

MUTT & JEFF—Any Friend Who Won't Lend You a Quarter Is No Friend.

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YOU ARE TO GO ON OUT POST DUTY. CHALLENGE EVERY SOUL WHO ENTERS OUR LINES WITH "HALT! ARE YOU FRIEND OR FOE?" IF THEY ARE FRIENDS THEY WILL GIVE THE COUNTER SIGN—"GOULASH!" BUT THE COUNTER SIGN IS NOT ABSOLUTE PROOF. THE ENEMY MIGHT LEARN OUR COUNTER SIGN. MAKE THEM ADVANCE AND MAKE THE PARTY PROVE WHETHER FRIEND OR FOE SPEAKS.

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FEELING FINE ALL THE TIME PAYNE'S SHOES GIVE THAT TOUCH OF ELEGANCE MEN DESIRE.



Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere.

ADD TO BALL PARK

Savage May Make Left Field Fifty Feet Longer.

Better Times Ahead for Gamest Magnate in Baseball.

With the passing of every little old winter day things brighten up a bit for John Savage, Topeka's baseball magnate.

Savage hasn't exactly flooded him out of his office and ball park since the general baseball specialist came to Topeka a little over a year ago and undertook the stupendous task of doctoring the old Kaw club and massaging it back to a healthy, thriving condition where it would be a valuable asset to the city—a source of pride to all Topekan, instead of being a sickly, bed-ridden, down-and-out burden as it had been for several years previous. But it seems that the clouds are breaking.

When Savage came here from Kansas City a little more than 12 months ago, the Topeka baseball club was near dead and the undertaker had been summoned and those who had the matter in hand were diligently seeking a suitable burying place. All efforts of local physicians had failed and they had pronounced the case hopeless.

Tackles Hard Job. But Dr. Savage looked things over, felt the local baseball pulse, made a thorough diagnosis and finally decided to take his reputation and his word on his ability to revive the near dead club. At no time since Topeka has had a baseball club were conditions so bad as they were when Savage made his decision and a gamest would take over the club. The war between O. B. and the Feds had the whole diamond world in a turmoil. The war between the European war has been the center of the attention of the local fans, and a golf wave was sweeping over Topeka that was literally taking every able bodied man in every way of his links who could spare the time in the afternoons. And in addition to all these things, the local business men who had attempted to keep the club on its feet were so much out of patience and out of purse that they were completely disgruntled, disheartened and done with the club in every way.

But Savage set about his task in a businesslike way, got together the best material he could and after weathering a summer filled with blizzards, storms and much wet weather, came through with his team in third place and with a better baseball taste in the mouths of Topeka fans than there had been in a number of years.

Fair Sailing Ahead. And now things are looking brighter all the time. There is every indication that the storm is passing, and it seems that the gameness of the popular new Topeka magnate is to be rewarded by one of the best baseball seasons Topeka has ever had. The diamond war has been concluded, the European war has lost a deal of its distracting elements and golf, while it still bids fair to hold the attention and affections of many local sportsmen, has passed its faddish stage and has given up many who took their fling at it and decided that it wasn't exactly what they wanted in the way of a hot summer pastime.

Last week when the new record book came out, the following Savage did when he got a copy was to turn to the Western League records. "How they finished—Des Moines first," he said. "Well, the Topeka will finish first this year."

Savage's announcement last week that he intends to keep bringing on players until he has a hard hitting club and a staff of good pitchers means that those who report in the spring will have to show something above the average to get on the pay roll, and that they will have to "hit the ball" literally and figuratively speaking, to stay on. And if he does have a club that excels in hitting and pitching, then the club that leads Latimore's tribe will have to get up and hustle some—and then some more.

To Enlarge Park. To show the fans Savage has in the future of his club in Topeka, he is planning extensive improvements on the grounds. It is probable that considerable ground will be done to the grandstand and bleachers before the opening of the season, and the diamond will be built up better than it ever has been.

Also, another improvement that is justly needed and that will eventually be made if things run along smoothly

MORE MONEY IN FIGHTING THAN IN PLAYING BASEBALL.

The unheard of amount of money Willard and Moran are to receive for their 10-round New York bout is causing more talk and comment than the bout itself. And there is no wonder. For 30 minutes work, these two pugilists will receive more money than Walter Johnson, Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson, Johnny Evers and Hans Wagner receive all together for their year's work on the diamond. Here is what the contracts of the leading baseball stars call for—for a whole season:

John J. McGraw, Giants	\$30,000
George Stallings, Braves	25,000
Walter Johnson, Senators	18,000
Tris Speaker, Red Sox	17,500
Ty Cobb, Detroit	15,000
Eddie Collins, White Sox	12,000
Clark Griffith, Washington	12,000
Hughie Jennings, Detroit	10,000
Christy Mathewson, Giants	10,000
Johnny Evers, Braves	10,000
Bill Carrigan, Red Sox	10,000
Bill Donovan, Yankees	8,000
Ray Caldwell, Yankees	8,000
Big Ed Sweeney, Yankees	8,000
Hans Wagner, Pittsburgh	8,000

is the extension of left field. As it now is, the left field fence is so close to the home plate that left field hitting is a sure thing. The manager believes that an enlargement of the preserver would add to the interest in the game and improve the standard of ball playing in the local fan.

However, this last improvement may not come until Dr. Savage is convinced that his Topeka baseball patient is on his feet again, as it is hoped it will be before the coming season is far advanced.

23 SEATS ALREADY SOLD. Rickard Hopes to Hold Willard-Moran Fight in Garden Arena.

New York, Feb. 5.—Tex Rickard, who is promoting the Willard-Moran bout that is to take place here March 17, said that Willard's manager, Tom Jones, would be here next week and the final agreement for the contest would be signed by all parties concerned at a meeting Wednesday.

"I have not been apprised of the exact agreement arrived at in Chicago Thursday," said Rickard today, "but I am going ahead with my efforts to find a suitable place to stage the bout here. I would like to bring it off at the Madison Square Garden. Regardless of the price I have orders on file for at least three weeks prior to the fight for twenty-three ringside boxes."

"I've decided that the top price for the best seats will be \$25 each and I intend making reservations as to protect patrons from speculators."

"I clinched this match by positively threatening to bring Moran and Dillon together in this city for a purse almost as large as the one I am putting up for Willard and Moran. Willard is not coming east with Jones next week but I will insist that the champion shall train in this vicinity for at least three weeks prior to March 17. I understand Moran is going to begin training at Saratoga but he, too, got at least three weeks prior to the fight at some place adjacent to this city."

SANTA FEES IN THE LEAD. Stag Bowling League Teams Well Bunched Official Standing Shows.

HOW JIM SCOTT GOT BASEBALL START



Jim Scott.

Jim Scott, big league star, got his start in this way: In 1907 Oklahoma in the Iowa State league had eleven pitchers and no catcher. The manager wired to Chicago for a catcher and through mistake Scott was sent out. He was determined to pitch in the first game after his arrival, and did so well that he was signed to a contract before the end of the game.

INDIANAPOLIS GETS RILEY. St. Louis Browns Sell Former Wichita Pitcher to A. A. Club.

Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—Manager Jack Hendricks, of the Indianapolis American Association team, has closed a deal with the St. Louis American league club whereby J. L. Leary, first baseman, and Frank Riley, a right hand pitcher, became the property of the Indianapolis club.

Western league last year, being recalled at the close of the season. Washburn Five Lost Again. Lindsborg, Kan., Feb. 5.—Washburn college lost a well-played game here Friday night to Bethany by a 41 to 24 score. This makes the seventh conference game won by Bethany.

Friday Basketball Scores. Bethany 41; Washburn 24. K. U. 30; Washington 15. McPherson 30; Native Sons 11. Hays Normal 18; Haskell 14. Ottawa 28; Emporia Normal 26. Nebraska 35; Ames 11.

Outfielder Daniels Made Good Record in Western Canada League.

In lining up Topeka players for the coming season, there is one thing of extreme importance. The man who fills ex-manager Jimmy Jackson's place in centerfield must be capable of playing a brand of ball that will make the local fans glad. "Jumpin' James" is no longer in our midst. And in Josephus Daniels, a youngster from the far northwest, Savage believes he has found a man who fills the bill. Daniels has a record that indicates he is a comer, and he has a reputation that is even better than his record.

The northwestern frontier carder has been playing ball since 1912. In '12, '13 and a part of '14 he was in the Western Canada league. In the latter part of '14 he went to the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league, but broke his hand just before the season closed and was not able to play regularly last season, although he played independent ball during the slack of the summer.

Outfielder Daniels Who Has Been Chosen to Fill the Playing Shoes of Jimmy Jackson.



Year	Games	B. Av.	S.R.	F.
1912	35	.351	.40	240
1913	68	.290	.34	500
1914	123	.279	.36	329
1915	126	.278	.37	529

Independent ball—no record.

HOFFMAN WINS IT

With Falls Even, Oklahoma Grappler Forfeits Chance.

Body Scissors Injured Rib, Forcing Him to Quit.

As far as it went, the wrestling match in North Topeka last night between Louis Hoffman, local mat artist, and Bob Dugan of Oklahoma was one of the best grappling performances that has been seen here in the past two years. But, after each man had won a fall, Dugan forfeited the match, claiming that Hoffman fractured an old injured rib with a body scissors hold. Those who examined him, said that he did appear to have a bad start, and since they had seen over half an hour of good work, the spectators voted that they had been given their money's worth.

The men were about equally matched in weight and strength. It took Dugan 33 minutes to get the first fall. After having tried about every hold in his repertoire, the visitor finally caught Hoffman with a head scissors and arm bar and pinned his shoulders to the mat.

Hoffman won the second fall in 18 minutes with a body scissors that put Dugan out of business. After the match had been forfeited, Hoffman and Ray Baldwin, the Auburn marvel, put on an exhibition. Baldwin and Sam Harper, of the fastest preliminaries ever witnessed, the former getting two straight falls in "scat" time.

Baldwin, who is quite a husky youngster and who thinks he has a future on the mat, is anxious to get out of the prelims and issues a challenge to the center grapple in the state. He has been matched with Floyd Daggert, of Nebraska, for a bout at Wakarusa next Monday night.

It is probable that Hoffman and Dugan will try to go to a finish in a second meeting as soon as Dugan recovers from his injuries.

K. U. DEFEATS WASHINGTON. Jayhawkers Play Rings Around St. Louis Quintet at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 5.—Playing a brilliant passing game, Coach Hamilton's Jayhawkers basketball quintet easily defeated the Washington university team here Friday night by the score of 19 to 12.

After the first minute of play, Kansas was in the lead. Only three field goals were made by the St. Louis players. Berry had his eye on the basket on free throws, tossing ten. Captain Cole led the Jayhawkers attack with 6 goals. Nelson and Appel played a good defensive game.

Sue Feds for Costs. Kansas City, Feb. 5.—Suit to collect \$520 in expenses and court costs was brought by the Kansas City American Association baseball club against the St. Louis Federal league club in the circuit court at Independence, Mo., a suburb today. An injunction suit to restrain the St. Louis club from acquiring Pete Compton, a Kansas City outfielder, was decided in favor of the local club in St. Louis last summer. The present suit is to collect the money spent in litigation at that time.

Aggie-Tiger Dates Switched. Manhattan, Feb. 5.—It has been announced here that the two basketball games with Missouri university scheduled to be held here February 28 and 29 would be played on February 25 and 26. No reason was given by Manager Guy E. Lowman of the Kansas State Agricultural college for shifting the dates.

Harvard to Play Red Sox. Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 5.—Harvard's baseball team will play the world's champion Red Sox in the latter's park on April 19, according to an announcement today. Coach Fred Mitchell will commence his work with the Crimson diamond talent on February 16.

His Luck. "There is one thing I don't like about your Staylate, Ethel!" "What's that, the money?" "I'd like it better if he had more get-up-and-go about him."—Baltimore American.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

AND MORE THERE ARE. His hair was red as a rusty nail. His nose as big as a ham. He never was voted a handsome male. This pitcher called Jumbo Sam.

His arms were long and his hands too big. He gripped his feet didn't mate: He gripped his soul like a hungry pig And licked his knife when he ate. But, despite all his lack of culture—Despite his lowlier ways—This lefthanded, lip-sided vulture Was given a nation's praise.

He knew how to serve up a spitter. He knew how to fool Ty Cobbs. He knew how to fool every hitter. This lefthanded king of slob.

And 'cause he was great as a pitcher His crimes didn't keep him down. And now he has grown to be richer Than many who wear a crown.

Squire Huggins, Topeka's contribution to the Savage pitching staff, gave the rabbit around Wakarusa a day's rest Friday while he came in and signed his new contract.

Washburn students are becoming more convinced all the time that the mysterious athletic meeting held last Saturday had something to do with the coaching situation.

It is now being said that Joe Stecher is to the wrestling game what Ty Cobb is to the baseball, what Francis Outmet is to golf and what Willie Hoppe is to the billiard world. And if he is, he's about the ultra-ultimate of mat artists.

After Stecher had shown his wares in New York, a Gotham sport writer said of him: "He impressed local fans as being quite as formidable as Hackenschmidt and Gotch ever were. He still lacks, no doubt, some of their finish, but the punishing power of his powerful legs and agile feet, his Samson-like strength put him practically in a class by himself."

Topeka fans are already doting it out this way: The Savage will open here with Wichita. The Wolves will win every game. "Jumpin' Jimmy Jackson won't get a hit and will make an error in each game.

Among pairs that seem to be best for drawing purposes may be mentioned: Mutz and Jeff. A pair of Aces. Willard and Moran. A pair of triplets. Queens back to back. A president and his bride.

Washburn's one great chance of winning that basketball game will come tonight when the Ichabods play McPherson college at McPherson. It behooves the Ichabods to hump themselves tonight, because a shunt in their son will look "perfectly, dreadfully awful" on the record books.

The Sioux City Western League club sent out contracts to seventeen players this week. Those to whom documents were mailed are: Catchers Crosby and Donnelly; pitchers, Doyle, Gaspar, Kelly, Boothby, Clark (Pepper) and Tadisco; infielders, Kane, Cooney, Hermsling, Callahan, Naughton and Mueller; outfielders, Davis, Lejeune and Watson.

The latest figures regarding the Willard-Moran fist fiasco, to be held in New York, indicate that Willard will receive \$7,500 instead of \$40,000, as was announced Thursday afternoon from Chicago when the articles were signed. But Tom Jones never minimizes.

However, taking for granted that the big fight figures are correct, Willard will receive something like \$25,000 per second for the 1,800 second fight, and the first fight at the rate of about \$35,000 per hour.

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