Baseball Is a Game of Skill and Science, But Old Dame Luck Often Takes a Hand

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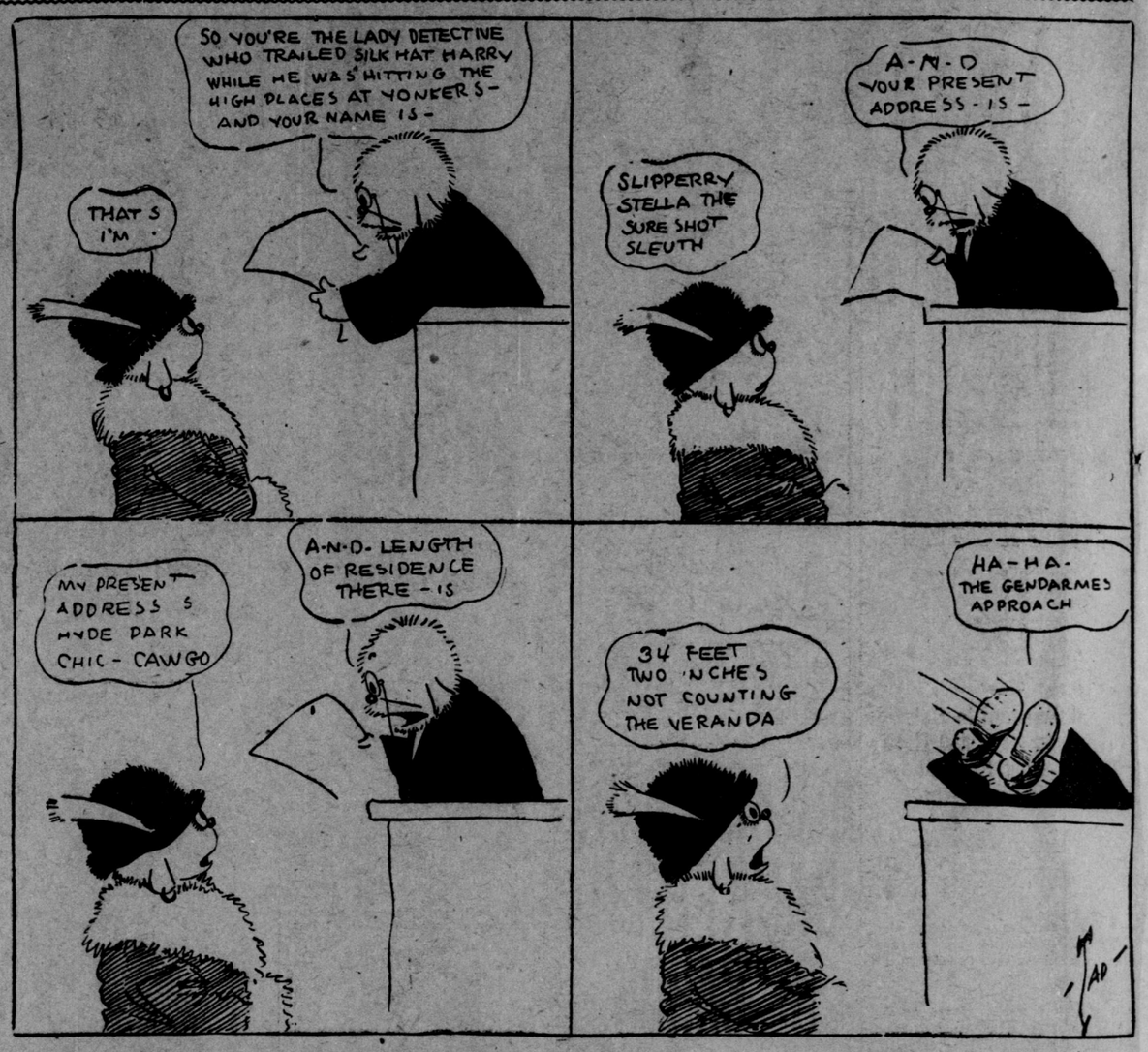
The Cop Can't Always See 'em — By Tad — Silk Hat Harry's Divorce Suit



Slattery's Spikes

IT IS very evident that Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie thinks more of New York than he does of San Francisco, his native city. He came out yesterday with the flatfooted announcement that he is not coming back here until after he has cleaned up in Gotham. He is talking about fighting Jack Britton and any other available ones just as soon as he finishes up with Leach Cross. This bout is set for Madison Square garden on the night of October 28. Of course, Willie will need a little rest before he starts again, which means that we won't see him in action here next month.

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RITCHIE is making things just as soft as possible for himself. He knows that the 20 round game is just twice as tough as that 10 round, clean break, no decision game which they play back east. He does not expect quite as much money, of course, but then he can make a great many more engagements and he will not be required to train as hard.

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THE actions of the champion won't increase his popularity in this city at all, but apparently he feels very content and very well satisfied with himself now that he is 4,000 miles away and basking in the smiles of the New York fans. If he can set himself right back there the chances are that little Willie won't bother about San Francisco for some time to come.

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WHEN the sport flourishes back in New York this city generally suffers. None of the high class performers like the idea of the tough grind in this section of the country when they can stall around in the short distance mills and pick up good money. New York is always fight mad after the baseball season closes, and the fighters as a rule flock back there.

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THIS is the principal reason why the fans of San Francisco are hungering for action at the present time. During the summer months they were treated to all sorts of action, but now comes the slump, and they are willing to fall for almost anything that is slipped them by the promoters. The latter do not seem to be able to dig up at all right now.

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THE 10 round meeting of Harlem Tommy Murphy and Packey McFarland next Friday evening in New York will be watched with eager interest by the followers of the sport all over the country, although it is far from being an important match for the reason that it means nothing at all.

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THEY have agreed to weigh in at 137 pounds a couple of hours before the fight. At last McFarland has come out in the open and admits that he is a welter weight. Any time that a so called lightweight asks his opponent to allow him to come in at 137, you may as well bid him a fond farewell as a member of the lower division. It took Packey a long time to make up his mind, but he finally has taken the leap. Now let's see how he gets along.

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MURPHY sure is a game little harp when he gives away so much weight to his clever opponent. Tommy used to be able to make 130 pounds without much trouble, so it is easy to figure what a handicap he will be under.

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WE saw them out here in a 20 round setto nearly two years ago and we realized then that Murphy did not figure even at that distance. But give him 30 rounds in which to turn the trick and then we say "Look out, Packey," for the New Yorker likes the Marathon route.

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"NO more championship matches for me," says Eddie Graney. "It's hardly worth a promoter's while to bother with them. You are compelled to give them everything and stand for all the worry yourself. I might have landed Ritchie for a Thanksgiving date, but I decided that the fourth of July experience with him was enough to hold me for a while.

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"I BELIEVE in giving the youngsters a chance to develop. The fans will come to my way of thinking in the future, too. But the worst of it is that as soon as one of these kids do get a start, he takes his cue from the great ones before him and immediately starts to play the holdup game. And then they wonder why agitation is started against boxing. They can blame themselves."

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IT is up to the four rounders to come to the front now. A great chance awaits the lad who can show the flash of speed and electrify the fans. It is only a little more than two years ago that Ritchie was very glad to get $200 for his bit as a local four round performer. Now he won't talk business with any promoter unless there is at least $10,000 in sight.

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THE trouble with the kids nowadays is that they want to be stars right off the reel. They won't take their time. They listen to the advice of get rich quick managers, who rush them to the front without proper preparation, and the next thing they know their chances are flattened by more experienced opponents, and then it's goodby and good night with them.

OMAHA BOXER MAKES HIT IN RING

Jack Sodenberg Will Have Plenty of Followers When He Meets Rogers

If Johnny Sodenberg, the Omaha middle weight, makes good on Friday evening, when he stacks up against Al Rogers of New York, the fans will be ready to boost him right to the front. Johnny has started in the four round game but twice, but on each occasion he made a clever and a game exhibition, so they all seem to be pulling hard for him this time.

Sodenberg looks to be one of the most likely of the middle weight prospects. Barring a little carelessness, he is the ideal fighter. He can hit and box and take the punches which the other fellow starts at him. He is just about the right build for a successful 158 pounder, and things will look bright for him if he gets by in his next battle.

Rogers is one of those tough, rough and ready bruisers who keeps boring in all the time. He, too, is possessed of a pretty stiff punch, and if he brings it over his opponent is very likely to drop. He will surely prove a stumbling block in the path of the aspiring youngster, but it will mean all the more for Sodenberg if he manages to weather the storm.

Before the middle weights make their appearance there will be a speedy mixup between Ray Campbell, the lightweight of local fame, and Louis Rees, the Los Angeles lad. It looks as though Campbell has the shade, because of his boxing ability and his speed, but they won't be surprised to see Rees go in and score a decisive victory.

The southern lad is a second Battling Nelson. His opponent's punches never seem to bother him. He can assimilate them all and come back for more at every turn. He is dogged and determined, and none of them have as yet been able to keep him down for the count. The faster the pace, the better he seems to like it. He never has been known to back up.

Frankie Kirk, the lightweight champion of Vallejo, will not be here to box Jim Drexel of Denver, so Promoter Al Young has called this match off and has substituted Eddie Miller and Harry Williams, the bantam weights. This ought to be a corking good mixup. Miller is a past master at the boxing game, while Williams is a rushing little fellow, whose long suit is mixing things up.

The other bantams, Harry Dell and Johnny Aaron, are also in form to give a punching exhibition. Both can hit hard and both are game. Aaron won his last three fights by knockouts and is now regarded as a comer, while Dell has been at the game for the last four years and has a good record.

The other bouts are as follows: Lee Johnson vs. Kid Exposito, lightweights; Johnny McCarthy vs. Battling Kelly, welter weights; Lou Sims vs. Sailor Nizke, middle weights; Soldier Wood vs. Soldier Dazele, lightweights; Jack Bratton vs. Ralph Braunan, feather weights.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Club—	Won	Lost	Pct.
Portland	104	76	.571
Venice	103	95	.516
Sacramento	96	90	.516
San Francisco	95	99	.489
Los Angeles	92	101	.479
Oakland	85	112	.431

TODAY'S GAMES

San Francisco and Oakland at Recreation park, 3 p. m.
Venice at Sacramento.
Portland at Los Angeles.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AT SAN FRANCISCO
Oakland 4, San Francisco 3

S. F.	R	H	P	A	E	Oakland	R	H	P	A	E
Mundrff,rf	1	2	0	0	1	Clemens,lf	2	2	1	0	0
M'Ardl,1b	0	0	10	0	0	Hetling,3b	0	3	2	2	1
Johnstn,cf	0	0	2	0	0	Kaylor,rf..	0	1	1	0	0
Schaller,lf	0	1	1	0	0	Zacher,cf..	1	3	3	0	0
Downs,2b.	1	0	4	4	0	Ness,1b...	0	0	15	0	0
Corhan,ss.	0	2	5	4	0	Cook,ss....	0	1	1	5	1
Crtwgt,3b	0	1	1	2	0	Leard,2b..	0	1	2	4	0
Schmidt,c	1	2	4	1	0	Alexandr,c	1	1	5	5	0
Pernoll,p.	0	0	0	3	2	Killilay,p..	0	0	0	2	0
Total...	3	8	27	14	3	Total...	4	12	30	18	2

None out when winning run was scored.

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS

San Francisco	0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0	3
Basehits	0 1 0 2 2 0 1 1 1 0	8
Oakland	1 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1	4
Basehits	3 2 1 0 1 1 2 1 0 1	12

SUMMARY

Home run—Zacher. Stolen bases—Mundorff, Johnston, Schaller, Clemens, Kaylor, Cook. Two base hits—Schaller, Clemens, Hetling, Schmidt. Sacrifice fly—Downs. Sacrifice hits—Hetling, Pernoll (2), Cartwright, McArdle, Killilay. First base on called balls—Off Killilay 6, off Pernoll 2. Struck out—By Killilay 5, by Pernoll 3. Double plays—Cartwright to McArdle; Corhan to Downs to McArdle; Corhan to McArdle. Earned runs—San Francisco 1, Oakland 2. Left on bases—San Francisco 8, Oakland 9. Time of game—1 hour and 55 minutes. Umpires—Knell and Guthrie.

AT LOS ANGELES
Portland 9, Los Angeles 0

Portlnd	R	H	P	A	E	Los An.	R	H	P	A	E
Chdbne,cf	1	2	2	1	0	Maggrt,cf	0	0	0	0	0
Derrick,1b	0	2	8	0	0	Howard,1b	0	0	12	1	0
Rogers,2b	1	2	1	1	0	Pape,2b...	0	0	2	2	0
Davis,ss..	0	1	6	2	0	Krueger,rf	0	1	3	0	0
Doane,rf.	2	3	1	1	0	Muesel,lf..	0	1	1	0	2
Lobér,lf...	1	1	4	0	0	Sawyer,3b.	0	1	0	1	0
Kores,3b..	2	2	2	1	0	Johnson,ss	0	1	4	4	1
Fisher,c...	1	1	2	0	0	Boles,c....	0	0	4	2	1
Krause,p.	1	1	1	1	0	Tozer,p...	0	0	0	2	0
Berry,c...	0	0	0	1	0	Gregory,p.	0	0	1	3	1
						Byrnes,c ..	0	0	3	1	1
Total...	9	15	27	8	0	Wotell....	0	0	0	0	0
						Total....	0	4	27	16	6

Wotell batted for Johnson in the ninth.

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS

Portland	0 0 1 3 3 1 0 0 1	9
Basehits	0 0 2 4 3 3 0 0 1	15
Los Angeles	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0
Basehits	0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 1	4

SUMMARY

Stolen bases—Rodgers, Doane. Twelve hits and 8 runs off Tozer in 5 innings. Charge defeat to Tozer. Home runs—Kores, Chadbourne. Two base hits—Fisher, Doane. Sacrifice hits—Boles. Left on called balls—Off Tozer 2, off Krause 4. Struck out—By Tozer 4, by Krause 2, by Gregory 2. Wild pitches—Tozer, Krause. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes. Umpires—Finney and Phyle.

AT SACRAMENTO
Sacramento 9, Venice 6

Venice	R	H	P	A	E	Sacto	R	H	P	A	E
Melosa,lf	1	1	0	0	0	Shinn,rf..	0	1	0	0	0
Kane,cf..	1	2	0	0	0	Young,ss.	2	2	1	3	1
Bayless,rf	1	2	1	1	0	Tennant,1b	1	3	10	0	0
Brasar,2b	1	2	2	3	0	Swain,lf..	2	2	3	0	0
O'Rrke,ss	0	2	6	4	1	Moran,cf..	1	1	3	0	0
McDonl,1b	0	1	9	0	0	Hillinan,3b	2	1	0	1	0
Litschl,3b	0	0	1	0	0	Stark,2b..	1	2	1	2	0
Stegrst,c.	1	0	5	3	1	Cheek,c...	0	2	7	0	0
Koestnr,p	0	0	0	0	0	Stroud,p..	0	0	2	3	0
Klepfer,p.	0	0	0	2	0						
Griffin,p.	1	1	0	1	0	Total...	9	14	27	9	1
Wilbolt..	0	0	0	0	0						
Patterson	0	0	0	0	0						
Total..	6	11	24	14	2						

Wilbolt batted for Klepfer in the fifth.
Patterson batted for Griffin in the ninth.

RUNS AND HITS BY INNINGS

Venice	2 0 0 0 0 1 3 0 0	6
Basehits	4 0 0 2 0 1 4 0 0	11
Sacramento	0 3 5 1 0 0 0 0 x	9
Basehits	2 2 6 2 1 1 0 0 x	14

SUMMARY

Stolen bases—Shinn. Eight hits, 7 runs off Koestner in 2 innings; 4 hits, 2 runs off Klepfer in 2 innings. Charge defeat to Koestner. Three base hits—Bayless, Stark. Two base hits—O'Rourke, Cheek, Tennant, Moran, Hallinan, Stark. Sacrifice hits—Stark, Stroud. Struck out—By Klepfer 2, by Griffin 3, by Stroud 6. First base on called balls—Off Koestner 2, off Klepfer 1, off Griffin 2, off Stroud 1. Wild pitch—Klepfer. Double plays—O'Rourke to Brashear to McDonnell; Bayless to McDonnell; Stroud to Tennant; Stark to Young to Tennant. Left on bases—Sacramento 5, Venice 5. Earned runs—Venice 4, Sacramento 3. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes. Umpires—McCarthy and Held.

DUNDEE HAS SHADE ON AZAVEDO

Little Fellows Show Plenty of Speed, but Both Lack The Punch

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15.—Johnny Dundee, the veteran, and Joe Azavedo, the novice, stepped 20 fast rounds in the Vernon arena last night, Dundee getting the decision. It was a dazzling contest every inch of the way, and the decision which Referee George Blake rendered seemed to please the crowd, though there was little to choose between the little fellows at the finish.

Neither boy showed any punching ability. It was simply a case of tap and step away. They had plenty of speed and stamina and they kept the fans on edge throughout with their lightning like work, but this let them out. It was by far the fastest bout seen in Los Angeles in many years and the enemies of the game were unable to tab it as a prize fight.

The showing of Azavedo was in many ways a disappointment. The fans of this city expected much of him in the punching line after his recent victory over Ad Wolgast. They had him pegged as a slambang artist, and many of them looked for him to knock Dundee out if he hoped to win at all. But they were all surprised at the reversal of form which the youngster displayed.

Dundee showed a better knowledge of the game and used his head to advantage, and at times he seemed to rattle his opponent. But Azavedo was always quick to recover, and he just stood up and boxed the veteran off his feet, displaying a thorough knowledge of the finer points of the game. He landed many a punch on the New Yorker, but there was no steam to them.

The local fans are of the opinion that the youth from Sacramento may yet develop a wallop, and if he does there is little doubt that he will figure in the first rank of the lightweights. He has the speed and the skill and he knows how to look out for himself in the tight places.

Dundee was the aggressor in the earlier rounds, using his left hand to advantage and stepping out of harm's way on many occasions. But after the mill had progressed half the distance Azavedo took a slight lead and did some effective work with rights and lefts to the jaw. None of these blows, however, did any damage, and Dundee just shook them off and waded in. Both men appeared fresh at the finish.

This Magnate Likes The Rubber Spikes

The long list of accidents to the baseball players of the Toronto International league team this season has moved President McCaffery to drastic action. He will suggest that the clubs of the organization each hold a meeting and appoint one delegate to attend a meeting in the offices of President Barrow to discuss the adoption of different spikes from those now generally used on the shoes of the players. Mr. McCaffery has offered to try lacrosse spikes, which are of hard rubber.

Drew's Recent Mark Fails to Convince The Veteran Duffey

Arthur Duffey, former amateur sprint champion, who ran 100 yards in :09 3-5, says, regarding the reported performance of Howard Drew, the colored sprinter, at Hartford: "Where there's smoke there's fire is a very true old saying, but we who have closely followed the sprint running game are not wont to view Howard Drew's 100 yards record equaling stunt at Hartford on Labor day, very seriously. Drew is said to have run 100 yards in :09 3-5 on a horse track, and to have been timed by horse timers. Nothing at all is mentioned as to the other conditions about the race. No matter what Drew actually did, it hardly seems probable that he will be credited with the performance. Horse tracks, as a rule, are not conducive to record making marks, especially in short sprints. Maxey Long some years ago managed to run a quarter straightaway in :47 on the old Guttenburg racetrack, but in a 100 yard race it is another story. Further, Drew was timed by no regular athletic timers. He was clocked by timers used to timing horses, and there is a vast difference between timing a horse and a foot runner. No mention was made of the competitors in the race; that is, as to their ability. Before we can seriously consider the colored champion's performance we must see him accomplish such a feat in a big championship meeting, on a good track, against the country's best runners, and timed by competent timers."

Stanford Block Is Handed Over to 19 Promising Freshmen

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 15. Nineteen members of the freshmen football squad have been awarded block "17" numerals and sweaters. This number is one larger than the regulations, but Coach Brown was unable to distinguish between the merits of two players.

A number of ruggers who have played regularly with the baby 15 during the latter part of the season were not awarded sweaters, as six freshmen had been placed on the varsity squad. These men are Austin, Carrol, Pettingill, Davidson, Lachmund and Crary.

The freshmen team is as follows, with substitutes in brackets: G. K. Scovel, Edgar Smitherum, front rank; H. W. McNulty, S. T. Halsted, H. S. Pettingill, (G. Hammon), middle rank; G. W. Nagel, T. E. Swigart, (R. B. Harris), rear rank; C. H. Scott, wing forward; T. H. Townsend, halfback; C. A. Austin, D. B. Carrol, (F. F. Dickey), fives; O. Lachmund, (E. H. Huttman), center; G. E. Crary, J. N. Mayberry, wings, and E. E. Davidson, fullback.

LOUISVILLE ENTRIES

First race, selling, 4 year olds and upward, six furlongs—Wintergreen 105, Knight Deck 107, Winifred D 107, Daddy Gip 107, Inian 107, The Beach 107, John D. Wakefield 107, Cosgrove 108, Isadora 100, Back Bay 111, Presumption 115, Flex 115, Florence Roberts 115.

Second race, purse, 2 year old maidens, one mile—Bay Head 107, Squire Bill 110, Ajax 110, Flying Trance 110, Iridescent 110, Meshach 110, Sadie 110, O'Reilly 110, Lindar 110, J. Nolan 110, Duke of Shelby 110, Little Bean 110.

Third race, selling, 3 year olds and upward, one and an eighth miles—Louis Wildig 99, Wishing Ring 108, Amon 108, Console 108, Patruche 108, Polls 111, Chartier 111, Falcada 112, Ben Lucas 115.

Fourth race, handicap, all ages, six furlongs—Sun Queen 98, Ride Brigade 99, Bringhurst 105, Jim Basey 109.

Fifth race, 2 year olds, five and a half furlongs, purse—Lost Fortune 102, Hattie Mc 102, King Worth 102, King McDowell 105, Emerald Gem 105, Ivan Gardner 105, Dr Samuel 105, First Cherry 105, John Gund 108.

Sixth race, selling, 3 year olds and upward, one and a sixteenth miles—Guide Post 96, Mugg 102, Oakhurst 104, Joe Diebold 105, T. M. Green 107, Cracker Box 108, Manager Mack 111.

Weather clear; track fast.

Dav's Day Dreams

FLASH BY BRAINLESS

The fewer the claims before the game the shorter will be the apology after it has been played.

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Nope, doesn't make any difference with us, we have to work just the same.

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Honest to goodness, Mabel, ain't it awful what a homer over the fence will do to a game?

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How would you like to have cooked Del Howard's dinner for him after that defeat yesterday? Gee, but Del was peevish.

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THE RAINY DAY
(Apologies to the late Hank Longfellow.)
By C. W. M.

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary,
It rains and this weather makes me weary;
The vine still clings to the moldering wall,
It's a helluva day to play baseball,
And the day is dark and dreary.

REFRAIN.

Be still, sad heart, and cease repining,
Each cloud for me has its silver lining;
For, while today it is dreary and dark,
The Sunday game will be played at my park,
So let today be dreary.

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Think how Father Time must have felt when he saw those two aged pitchers.

100 U. C. Athletes to Be in Portola Events

Trainer Walter Christie of the University of California has the distinction of having the largest entry in the big Portola athletic meet, which will be held at the stadium Saturday week. The blue and gold will be represented in the meet by a squad of exactly 100 athletes, which is the largest entry ever sent in from any one organization in any meet held on this coast, and probably in any part of the country.

Yesterday Christie sent his men through the preliminary events of the annual fall interclass track and field championships. The feature of the afternoon's events was the running of Jimmie Todd. The speedy quarter miler stepped his favorite distance in 50 3-5 seconds, beating out Straub by a few yards. Todd also ran a great furlong race, doing this in 23 1-5 seconds.

Of the seven events contested the junior and sophomore classes tied with a score of 23½ points each, with the seniors third with 15 tallies. The meet will be concluded tomorrow afternoon.

The summary:

440 yard dash—Won by Todd, Straub second, Woodruf and Corey tied for third. Time, 50 3-5 seconds.

Mile run—Won by Crabbe, Vedder second, Wright third. Time, 4:42 2-5.

220 yard hurdles—Won by Maker, Knapp second, Havens third. Time, 27 3-5 seconds.

220 yard dash—Won by Todd, Wood second, Stanton third. Time, 23 1-5 seconds.

Broad jump—Won by Reed, Maker second, Stanton third. Distance, 21 feet 9½ inches.

Pole vault—Won by Prisble, Graves second, Wright third. Height, 11 feet 6 inches.

Hammer throw—Won by Coolidge, Elson second, Hadley third. Distance, 145 feet 2 inches.

Miller Fouls Ross And Loses Decision

BOSTON, Oct. 15.—Charley Miller, the giant motorman from San Francisco, lost to Tony Ross of Pittsburg on a foul in the third round of their scheduled 12 round battle last night. Miller hit Ross low in the second round and was warned by Referee Flaherty. Coming out of a clinch in the third round, Miller again hit the Pittsburg man low. It looked like an unintentional foul, but Flaherty quickly disqualified Miller and gave the decision to Ross.

Papke Loses Decision to Middle Weight "Bud"

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct 15.—Marty Rowan of St. Louis, making his debut as a middle weight, was awarded the decision over Billy Papke, one time champion of that class, after eight very tame rounds of boxing here last night.

MILWAUKEE CLUB AFTER COFFROTH

Easterners Want San Franciscan to Take Charge of Organization

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Milwaukee fight promoters are seeking the services of James W. Coffroth, dean of the promoters, and if suitable arrangements can be made with the San Francisco handler of boxing bouts Coffroth will head the leading ring organization of the Cream city.

Stirred by the wonderful financial success of the Ad Wolgast-Battling Nelson match, which brought a gate of $14,000, and realizing that they have a gigantic task before them in the staging of big fights, with little time to do the work, the promoters have taken steps to engage Coffroth.

As matters stand in Milwaukee now, the leading fight club is handled by men who can not well afford to devote their entire time to boxing. Knowing that the success of their organization rests in the way fights are staged, they have opened negotiations for the services of the westerner.

Already the club has booked Ad Wolgast to meet Charlie White in a 10 round contest on October 24. Following that bout it is the plan of the club to send Willie Ritchie against the winner. A match between Eddie McGoorty and Jimmy Clabby is also under consideration.

Tommy Murphy Hasn't A Chance, Says Packey

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Packey McFarland and his manager are today headed for New York, where the stockyards Irishman battles Tommy Murphy in a 10 round bout Friday night. The clash is booked at the Garden Athletic club. It will be Packey's first battle after a long rest. The local lad left in good condition and as usual says, "Murphy hasn't a chance."

FRENCH LOSE GOLF TITLE

CHANTILLY, France, Oct. 15.—George Duncan, an English golfer well known in the United States, won the French open golf championship here.

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