

MUTT & JEFF—Jeff Is a Better Financier Than the Doc.



"Snowy" Baker Tells of the Ring's Greatest Coward.

Darcy Licked Him Without Striking a Single Blow.

BY FRANK G. MENKE. New York, Sept. 18.—"Snowy" Baker, the Australian promoter, comes along with an amusing story concerning a Rumanian battler who went to Australia to "kick Monsieur Darcy" and nearly died of fright when the opportunity offered. "Alex Costica was his name," writes Baker. "He came to Sydney heralded as the fighting world of Europe. He boasted of victories over most of the best battlers in that part of the world. And nothing would do but that I should match him with Lee Darcy. So I did. "But during the preliminary training, Costica was boasting about what he would do to Darcy. Up to that time he thought Lee was a 'white'." That was the Saturday of the fight, "Red" Watson, an American fighter, was kidding Costica by telling him Darcy was a joke. "Costica pedals Chilled. "But when the time drew near for the fight, Costica began to learn the truth about Darcy; he came to understand that Darcy was a pretty good scrapper. He hurriedly looked up Darcy's record and when he had studied it thoroughly all his courage seemed to ooze away. "One day or two before the fight, Costica claimed he was very sick. A doctor examined him and pronounced him in perfect physical condition. At 2 a. m. on the Saturday of the fight, Costica was missing from his bed. His trainers began a search for him. Costica was captured in the woods near his camp, streaking it in an opposite direction. "The boys hustled Costica back to his camp and the doctor was called again. He said Costica was suffering from nothing but fright and worry over the coming fight with Darcy. The doctor 'prescribed' for him. He gave him strychnine but I didn't know about it until some time afterward. "Pearing he might try to make another get-away before fight time, the manager of Costica, after giving him strychnine, locked him in a room, nailed shut the door and double-barred the windows. Costica was kept there until that night when he was liberated only to be led into the ring. "Flops Without Being Hit. "I never have seen any man so frightened as was Costica when he was rushed into the ring. He cast one glance at Darcy who was in his corner—and nearly fainted. Several times it seemed as if he was on the point of jumping from the ring and bolting for the exits. But his manager was too close. "Finally the gong banged. The fight was on. Darcy walked to the center of the ring, calmly looking at the shivering Costica who had to be pushed there. At once he backed away. Darcy followed him, and Costica backed faster and faster. "At last, Darcy figured he had cornered Costica. He started a swine by the name of 'Corky' Costica, who could reach its mark. Costica dropped to the mat. The crowd was bewildered—and so was the referee. Costica's manager yelled for him to get up. But Costica seemed quite content with the way he was. He refused to budge until the referee had counted him out. Then he lay on feeling safe from any onslaught. "Costica, of course, was disqualified for all time in Australia."

Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere. BY CLUG

LOCAL FANS HAVE A BIG TIME IN SPITE OF DEFEAT IN TWIN BILL Sunday a Bad Day for Pitchers—"Sapho" Saffel Among the Wrecked.

Topeka's Sunday baseball crowds are becoming highly proficient in the art of self entertainment. A few more seasons like the present one has been, with practically every Sunday bill a rotten one, and the Topeka crowd will have self entertainment down to perfection. In the last double bill with Lincoln which the Ducklings annexed by the scores of 10 to 2 and 9 to 8 there was no other chance for the crowd to get its money's worth, and, being accustomed to defeats, it took them good naturedly while enjoying the sweet pastime of kidding the players and ragging Umpire Kane.

When Ralph Lathrop made a costly bubble in the second inning of the first engagement the crowd did not get sore at him, but when he made a couple of easy catches shortly thereafter he was given the most rousing round of sarcastic applause ever given to a player on the local lot. "Go get a first baseman now," Allen yelled at the grandstand. "Well, we need one, all right," Allen replied and thereafter Allen attended to his knitting more closely. Captain Hunter was given considerable consideration and Umpire Kane was called everything from a thief to an imitation of a .22 caliber rifle ringer.

Had the patrons of the games taken them seriously they would have been broken hearted by the time things were all over. The first was lost thru a magpie of errors and the second was just one continual procession of tragedies from the first inning to the last. The climax coming at the end of the seventh when with the bases loaded and two out and one run needed to tie the score, Manager Engle, pinch hitting for the pitcher, popped out, ending the agony.

Bad Day for Pitchers. It was not a propitious afternoon for pitchers. "Animal" Dasher attempted twice to show that he "has come back," but both times he failed. Hall was as ineffective as he was when taken out of Saturday's game after having allowed six runs in the second inning. Burwell was in alth. "Sapho" Saffel, the pride of Topeka's amateur ranks, was sent to the club house after the second inning of the second game with his feet in a group and his phenomenal record badly besmirched. Dasher had hard luck in his first effort of the afternoon. After getting by the first inning, he was hit for three safe blows in the second and the team gave him such poor support that the Ducks batted all the way around and made five runs from these three hits and one walk. Dasher was jerked and Hall sent to the mound over the protest of the fans and Lincoln continued to pile up runs that were not needed with old Jack Halla pitching his usual steady, heady game. The second performance was a fitting climax for an afternoon of orgies. Young Saffel went to the mound with an air of confidence amid a heavy shower of cheers from the bleachers. He got thru the first inning without a hit and with the opposition making only one score, and his team mates gave him a 6-run lead in their first round at bat. But in the second inning walks and extra base hits soon put the visitors within one run of a tie, and in an effort to save the contest Saffel was jerked with three in the bases full and two out.

Dasher Failed Again. Dasher again was summoned and he retired the side by fanning Ty Lober, but "Dash" immediately got in trouble in the third inning and gave way to Burwell. The score was tied in the third and in the fourth the Ducklings stepped to the front with a 2-run lead. The affair then rocked along scoreless until the seventh, which was to be the end by agreement, when Lincoln made another run. Then came the mournful last half of the last act. East showed signs of weakening at the opening. Agler beat out an infield hit and Goodwin walked. De Fato singled, scoring Agler and Monroe hit a sacrifice fly that counted

Goodwin and put the Savages within one of tying the score. Lindmore walked. Devore grounded out and Allen took the four ball count and went to first. The bases were full and Engle went in to bat for Burwell. The count stood three balls and one strike on Engle, and the crowd got its first real tense moment of the afternoon. Then the count was three and two. And then Engle popped out to Williams, ending the program for the afternoon. This double defeat along with Saturday's, which was a 12 to 4 humiliation, gave the Ducks a clean sweep on the series. Today was an off day. Monday comes tomorrow and the game is booked to start at 3:15 sharp.

When the game was over, the crowd was still in a state of excitement, and the players were being teased by the fans. The game was a disappointment for the home team, but the fans enjoyed the entertainment.

NO CRACKS YET!

Boston, Detroit and Chicago Still Packed at the Top.

Week's Games May Decide Both Big League Races.

New York, Sept. 18.—It is now a toss-up between Detroit, Boston and Chicago for the American league championship. With these three teams packed in at the top, with only a game and a half separating the Tigers and the White Sox and the Red Sox sandwiched in between, most anything can happen on the turn of one game. Today is the last clash between Red and White Sox arrangements for the season but tomorrow the real pennant fight will be on with Detroit meeting Boston in the Michigan city. By continued winning here, Chicago may profit by the lacing her rivals give each other. The Red Sox took second place yesterday when they engaged the Chicagoans in the Connie Mack stronghold and won.

Today's Possibilities. If the Red Sox succeed today in Chicago and the Tigers lose, the world's champions again will be in their pet position at the head of the percentage column. However, the Tigers are due for a clash with the Athletics and Connie Mack having sent his best, Joe Bush, to sacrifice Sunday, it is hardly probable Jennings' jungle terrors will slip. The series now in progress in Chicago and the one approaching for the Tigers and Red Sox, probably will decide the outcome of the American league race. From Detroit the Red Sox will go to the Athletics and probably will run into opposition of a stiff sort. If they are to return home in fit condition, take the lead and hold Detroit, the Phillies engage the Cubs. The Cardinals and Braves battle at Boston.

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CAN MR. WELSH HOLD HIS TITLE ANOTHER YEAR?

Champion Freddie Welsh has held the lightweight title a little over two years. The chances are he won't hold it a third. It is true that Welsh won twenty rounds with Charlie White, and it is also true that he got the decision. But that was to be expected. Welsh was given his choice of opponents and he designated White, which proved in his estimation that White was less competent than any of the challengers. Even at that White gave him a run, and proved that the next good boy that meets Welsh will trim him. In the thirteenth round Welsh was all but out on his feet from the effects of the pace and White's punches. And he was none too fresh at the finish, even tho he conserved his energies throughout.

CONNIE MACK'S NEW TEAM COST \$20,000; IS DUE FOR COMEBACK NEXT SEASON



Old-timers who form nucleus of Connie Mack's new team. Left to right: Strunk, Schang and Bodie.

FOOD FOR FANS

Having watched the Browns, we are inclined to suspect that Fielder Jones is the guy that put the "mus" in Shamus? STEVE.

Noodles and Nuggets

Tomorrow week the football season in Kansas will be officially opened with the Cooper-Southwestern game at Winfield. Saturday week the annual varsity-football game at Washburn will be played, and this to all local fans is the certain raiser of the season.

GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

It is interesting to note that Elsie Mitchell is the girl that put the "mus" in Shamus? STEVE.

WESTERN RESULTS

Lincoln 12; Topeka 4. Denver 6; Omaha 1. Des Moines 5; St. Joseph 4. Sioux City 7; Colorado Springs 1. National League. Brooklyn 4; Cincinnati 3-1. New York 4-1; Pittsburgh 2-2. Philadelphia 6-5; Chicago 3-0. Boston 7; St. Louis 1. American League. Detroit 4; Philadelphia 2. Chicago 6; Boston 4. Des Moines 5; St. Joseph 4. Louisville 4; Milwaukee 1. Columbus 7; Milwaukee 3. Toledo 5-4; St. Paul 4-3.

M. V. GRIND BEGINS

Many New Coaches in Big Conference This Season.

Tigers Look Strong; K. U. and Aggie Prospects Bright.

Football practice, already started at some of the universities of the Missouri Valley conference, will get under way in earnest this week and, in a few days, followers of the sport will have obtained a line on the "green" material and the numerous new coaches whose work promises to make the coming season the most interesting the seven institutions of the conference have gone thru in years. For surely the fall of 1916 will be remembered in the Missouri Valley conference as the season of new coaches. New men will be at the head of the training at three schools—the University of Nebraska, the Kansas State Agricultural college and Drake university—and at a fourth, Kansas university, a new backfield coach will be on hand to aid Chauncey Oleott in rounding out the Jayhawk machine.

REAL PRACTICE TODAY

Washburn Football Men Get Down to Work in Earnest. More men heard the last call of the fair Saturday afternoon than the call of the coach for Washburn football practice, only about 20 men showing up on the field. They went thru the familiar round of last week's practice, kicking, then practice in getting down the field after punts followed by an hour's forward pass scrimmage. The same program will be kept up for the first part of this week, it being the coach's endeavor to condition his men and secure a surer handling of the ball.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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First Indianapolis game: R. H. E. Indianapolis 7; Toledo, clear, 3 p. m. Milwaukee at Indianapolis, clear, 3:30 p. m.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

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SCOREBOARD FLASHES

Sunday's hero—Geo. Stier. The versatile artist of the Browns turned the first basing job over to the catcher, dropping into the box and defeated Walter Johnson in a pitchers' duel. Two bases on balls and a short single proved the undoing of the Washington star.

Forty thousand persons saw the Red Sox beat the White Sox and go into second place.

Rube Ruth, Bill Carrigan's star, southpaw ringer or Urban Fiero, Howland's marcel.

Detroit's victory over the Athletics gave the Tigers a few more points lead. Cobb's great work was too much for the Philadelphia. He singled, took third on a sacrifice and scored on a long fly.

It was Joe Bush, Connie's no-hit hero, who hit the dust before the Tiger onslaught.

Six runs in one inning were not enough for the Yanks to win from the Indians who took the game, 9 to 7.

Des Moines at St. Joe, clear, 3:15 p. m. Omaha at Denver, clear, 3:15 p. m. Sioux City at Colorado Springs, clear, 3:15 p. m.

National League. Pittsburg at New York, clear, 2 first 1:30 p. m. Cincinnati at Brooklyn, clear, 2 first 1:30 p. m. Chicago at Philadelphia, clear, 3 p. m. St. Louis at Boston, clear, 3:15 p. m.

American League. Philadelphia at Detroit, clear, 3 p. m. Washington at St. Louis, clear, 3 p. m. Boston at Chicago, clear, 3 p. m. No other games scheduled. American Association. Kansas City at Louisville, clear, 2 first 1:30 p. m. Toledo, clear, 3 p. m. St. Paul at Columbus, cloudy, 3 p. m. Milwaukee at Indianapolis, clear, 3:30 p. m.

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THE BIG STICK BATTLES IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES

Table with columns: Player, At bat, Hits, Pct. Rows for various players.