and boxing in the future, but this is problematical at this time.

The following is an open letter from him in which he discusses the required ability for champions in the squared ring:

Necessities of a Champion. The greatest point and one of the most essential qualifications is simply "coolness." In using the word "coolness" in this case, I mean the man who is level-headed, not excitable and one who will use good judgment to outsmart, outgeneral, then trick the other fellow who is anxious to be found defeat. That is the kind of man who will win.

Considering everything equal, I might say that there are many strong, husky fellows to be found who hardly know their actual strength. I will say that almost any of these men have the rough and ready endowments, and can strike as hard as a blow as any of the champions, in any class, but they have not the ability to use good judgment in emergencies.

Coolness is more important than all other requirements or fighting ability. While it is true that there are some champions who possess some of all the qualities which I have mentioned, there are many who do not. There have been champions who excelled in but one particular or point or quality, other than the "brains" of the man who headed fighter that reaches the top of his class and remains there. Some have approached but not quite reached the top by the slung-bang route, like Tom Sharkey, Gus Ruhlin, Peter Maher and many others I could mention, but even and anon they met their inevitable doom at the hands of a cooler master of the game.

Carl Morris was a slung-bang fighter when he began his ring career and made a whirlwind dash toward the top, but he was set back by Jimmy Flanagan, a man whom Morris could, no doubt, beat with ease today. Why? Simply because Morris has added coolness to the other good qualities which he may possess. I will say there are men today in every division who might become the champion of their respective class if they had this all important element—coolness.

Nelson's Only Asset. Battling Nelson to my judgment, when real ability is considered, was the poorest fighter I have ever seen. He was not a hard hitter, couldn't box well because he was always awkward and clumsy. Yet he beat them all. How did he do it? Well, he excelled in the art of beating and punishment. Other than this fact he was cool as a cucumber, especially under fire. No matter by how much handicap or how much he had been pummeled during former rounds, he would simply duck his head and continue to stick on the job until he outgeneralized and outgamed the other fellow by his coolness and steady plugging. And at last, away late, he would succeed in tricking the other fellow into defeat. As wise and foxy as was Joe Gans, but Nelson really beat him in this way and at Gans' own tricks, thus winning the world's lightweight championship title.

It is difficult to say that the fighters of today, during this twentieth century period, are anything in modern and improving, are not equal to the fighters of the past. Say 20 years ago. There were some good thinkers during those golden days. Of course, at those times, each fighter was compelled and forced to depend upon his own judgment far more than he is required to do today.

These Present White Hopes. I am not very much impressed with the present crop of white hopes (as the heavyweights are termed). They are all there about on an equal when physical strength is considered, but as we have said before, mere strength will not always win and none of them appear to use a dime's worth of brains. So it leaves the heavyweights in a real muddle. Oh, but what a bright chance and future for any young man who possesses brains and coolness as well as strength. How he could start and go through that bunch of present heavies.

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SECOND BASE HOODOOED? MANY GUARDIANS OF KEYSTONE SACK FAILED TO SHOW OLD TIME FORM LAST SEASON



Larry Doyle (left), Derrill Pratt (center), Rolla Zeider (top right) and Ray Morgan.

A rascally wild-eyed jinx camped long and late on the trail of most of the big league second sackers last season. In both of the major leagues the guardians of the second sack were victims of a cold implacable hoodoo. In the American league the Yanks, the White Sox and the Tigers suffered particularly. A number of promising youngsters were discovered who showed more than ordinary aptitude for gambling around second but scarcely enough of them to discount the ravages of the jinx.

J. REIFF AT HOME

World's Greatest Jockey Is Visiting in Wichita.

Hero of Race Track Meets His Boyhood Friends.

Wichita, Jan. 24.—Johnny Reiff of France, one of the world's famous jockeys, who formerly lived in Wichita, and family are the guests of his brother, Almer A. Reiff, here.



Johnny Reiff, World's Famous Jockey, Visiting Old Home at Wichita.

Mrs. Reiff was Marie Denman, whose English father has long had charge of the largest stable of racing horses on the continent, that of Edmond Blanc, owner of Monte Carlo. Has Earned Vast Sums. At the time of his marriage in 1906 Johnny Reiff was riding for a member of the French Jockey club at a salary of \$35,000 a year.

He won four plates worth \$20,000 and several \$5,000 plates for his French employer. When Johnny Reiff was 15 years old he was making \$25,000 a year in England. He weighed then only 72 pounds and was the youngest and lightest weight jockey in the world. So spectacular was his success that the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Marlborough became his patrons. He was not only childlike but bashful. This was illustrated once when the English women

ever, Cincinnati's prominent second sacker, played most of the season as a utility infielder and was replaced at second by Groh, a clever recruit the Reds had secured from Dayton. Derrill Pratt of the St. Louis Browns was such a failure that Manager Rickey shifted him to first base.

The Boston Red Sox asked waivers on Steve Yerkes, world's series hero of 1912, but were finally obliged to keep him as there was no one to fill his place. Nap Lajoie, the Cleveland veteran, was out of the game a month with an injury but managed to return and finish the season with a brilliant record. Griffith's favorite second baseman, Ray Morgan, was out of the Washington line-up a big part of the season with illness or accidents. Rolla Zeider with the White Sox and later with the Yanks was scarcely

TO MEET IN OMAHA

Magnates Expect "Scrap" Over Long and Short Schedule.

Larger Towns Will Try to "Hog" the Holidays.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 24.—One of the merriest little baseball scraps ever perpetrated in the history of the game is anticipated by Pa Rourke, president of the baseball magnates when the Western League meeting is held next month for the purpose of adopting a 1914 schedule at the expense of other clubs.

Writing from England to his mother one season, Johnny told of winning a race for the Prince of Wales with stakes worth \$50,000. When Queen Victoria died, Johnny was from Wichita his condolence to the man who became king at her death, and in reply he received a cable in which the king addressed him as "My dear little Johnny, and subscribed himself, "Your friend and comrade in the old days."

In 1907 Johnny Reiff won the English derby for Richard Croker and his name was flashed the world over along with the winning horse.

Childhood in Wichita. Johnny Reiff lived in Wichita from the time he was 2 years old until he was 12. Prior to that time Lester Reiff had done some riding in Wichita but he took Johnny to New York and began to train him as a jockey. He soon evinced genius for the mount.

Lester is living at Oakwood, Cal., and has a large estate. He had the faculty of saving his money and investing it wisely.

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This is Mrs. Reiff's second visit to Wichita, her first being five years ago.

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FORTUNE FOR PLAYER.

"Tab" Spencer of Frisco Club Inherits Father's Estate.

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—Inquiries are being made here for catcher "Tab" Spencer, released by the San Francisco Coast League club last season and who has fallen heir to a large estate. So far the search for the ball player has been without result. The property was left by Spencer's father, a wealthy resident of Scranton, Pa., who died recently.

Spencer was at one time a player on the Topeka club for Cooley. He showed up in Topeka two seasons, but was too fat to do the work.

YANKES LOSE TWO.

Sweeney and Rollie Zeider Appeared—A. A. Men Meet.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Effort of the New York American League club to secure the signatures of Catcher Ed Sweeney and Infielder Rollie Zeider, to 1914 contracts failed here Friday night.

Arthur Irwin, representing the New York club management, had long interviews with Sweeney and Zeider, but neither came to terms and Irwin, it is said, left last night for Texas without coming to any agreement with them. It was rumored that both players had left the fold of organized baseball to accept flattering offers from the Federals, but confirmation of these rumors was lacking by the magnates directly involved.

Organized baseball scored a point in the war for players by announcing that Pitcher Lelievre had signed with the Cleveland Americans. This announcement was officially confirmed.

The growing strength of the Federal League was discussed at the meeting of the American Association but no information to combat the encroachments of the new league. If discussion of George Tebeau's player pool proposition came up, no announcement was made of it.

It was learned late Friday that the Federal League leaders will meet in Columbus next Monday to confer with Cincinnati people, who want a franchise.

WOLGAST A VICTOR.

Defeated Joe Rivers in Ten Round Bout in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Jan. 24.—Ad Wolgast of Cadillac, Mich., former lightweight champion, had the better of Joe Rivers of Los Angeles, Cal., in a fast ten round bout here last night.

From the tap of the gong to the end the men fought each other all over the ring, with the Michigan boxer doing most of the leading. It was this clever fellow who says he's a second baseman who gave Wolgast his second victory over the Californian.



Ad Wolgast.

Wolgast gained a clear lead early and Rivers was never able to overcome it, although he fought at top speed. Wolgast had the better of the second, third, ninth and tenth rounds, while Rivers gained shades in the fourth and eighth. The other rounds were even, but each man had to keep busy at all times to hold his own.

Rivers bled profusely throughout the match. Ad split his opponent's nose and mouth in the second and kept perking away at the cuts during the mill.

Twice during the fight Wolgast went to the floor by missing swings and each time Joe fell on top of him. Once they wrestled with Referee Stout in the middle of the ring and Wolgast almost went through the ropes.

Wolgast's ability to block and the use of both hands when at close range was excellent. Rivers showed to an advantage at long range but he could not land often enough to defeat the Michigan man.

Both were hissed at times for rough tactics.

SPORT FOR CONVICTS.

Prisoners in Colorado Penitentiary Build Field for Own Use.

Denver, Jan. 24.—A six acre baseball and athletic field built for and by convicts with accommodations for the general public as well as convicts, is the latest reform in prison management planned by Thomas Tynan, warden of the Colorado state penitentiary.

"To build up man mentally and morally," said Tynan in announcing the innovation today, "I know from experience you have to build him up physically." The ball players and athletes who are to be allowed to use the field are those who cannot be trusted to work in the road gangs at the prison ranches. Permission to use the field must be earned by good conduct which will be marked by the presentation of an honor button. The button admits the bearer to the field or to the grandstand. The public will be admitted through one gate and the convicts spectators through another. After the baseball season closes, a football team will use the field.

TRYING TO HOLD BECKER. Philadelphia Club Accepts Player's Demands—Others Accept.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—The Philadelphia National League club announced today that it had accepted the terms of Pitcher Seaton, Outfielder Becker and Josh Devore and Infielder Reed.

AT THE RIFLE SHOOT.

Howard Won Medal This Week—Strickroter's Record.

H. H. Howard wins the medal this week, raising his average 15 points, an official score.

Strickroter makes another high record: 30 on a possible 50; ten shots at 75 feet range. The one shot that prevented a perfect score lacked one-sixteenth of an inch from cutting the line. Mr. Strickroter is the only rifleman in this part of the state with record of a perfect score, this being shot last winter.

Mr. Thompson had a perfect score last evening at eight shots straight, then dropped two and three on the two last shots. A very decided increase is noted in all the shooting last evening.

Table with columns: Name, Average, Score, Points. Includes names like Nelson, Howard, Bell, etc.

JAKE'S JUNK.

According to the information in the daily exchanges of the Western League towns, it appears that the magnates of the larger towns will line up against the magnates of the smaller towns in an effort to freeze the latter out of business.

A report comes from Omaha that the sport writer on the Bee claims such to be true, and if he has information to support the statement, the Western League is doomed for the rocks. He says, Topeka, Wichita and Sioux City are in no way to dictate or make demands of any kind. As for Topeka, there is no disposition to dictate or demand; all that will be asked is a fair deal.

Previous to the departure of Jimmie McGill from Denver, the smaller towns were given equal consideration for the reason the McGill felt compelled to vote with the Kansas towns to protect his own interest, thus avoiding being dropped out of the circuit. Now that he has left Denver, it is impossible to determine how the new management will line up. However, it is thought that the new management will assume the same attitude toward McGill.

Take it from us, they had better do so. If the magnates in the larger towns combine against the smaller towns, no doubt but that they will succeed in wrecking the league. These magnates hope to change the smaller towns out of business but where can they expect to improve conditions—except in one place? To add larger towns to the circuit, will require an outlay of a large amount of money. In fact, it will require so much that the family silver will not turn out to be so inalienable and will then realize their mistake.

Omaha is a candidate for the Western League schedule meeting. Lincoln and Sioux City are the other candidates but, as yet, no word. Ed Hanson, vice president of the circuit, who lives in Sioux City, will issue the call and for any city wishing to attend, the following advice from Pa Rourke and any of the other Would-be-cars. Here is a bet that the meeting will be held in Sioux City.

The press reports emanating from St. Joe contain the information that Jack Holland will go to work with the Federal League in an effort to prevent the latter from accepting the contract of "Dutch" Zwilling. This is the contract of the huge Jokes of the season. Jack Holland hasn't got the money to appear in a litigation and it is not his "rune" if Zwilling does play with the Federals, unless the sale to the Boston National League is "cover up" the man for the future.

St. Joseph club. And the people of the Western League would not be surprised to learn this to be true. The sale is legitimate and Zwilling does go to the Federal League. A Boston club will suffer the loss and not Holland.

Gene Cochrane has accepted terms with the Boston Nationals. An effort is being made to promote an amateur baseball club with teams representing the principal cities of the country. Kansas City has been offered a berth on the proposed circuit. It is circuit, the merchants in the respective cities, represented on the circuit, donate enough to be added to the cash raised to pay the expenses of maintaining these clubs.

Bob Meinke, the Drummer shortstop last year, has decided to quit the game. Holland will have another hole to fill. This will probably force the club to get an entire new infield as Gyll and Ochs at second and second did not have Western League class and "Tex" was never reported to have signed with the Federals. And just think, practically all of the outfield has been lost to the Drummers. Foot Jack, he may be forced to ask the townspeople to give him another bonus.

Lord of the Lincoln Star, in commenting the action of the Wichita men in raising the money to retain the franchise, says that their action shows fine spirit but laments the fact that there are other towns that will be a little rough on the owners of visiting teams who will be compelled to accept the guarantees. Mr. Lord further comments and claims that an awakening is needed in Wichita. Mr. Lord does not stop at that but says that there are other towns on the circuit in which the bugs need a touch of living up and mentions Des Moines as St. Joseph as the town to be referred to. He suggests that Holland and Isbell clean their own back yards before boring in on somebody else's preserves.

SOCIALIST LECTURE.

L. E. Katterfeld at Imp Theater Sunday Afternoon.

L. E. Katterfeld, of Chicago, will lecture at the Imp theater, 111 East Sixth street, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. "How to Get What You Want" is the rather alluring title of his address.

Mr. Katterfeld has toured the country from coast to coast and from border to border as a lecturer for the Socialist party, and on account of the experiences collected and the zeal and ability displayed was placed in charge of the other lecturers and street speakers maintained by the Socialist party, being for two years manager of the National Socialist Lyceum bureau, the business of which is to arrange speaking dates for the party's speakers.

While Mr. Katterfeld has spoken in practically every part of the United States, it is doubtful whether he ever addressed an audience with which he was more in touch than he will be in Topeka, for he spent many years here working his way through Washburn college by carrying State Yarns, firing furnaces and doing anything he could do to make ends meet. But during all the time he was in college he always found a little time to study and talk socialism, and there never was a time that "Katter," as his friends all called him, was too busy for an argument on socialism. Today he has the reputation of being one of the most logical and convincing speakers connected with the socialist movement.

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