

SPORTING PAGE

WATERLOO EVENS UP WITH INDIANS

Loops Take Second of Series From Redskins Through Big Third Inning and Fraak Play.

SCORE EIGHT TO FOUR

Tommy Giffin Fined \$5 and Sent Off the Grounds by Umpire Shaffer, For Crabbing.

[Special to The Gate City]

WATERLOO, Sept. 1.—After Keokuk had piled up a lead of three runs in the first three frames of yesterday's game, the locals began battling everything Cooper had to offer, which, with a walk, netted Waterloo four runs in the last of the third. One was down when the fireworks started. Danny Harrell being the boy who started the scoring. Harrell tore loose with a triple to left on a ball that Cooper had evidently intended Brown to catch without there being a war club meeting it at the slugger's station. Cooper had examined the ball, finding, according to said Cooper, that it was not a "good" ball. He tossed the ball toward Brown, expecting Brown to hand it to the umpire for examination. But Harrell was too foxey for Cooper, so he smashed the ball on the nose, driving it to the club house. Umpire Shaffer had not called "time" hence the ball was in play. Masters followed Harrell with a single to center, and Martin walked. Hill singled to center, scoring Masters, after which Whaley doubled to left center, scoring Martin and Hill. Whaley tried to stretch his clout to a triple, but was nailed at third base, after which Brown went down. Wilkes to Giffin. Again in the sixth, the locals added two runs on successive singles by Brown, Sheldon, Brennan and Heuser. In the next round Hill doubled, Whaley sacrificed, and Brown and Sheldon singled. This brought the count up to eight for Keokuk. The visitors registered in the second round, when after

Hollocher had singled and was forced at second by Lamb. L. Brown shot a safety to right. B. Brown dropped Brennan's throw to second when the ball was thrown that way to open the way for an attempted steal of home. Lamb scoring. In the next inning, Wilkes led off with a single and Lowther reached first on an error by Brown. Swick advanced when Giffin sacrificed, and both scored when Giffin drove a single to left. In the ninth frame, Keokuk added another run when Hollöcher was hit by a pitched ball and took second on a wild pitch, registering on a double to center by L. Brown.

Bixby was forced into the game in the last of the sixth, Giffin being ordered out of the game and grounds by Umpire Shaffer for disputing a decision and threatening Shaffer as follows: "If you fine me I'll punch you on the nose." However he didn't do any "punching," but Shaffer did fine him \$5, and ordered him out of the game. Bixby was then sent to first to finish the game.

AB. R. H. PO. A. E. Keokuk, Le Beau, cf, Wilkes, 3b, Lowther, lf, Swick, 2b, Giffin, 1b, Brennan, ss, Lamb, rf, L. Brown, c, Cooper, p

Waterloo, Harrell, 3b, Masters, ss, Hill, lf, Whaley, rf, B. Brown, 2b, Sheldon, 1b, Brennan, c, Heuser, p

Score by Innings. Keokuk, 012 000 601-4 Waterloo, 001 002 203-8

Summary Two base hits—Harrell, Whaley, Hill, L. Brown. Three base hits—Harrell. Struck out—By Heuser, 6; Cooper 2.

Bases on Balls—Off Heuser 1; Cooper 3. Left on bases—Waterloo 5, Keokuk 5.

Wild pitches—Heuser, Cooper. Stolen bases—B. Brown. Sacrifice hits—Swick, Masters, Whaley.

Hit by pitched ball—By Heuser, Hollöcher. Umpire—Shaffer.

CEDAR RAPIDS HERE THURSDAY

Bunnies Open Up Final Home Series of Tribe—Waterloo on Deck for Sunday and Monday.

CLOSE OF THE SEASON

Curtain Drops on Labor Day on a Successful Season for the League—Keokuk's Great Record.

Following the longest and most successful road trip of the baseball season, the Keokuk team under the leadership of Manager Frank Boyle, who has put Keokuk on the baseball map this year, will return home this evening and the first game of the final home series will be played at the league park tomorrow afternoon.

Keokuk has taken second place away from the Muskies while on the road and the return should be of triumphant entry into the city. Anyway every fan in the city should be out to the baseball park tomorrow afternoon and give the Indians the royal welcome they deserve.

Cedar Rapids is on deck tomorrow and will be here for three games. On Sunday Waterloo comes and it is probable that a double bill will be staged on this day. Monday is Labor day and also the close of the Central association season. Two games will be played with Waterloo and when the final out is made the curtain will descend on the most successful season ever experienced by the Central association, and the year in which Keokuk took a position as one of the leaders of the league.

Corbett's Protege.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Jim Corbett's heavyweight protege, Tom Cowler, will get another test tonight when he meets Jack Hemptie, the California boxer in ten rounds at the St. Nicholas A. C.

FIGHT DECISIONS ARE NOT POPULAR

Freddie Welsh's Manager Says Not Desirable for Ten Round Bout in the State of New York.

OTHER MANAGERS KICK

Champions Fear to Take Chance on Decision Fight—Would Break up Their Golden Treasury.

There is a great diversity of opinion among boxing adherents in New York as to the advisability of allowing referee's decisions in ten-round bouts in the Empire state. The general run of opinion appears to be decidedly in favor of revising the laws governing boxing so as to permit of official verdicts, while those better versed in boxing lore are just as decided against amending the Frawley law to legalize decisions.

From one quarter in particular, there is a concerted cry against empowering the referee to render an official verdict. That quarter is constituted of champions and near champions in the various divisions. Especially antagonistic against the movement is Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion, and his mentor, Harry Pollok.

Pollok is at present enjoying a protracted siesta in California, it devolves upon "Handsome Harry" to express Welsh's sentiments and those of his own, in the matter, says Harcild:

"If decisions are made legal in New York state, I can guarantee you that no champion will appear before a New York audience until the law is revised to its present status. What champion, I ask you, will take a chance with his title in a ten-round bout with their titles at stake? Nay, sponser for the wrong action of a referee in case a title changes hands on his unfair ruling, whether it is made honestly or with malice aforethought."

"One thing I can assure you of: Welsh will not take part in any bouts in New York if decisions are permitted. Do you think any of the other champions—Williams, Kilbane or Willard—would take a chance in a short bout with their titles at stake? Nay, nay, you cannot imagine me that they will, for I am sure they all will look upon the new order in the same light as Freddie does."

Is Good Logic. There is a heap of logic in what Pollok says, but it must not be forgotten that he is talking from the viewpoint of a manager who has a world's champion in tow. Welsh's earning powers depend wholly upon the fact that he is the world's undisputed lightweight champion. Were Freddie Welsh merely Freddie Welsh, with no titular attachments, it is unlikely that he would receive one-tenth the amount he now receives for his share for fighting no-decision battles. A title covers a multitude of indifferent fights, and it is only because Freddie is the champion that the fans tolerate him. He occupies much the same position in the boxing realm here that does Leach Cross; people turn out in droves to see him perform, hoping that they will be among those present when he is knocked out. Here the psychological aspect enters the game.

It is hard to imagine that even Jess Willard would take a chance with his newly acquired title in a ten round decision bout here, despite the fact that he is supreme in the heavy-weight division. We can readily understand Welsh's attitude, for there are fully half a dozen lightweights that could gain the referee's decision over him in a limited round contest.

May Be Given Trial. It may be the decision will be given a trial in a few weeks. Another possibility is that an official verdict will be rendered in the Packey McFarland-Mike Gibbons affray two weeks hence. A decision would insure a good fight in this case, because no championship is at stake. Both men are natural enemies and capture the victor to the extent that he would be almost willing to spurn the monetary compensation. Yes, we are quite sure that if Packey knew he would gain the referee's decision over Mike Gibbons, to go down in the record book as an undisputed triumph, he would forego the \$17,500, or whatever sum he is to receive for his labor. And by the same token, the identical thing holds with Gibbons, if he could but be certain of a decision over the once mighty MacFarland.

As Governor Whitman has announced his willingness to appoint a new supervising boxing commission until the fiscal year begins on October 1, when an appropriation will be made, it is within the bounds of possibility that the present solons will experiment with one or two-decision bouts. The McFarland-Gibbons bout is one of them, although the articles do not stipulate that an official decision be rendered. However, if decisions prevail, they will have to fight with that understanding or pass up the chance of splitting that \$35,000.

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Central Association

Standing of the Clubs—Yesterday's Results—Today's Games.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Burlington	78	35	.69
KEOKUK	67	47	.587
Muscatine	59	54	.522
Mason City	56	53	.491
Cedar Rapids	50	63	.446
Marshalltown	47	63	.428
Clinton	50	67	.427
Waterloo	47	73	.392

Yesterday's Results. Keokuk, Waterloo, 8-1. Burlington, 2-7; Cedar Rapids, 1-1. Muscatine, 2-2; Mason City, 3-6. Clinton, 6; Marshalltown, 4.

Where They Play Today. Keokuk, 4; Waterloo, 8. Burlington at Cedar Rapids. Muscatine at Mason City. Clinton at Marshalltown.

With The Sporting Editor

TRIBES LOSES AND YET GAINS

Although the Indians lost yesterday—the first time for many a day—their lead over Muscatine was still further increased. This is "no impossibility" for Muscatine lost a double bill yesterday. As Burlington won a double header, that puts the Pathfinders high and dry above the other seven clubs in the Central association race. The tribe comes home tomorrow and on the home stretch, the attendance should be record breaking.

RULES ARE TO BE ALIKE

A committee appointed by the Amateur Athletic Union to confer with the college athletic authorities regarding basket ball, has announced that for the first time in the history of the game the amateur and college rules this year would be alike. The principal point of disagreement was the dribble rule. The rule now adopted is, in substance as follows: Dribbling will be permitted, and at the end of the dribble, a player will be allowed to throw for goal and if he makes the goal it will count. Heretofore the amateur rules did not permit the scoring of a goal after a dribble.

LATEST MOVES IN MUSCATINE

Muscatine Journal: Determined to put up a stronger fight in the race for second place in the Central association, Manager Ned Egan of the Muskies, Monday signed a right-handed college twirler by the name of Sennett. The Musky manager stated yesterday that he would rotater "Lefty" Wagner, the youngster whose work in the early part of the year was sensational, but who has been in a rut for the past few weeks. The young southpaw announces that he will step up until the team returns and it is likely that he will twirl the opening game against the Ansons on Thursday.

Jesse Runser has strong hopes of being able to get in the line-up when the Muskies return. The star infielder is receiving treatment for his injured limb and appears to be much improved. Harry Shanley, the league's best hitter, probably will not be able to start in the series, the speedy outfielder being badly crippled with a "charley horse."

Word comes from Keokuk that Manager Frank Boyle will stand pat on Bert Cooper, the twirler whom the Muskies declare to be a veteran and whose service in the Indian line-up induced the Muscatine club to file protests against the games won by the Boylemen since August 15. The Keokuk manager claims to have an affidavit, signed by Secretary James T. Hayes of the Davenport club, to the effect that Cooper was with Davenport only twenty-eight days, the affidavit being issued when the finger was the property of the Clinton club

CRAWFORD IS HARDEST HITTER.

Sam Crawford, according to Hugh Jennings, his manager, is the hardest hitting batsman in the history of the national pastime. Crawford certainly leads in long hits, and that fact goes a long way toward proving the truth of Jennings' assertion.

The question, however, is open to debate in certain particulars. There are and have been batters who drove the ball away from the bat with as much velocity as Sam imparts, but who fall or failed to make as long hits because they do not give as much loop to the drive. Some balls go straighter, but they haven't the combined lift and impetus which Crawford is able to give, and no one appears to be able to equal him in this remarkable combination.

Deleahnt, LaJole and Anson, no doubt, landed on the pellet as hard as does Crawford, but they sent the ball away on the line more often. As a hard, straight-away hitter, Anson never had a superior. Sater and Zimmerman are two of the best of the present day batters at driving the ball with keen, swift velocity, and Warner, in his prime, could hit the pellet through the infield so fast that all the players knew of it was its whistle. But none of them have the Crawford twist, which makes the ball carry far.

Clinton Bunches Hits and Wins.

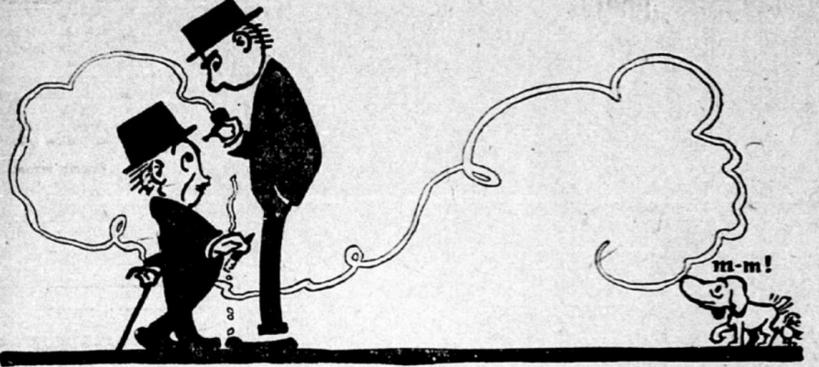
MARSHALLTOWN, Sept. 1.—Hits off Tuttle in the fifth, coupled with errors, won for Clinton. Durham of Marshalltown, hit a home run in the ninth.

Score: Clinton, 000 150 000—6 12 5. Marshalltown, 000 300 001—4 7 6. Batteries: Jones and Link; Tuttle and Hammerschmidt.

Mason City Wins Eight Straight.

MASON CITY, Sept. 1.—Mason City made it eight straight. Bunched hits won the first. Stennett, a new Musky pitcher, weakened in the fifth inning of the second, walking two, hitting one, and allowing Brown to single.

First game: R. H. E. Muscatine, 000 000 020—2 12 5. Mason City, 000 310 10x—6 10 1. Batteries: Matts and Hruska; Fitzpatrick and Weeks. Second game: R. H. E. Muscatine, 000 000 0—2 7 2. Mason City, 010 020 x—3 4 2. Batteries: Stennett and Hruska; Corey and Weeks.



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