

WELLS IS CHOICE OF ALL OWNERS FOR PRESIDENCY

May Be Re-Elected When Virginia League Magnates Meet Here.

OTHERS AFTER JOB IF HE DECLINES IT

Baseball Will Be Discussed Solely From Business Standpoint. Bradley Will 'Fight' If Present Way of Running Things Is Changed.

Jack Wells, unless all signs fail, will be re-elected president of the Virginia League when the owners of the several clubs hold their annual meeting in Murphy's Hotel Annex, Tuesday night.

Bradley Ready for Fight. It is probable that the owners of the other clubs will make some effort to take away from Richmond some of the Saturday games.

Jack Lawlor



RICHMOND'S NEW MANAGER. Lawlor will come to this city in March, when the players to represent Richmond in baseball will start practice.

MANY GUESTS AT DEEP RUN CLUB TO SEE FINISH

Large Field Goes Six Miles Over Rough Course.

HOUNDS DO WELL DESPITE DRYNESS

Decorated Hall, Lively Music and Happy Crowd Give Appearance of Midwinter Festival to Informal Reception Held After Hunt.

From the first cast near Brook store at 3:15 o'clock, the Deep Run hounds were taken yesterday afternoon over a delightful course of six miles, including Grants, Warwick's, Brook Hill, Bloomingdale, Westbrook and Rosewood.

The spacious front hall of the club was carefully decorated for the occasion, and in every way the affair had the appearance of a lively mid-winter festival.

WILL SPLIT PURSE EVENLY

Secret Agreement Believed to Have Been Made by Jeffries and Johnson. NEW YORK, December 4.—The secrecy of the meeting of Jeffries, Johnson and the local pugilists, says there will be for announcing the signing of the articles of agreement, is now believed by many of the best sports to have been for the purpose of making a second and private agreement, in which the principals divide the purse of \$100,000 evenly, instead of 75 per cent. to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser.

GOLF AT PINEHURST ENDS IN TRIPLE TIE

Field Bunched Closely in Leading Event by Clever Handicapping.

PINEHURST, N. C., December 4.—Excellent handicapping bunched the golfers in the weekly special golf event. An eighteen-hole stroke competition, a triple tie, resulting at 83, between J. B. Bowen, of Philadelphia; C. H. Hudson, of Flushing; and A. I. Cramer, of North Conway, which Mr. Bowen won on the play-off with a card of 79 to 85 for Mr. Hudson, and 83 for Mr. Cramer.

FOX-HUNTER WILL MATCH HIS PACK FOR BIG WAGER

T. S. Winston Is Willing to Run His Hounds Against All Comers.

4 STATES EXCLUDED IN CHALLENGE

Sportsman Believes Old Original Virginia Foxhound Is Best Dog in the World, and Is Willing to Test His Staying Qualities.

T. S. Winston, of Hallsboro, Chesterfield county, one of Virginia's most enthusiastic fox-hunters, has great confidence in the ability of the Virginia-bred hound, and is willing to match his pack against any in the country.

World End Disputes. "The reading of some good chase, or those which are of the variety known as the 'old close formation' fox-hounds, is far more interesting than to have the fox-hunting columns of your paper filled with reports of the various fox-hunts which are being held in the various sections of the State.

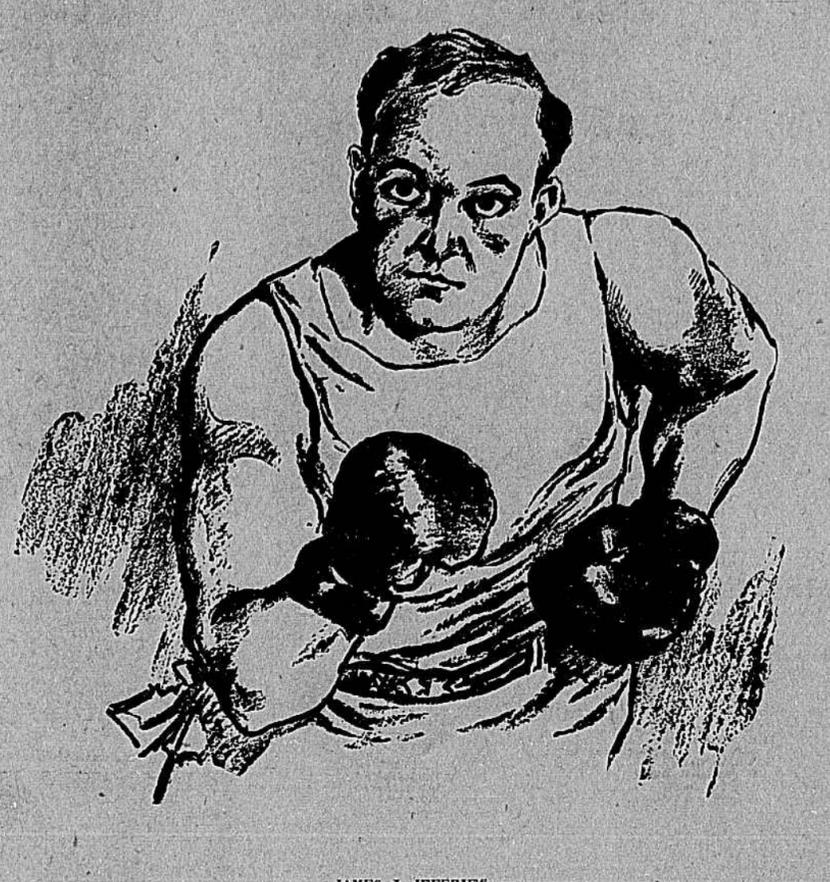
How in Lesson Injuring. "In my opinion a rule forbidding any line man either to carry the ball or to leave his place in the line, to form running interference for a half back, would open up the game and lessen the number of serious accidents. Such a rule would weaken the offense, already in teams of even calibre, not strong enough to advance the ball consistently, so that it would be necessary to give four downs, instead of three, inside the 25-yard line, where the backs are all massed close on defense.

Demand for Revisions. "The demand for the revision of the game was the strongest the year when the guardback play attained its highest development, the year when the game was true to the tackle back formation, and now, notwithstanding a rule requiring six men in line, we have learned how to get practically the effect of the old tackle back formation.

BOGEY FOR GOLF COURSES WAS SUGGESTED BY SON. Much curiosity has been manifested by golfers in general as to the origin of Colonel Bogey, and how this imaginative figure came to life. The Liverpool Standard states that the origin of the name of "Bogey" was suggested by a song which had a great vogue at one time among the principal players of the club.

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HARVARD TRAINER THINKS BIG FELLOW WILL BE "FIT" FOR BOUT WITH JOHNSON



EXPERT COACH TELLS HOW GAME SHOULD BE PLAYED

Charles E. Hammett Has Never Had a Serious Accident in His Ten Years' Experience in Football at Tome--Believes Line Men Should Hold Their Places.

Apologies of the football question, Charles E. Hammett, physical director at the Tome School for Boys, at Port Deposit, Md., and coach of the football eleven, says in a letter to the sporting editor: "There has never been a serious accident at Tome during the ten years I have been connected with the school, but the number of minor accidents this year—accidents which keep a boy out of the game for a day or two—have been greater than in any season that I can recall."

Long Was Jeff's First Opponent. "Well, I'm a peaceful sort of person," replied the champion, "but I could always fight a bit, and when they offered me a few dollars to beat Long in San Francisco some thirteen years ago I just fell for it. I was 'no punkin' as they say, in those days, but I beat Long so easily that I thought there might be something in it, and I decided to investigate. Delaney took me down to Shaw's Springs, where Corbett was training for Fitz, and I found Corbett dead easy, and acquired the idea that I might some day or other become the champion myself. I won the championship eventually, as I dare say you know," and Jeff grinned.

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Jeffries Has Not Lost Either the Speed or the Punch.

GOES THROUGH TEST WITH NEVER A PUFF

Pouch Donovan Sees the "Giant" in Action and Thinks He Can Get Into Ring July 4 in Condition to Go the Distance.

BY WILLIAM F. DONOVAN, Trainer Harvard Athletes. BOSTON, Mass., December 4.—Jim Jeffries' physical condition, in which an American sporting public is so deeply interested, just now, in view of his prospective fight with Jack Johnson for the world's heavyweight championship, evidently proved satisfactory to the big crowd that saw him work out here.

In the first place, Jeffries has what a fighter ought to have to start with; that is, the speed and the punch. As far as weight goes, it is just about right. I should like to see something to do for a long siege of training; it is much better to have a man weight twenty pounds over his normal weight starting in than five pounds underweight, and then have to make something to work on. If Jeffries had been fighting right along he would probably weigh in the neighborhood of 225 pounds in ring condition. He would be about ten or twelve pounds more, according to all the rules of physical growth, but because of his long lay-off and the indolent life he lives he has taken on more than this.

How the Big Fellow Looks. He looks me in, with something like 240 pounds, and consequently is in much better shape than when he appeared in his theatrical work here last spring. The extra fat he carried then over his abdominal muscles has disappeared, and he is now in a condition with the time he has at his disposal between now and the probable date of his fight will be able to remove this to its last vestige.

His long, powerful muscles are in more than fair shape just now, was shown when he propped his feet on the lower rung of a chair on which sat one of his trainers and then, bending backward, Jeffries raised and lowered himself with alternate twists and turns twenty-seven times. This was a test that would have tried any first-class athlete in the best of shape. Yet Jeffries did it without apparently being bothered.

Then, too, his exhibition of rope-skipping, one of the hardest of exercises, followed by his shadow boxing, showed the remarkable speed of foot and hand possessed by the big hammer-maker. Because this speedy activity over a short period it leaves open the question whether or not Jeffries can go over on a longer bout.

Endurance a Keynote. Endurance must be Jeffries' keynote. The route is a long one, and whether the fight is short or long, Jeffries must be prepared to travel at top speed for an indefinite period. A factor in this will be the texture of his muscles. Even now he is possessed of a remarkably moving muscular system. There is not that bunched or knobby appearance so common in big men who take part in rugged athletics.

Everything looks symmetrical, and there is a balance that gives him the smooth action of a man of considerably less weight and bulk. This is a development which has been made in the shadow boxing and the rapid shifting in his bout with McCormack. There was a marked absence of apparent effort in his movements, which were rapid and confident, the size of the man, rather graceful. Then, too, there was an economy of exertion. This fact would mean much where stamina is to be so great an essential. Over a long route every waste effort is just so much ammunition lost. And, judging by what Jeffries showed, taken in connection with his ring methods as shown in his past fights, he will not be the man to toss away an ounce of needed strength.