A Man May Win a Dozen Battles, But When He Loses One He Gets the Once Over

CALL'S DOUBLE PAGE OF SPORTS

They All Got in on This One — By Tad

HOWARD TO GO AFTER OVERALL

Del Expects to Lead Big Jeff Gently Back Into the Fold

By JOE MURPHY

On next Saturday Del Howard of the Seals goes south for the express purpose of seeing Ovie Overall, the Seals' giant pitcher, and learn from him definitely whether he is going to join the club next season. Howard does not for a moment doubt that Overall will be with the local club, but he simply wants to get the big fellows' word for it, so he can announce it to the anxious fans, who seem to be more worried about big Jeff than Howard just what Overall intends to do.

There has been a noticeable change in Overall's attitude since President Al Baum interviewed him at Los Angeles, and the newspaper writers and fans of the south declare that Overall surely will be back with the San Francisco club next season. In fact, Overall made a statement recently in which he said that his position with the Maier Brewing company would expire in March and that he would be ready to go back to the national pastime.

It is taken for granted that Overall means that he will be ready to join the San Francisco club, with which he is under contract.

Howard missed Overall when he dropped off in the south recently on his way home from the east. Overall had gone to Visalia to visit his folks and Howard did not see him.

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An eastern paper prints a story that Catcher Peaches Graham will be with the Venice Tigers next season. Graham was a former big league star. He has been playing with Joe Kelly's Toronto team for the last few years. Out this way the fans have never heard that Hogan was after Graham. Hap has been looking for a high class catcher, but the name of Graham was not mentioned. He tried to get Grover Land, but the Toledo club would not release him.

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Another big booster for Buck Weaver is Pietro Daley of the famous Athletics who was formerly a member of the Los Angeles club. Daley is telling his friends in the south that Weaver is the greatest shortstop that ever cavorted around the territory between second and third bases. He even declares that Buck has not reached the height of his form and looks for him to be the marvel of the game in a couple of years.

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Arthur Devlin is having his troubles in getting rid of Mitze. It is not that he can not find a club that would take the catcher, but Devlin realizes that Honus is one of the best minor league catchers in the game and he wants something in exchange for him. He does not seem to be satisfied with what the eastern baseball managers want to give up for Mitze.

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In the contracts which Hap Hogan of the Venice club is drawing up for his baseball players to sign he has a provisional clause in them, stating that their job depends upon whether they make good or not.

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The report that Manager Del Howard planned to release Cack Henley this season seems to be without foundation. The big fellow will undoubtedly get another chance, as J. Cal Ewing thinks that Cack has a lot of baseball left in him, and that he will surely make good in the Seals' new ball park.

It is true that Cack lost many a ball game at Recreation park last season by an opposing batter lifting the ball over the right field fence. Many of these four base swats would have been easy outs on a regular ball field.

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Middleton, the outfielder the Oaks secured from the Western league is being touted as a batting wonder. He must be some hitter, as he finished with a record of 360 for the season. He is almost sure of an outfield position with the Oakland club. The same may be said of Zacher. He is a fixture for the center field job. Coy will have to put up a fight for a position. Coy is not expected to prove as effective with the stick next season, as he will not have the short right field fence of Recreation park to bat against. It was his meat to rap the ball over the right field boards, and he was a real 300 batter in the Recreation park lot.

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Del Howard has announced that he has put in a requisition for Jimmy Johnston if he does not make good in the major league. There is little consolation for the fans in this announcement, as few of the patrons of the game expect to see Jimmy back in the minors for many a day. He is up there to stay, is the general opinion. If Johnston gets half a chance he will make good. He is not the best fielder in the world, but he will hit well enough and his base running will undoubtedly make the big leaguers open their eyes.

Champion Kilbane Draws Color Line

Champion Johnny Kilbane has drawn the color line definitely and finally. That's the significance of his refusal to meet either of a pair of opponents that were suggested to him for the six round bout that he has agreed to fight December 10 in Philadelphia. Both boys are colored.

At the time he turned them down as opponents it was given out that Manager Jimmie Dunn sent word back to Philadelphia that one of the lads was overweight and that the other didn't have sufficient reputation to be stacked up against Johnny. But those were not Johnny's reasons; the color line is the real answer.

eNither lad would have furnished Kilbane with any particular test of mettle, so he is not drawing the color line as many battlers have done to furnish themselves with an excuse to prevent meeting a dangerous rival. Kilbane is drawing the line because he announces he is opposed to boxing matches between the races.

RITCHIE GETS A FEW LESSONS IN BOXING FROM ARTFUL PACKEY

This is the ninth of the series of the life and battles of Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie, written exclusively for The Call.

By WILLIE RITCHIE

Packey McFarland landed in San Francisco right after I beat Jack Britton. He had heard something about me, and he sent for me to act as his sparring partner. He heard that I had been coming to the front, and I guess that he figured I would be a good boy to help him out in his training camp, for all fighters know that good sparring partners are generally scarce.

I was just tickled to death to get this chance to go on with Packey, who, by the way, was then getting ready for Tommy Murphy. He was quartered down at Millett's, and I remember the first day that I showed up there I put on the gloves with him and we stepped four speedy rounds.

I will take my hat off to McFarland for being a wonderful boxer, and I sure did learn many a trick from him. He was nice to me and he would take me to one side and tell me a few things. But I knew that he never figured then that I would be the lightweight champion of the world some day. Two years make a lot of difference, especially in the fighting game.

We used to put up some good fights, Packey and I. He would cut loose on me and I would tear at him. I don't know just how much he weighed then, but I am sure that he had a few pounds on me, and I scaled around the 136 pound mark, for I had no match in sight and I was not trying to reduce. I wanted to have something to work on all the time.

TAKES McFARLAND'S WALLOPS

I soon discovered that McFarland was a wonderful boxer and ring general, but his punches did not carry any sting to them. Now, I don't want to intimate that Packey is not a hard puncher, because he might have been holding back all the time. However, he never shook me up at all, and I got so that I was able to stand right up and slug with him without being set back.

I never will forget that Wednesday afternoon, the day before Thanksgiving two years ago. Packey had finished up his work for Murphy on the following day, and there was nothing to do. The papers came out with an extra, announcing that Ad Wolgast was ill with appendicitis and that he would not be able to fight Freddie Welsh in Los Angeles on the following day.

I scratched my head for a moment, looked at the paper again, and then began to do some very tall thinking. Then I declared myself.

"I'm going down to Los Angeles and take a chance at getting on with Welsh," I said to my brother and Packey. "They can't stop me for trying, anyhow."

"I think you're foolish, Willie," cut in Packey. "They will only laugh at you. They want a fighter with a reputation against Welsh, and, besides, you have not got any time to get ready. Take my advice and stay right here."

But I made up my mind to go after the Britisher at any cost. The first thing I did was to shoot a wire to Tom McCarey. I waited for an answer, but got none; but still I was not ready to quit.

MEETS KYNE IN LOS ANGELES

I grabbed a suitcase, threw a few things into it, bought two tickets—one for my brother and one for myself—and by 5 o'clock that evening we were on the Lark bound for Los Angeles. The next afternoon I was in Vernon ring, giving Welsh the fight of his lifetime; but there are a few things that I would like to say before I come to the actual battle.

My brother and myself landed in Los Angeles strangers. We looked around the station for a minute and, to our delight, we spotted Billy Kyne, the San Francisco promoter, who gave me several four round matches.

Well, it sure looked good to find one friend in a strange land. Kyne took hold of us right away and rushed us up to McCarey's office, but he was out.

We stalled around for a while, looking for McCarey, but we could not get a line on him. Everybody was talking about Wolgast and his illness, and they seemed to take it for granted that McCarey would not even put on a substitute. But we heard that he was going through with his preliminary bouts, so we decided to take a run out to the Vernon arena.

Kyne introduced me to McCarey, and we sat in one of the back seats near the bleachers and began to talk business. I told McCarey right off the reel that I wanted $1,000. I also told him that I had a chance to win and become a big card, and I promised him that I would reward him in the future if he put me on, for I felt sure that I would make a great showing.

But McCarey would not listen to me at all. He was nearly staggered when I asked for $1,000. I don't know just what he offered me, but I know that it was not much more than I was in the habit of getting in the four round game.

The next installment of the life of the lightweight champion will appear in Saturday's Call.

Griffiith Is Peeved At Walter Johnson

Clark Griffith does not approve of his pitchers doing any work in the winter, such as playing in exhibition games. The Washington manager also states that theg reat pitcher used poor judgment when he went at full speed against the New York Giants. Here is what Griffith has to say on the subject:

"I am very much surpriser to hear that Johnson has been pitching at top speed in games in the west since the season closed," said Griffith. "It seems to me that he should appreciate the effort I made last season to keep from overworking him. He has a wonderful arm, no doubt, but there is a limit to everything, and by pitching these games he is not treating himself or the club as he should.

"I know from experience that it does a pitcher no good to work after the season is over. It shortens his career, and I shall have an understanding with my pitchers in the future on this question."

Football a Good Box Office Game

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 11.—Indiana university football team made nearly $14,000 during the last season, according to the report of the treasurer of the Athletic association, which was made public today. The report shows the actual receipts were $13,926, which is more than has been made in previous years.

ARMY-NAVY BOYS AFTER HONORS ON COURTS

The annual basket ball championships of the army and navy have attracted 17 of the best teams from the various posts around the bay. The teams have been divided into two divisions in order that the series can be played off as quickly as possible.

The winners of the two divisions will later come together in the final game for the championship title. Secretary R. E. Wilson of the Presidio Y. M. C. A., who has charge of the tournament, has announced that the first games will be played Saturday.

The teams entered as as follows:

DIVISION A

Sixty-sixth company, C. A. C.—McCrea, Barnes, Green, Logan, Stuart, Childers, Meredith, Mess, Hobhoff, Lammin.

Company L, Sixth infantry—Rahn, Howard, Hall, Cameron, Steiner, Cornwell, Jackson, Flanders, Green, Sullivan.

Company M, Sixteenth infantry—Ridick, Platt, Carpenter, Gapinski, Harris, Krob, Robinson, Hargraves, Stouffer.

Company E, Sixteenth infantry—Hiltrop, MacMullen, Patrick, Smith, Chisholm, Saymkowsek, Parks, Robertson, Lemke.

Company K, Sixteenth infantry—O'Steen, Chase, Vansteenburgh, Gaffney, Langlag, Plogger, Lewandowski, Shipwash, Hunsel, Alvares.

Company H, Sixth infantry—Rausch, Beck, Tomechko, Rankin, Wolde, Hutchinson, Jones, Birkicht, Murray, Howard.

Company C, Sixteenth infantry—Willis, Personett, Barnes, Markes, Mau, Hoover, Deavers.

Thirty-second company, C. A. C.—Cross, Reever, Worth, Trash, Edick, Hunter, Hall, Hogan, Stine, Wylie.

One Hundred and Sixty-first company, C. A. C.—Gilbert, McKeown, Smith, Gutterman, Caldwell, Colem, Hogan, Mitchell, Niemtschk, Strolke.

DIVISION B

Company B, Sixth infantry—Story, Sheehan, Harmatrs, Cummins, Overby, Sterratt, Zebar, Reley, Ehrhardt.

Sixty-first company, C. A. C.—McMinn, Manson, Kimball, Clayton, Huebner, Hopkins, Nicholls, Washtoak, McKinney, Tipps.

Company F, Sixteenth infantry—Butterfield, Hauswirth, Harrfes, Durham, Kiling, Mawk, Durham.

Company C, Sixth infantry—Trumbel, Mullen, Cairns, Norton, Lindelof, Barde, Cravens, Houch, Geldmacher, Evals.

Company D, Sixteenth infantry—Sanford, Scheiter, Bigaouette, Fredericks, McEveny, Smith, Reed, Fisher, Angel, Wielsma.

Compan G, Sixteenth infantry—Koch, Atwood, Mechling, Slean, Springer, Warner, Warwick, Wunderlich, Richtmeyer.

Company L, Sixteenth infantry—Eversole, Gibson, Gillmore, Hiatt, Looker, Milligan, Myers, Warburton, Van Syckle, Driscow.

Company F, Sixth infantry—Goodman, Gottlieb, Wadsworth, Kajtanika, Hazzell, Young, Bobrovik.

ATHLETIC AGREEMENT

Here is article 2 of the agreement between the A. A. U., claiming to be the governing body of amateur sports, and the United States of America Football association, claiming to be the governing body of amateur soccer in this country:

"The Amateur Athletic union agrees to recognize the rights of an amateur association (soccer) football player to play with or against a professional (soccer) football team without losing his amateur standing thereby."

Sort of seems in direct contradiction to all amateur laws of the A. A. U., if not hypocrisy.

FORMER LEADERS PLAN TO AID OLD ELI

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Captain-elect Nelson Talbott of the Yale football eleven has invited about a dozen former Yale football captains and prominent players to meet him here next Saturday evening to discuss the season of 1914.

The list comprises practically the alumni who formed the coaching staff of Captain Henry Ketcham the last fall. Captain Talbott said that he wished to talk over general matters, but that nothing will be discussed of a specific nature and that the coaching staff will not be announced after the meeting.

Yale's policy for next season will be shaped as a result of the meeting. A session such as is planned will, it is thought, point out the mistakes of the season and make it possible to eliminate them next fall.

Yale football officials fully expect that Howard Jones will return next fall as head field coach. Although he has signed no formal contract, he has an understanding that he can remain three years to establish a permanent situation. When he left here at the end of the season he fully intended to return, and his name is expected to head the list of coaches whom Captain Talbott will announce in about two weeks.

Sacred Heart Lads Are Awarded Blocks For Athletic Work

Block emblems of Sacred Heart college were yesterday presented to successful athletes by the board of athletic control, including E. M. Glade, E. A. Welch, W. H. Crowell and J. J. Connelly. The following were awarded the blocks for successful competition during last year:

San Francisco intercollegiate basket ball championship—Joseph Barry, John Lucey, John Connolly, Harold O'Neill, John A. Dennis, Eugene A. Welch.

San Francisco subleague baseball champions—John F. Connolly, Todd Murray, Harry O'Neill, Ed Ranke, J. Emmett Gerrity, Tom Kelly, J. J. O'Donnell, Thomas Price, Clyde Welch, Paul O'Shaughnessy and Francis Robinson.

Dave Gavigan was the recipient of a block for his success in the A. A. U. cross country run, in which he finished second.

Class numerals were awarded as follows:

Dan Collins '14, Harold Burke '16, Dave Gavigan '14, Matt Breen '16, George Creary '16, Bill Delaney '14, Paul O'Shaughnessy '14, John Quinnen '16, Richard Gorman '16, Harold O'Neil '16, Thomas Price '16, John Connolly '16, Al Cummins '16, Charles Gallagher '16.

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ATHLETIC CHATTER

Archie Cloud, former president of the Academic league, thinks that the muchly discussed "blue blanks" in the league have run themselves to death. Good boy, Archie. The trouble is, the average members of the Academic league have grown up on the "blue blanks" and have gotten the thing so rammed into their heads that they can not see any other way to overcome scholastic troubles. The blue blank has been a hindance to school athletics for the last few years and has done more to get the subleagues and its members into trouble than any other form of the league's policy.

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Duke Kahanamoku is a popular lad these days. Australia wants him next month and February for a series of contests. It is not likely that he will go to Australia for some time, as he is scheduled to compete in the Mid-Pacific carnival sports at Honolulu during the week of February 18 to 21. If the Olympic club decides to invite the Illinois athletic club champions out here, Duke will undoubtedly be asked to come here and compete. It is hardly likely that these events, however, will be pulled off before March.

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What is the reason for the various Y. M. C. A. swimmers, basket ball players, etc., forsaking this institution and joining the Olympic club? There must be a reason.

An athlete is his own boss. If he wishes to transfer from one club to another that is his business, and not even the whole membership of an organization can prevent him, but the organization he is leaving can put all sorts of obstacles in his way to prevent him from competing for his new love for a limited period.

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Here is a Marathon runner with a Marathon name—Nick Gianakopulous. He is a member of the Yonkers, New York, Athletic club, and expects to represent Uncle Sam at the games at Athens next year. Looks as though his name is too much of a handicap.

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The genuine original Marathon course will be used at the games at Athens next year. The course is from the little town of Marathon into Athens, a distance of 26 miles 387 yards.

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The question has been asked, What does football fit a young man for? Can any of our readers give us a hunch? The nearest we know it fits him for is the hospital.

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This lad Robinson, who made a sensation last year as a sprinter with the Mercerburg academy team, will not compete in any indoor meets in the east this season. He has decided to rest up until spring to regain his strength from his recent illness.

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Such a game would go a long way toward definitely settling the supremacy of the east and the west. Harvard is the eastern champion and Chicago the western. It would also give Walter Camp an opportunity to make a few more comparisons.

HANDICAP LISTS OF GOLFERS IN DEMAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Notice is being served on the 357 golf clubs which are members of the United States Golf association to send in at once their handicap lists. Because of the large number of plays it has been decided to list only those allowed five strokes based on par figures instead of six as heretofore.

The United States Golf association will not be responsible for names of players omitted from the national handicap list unless representations are received on or before December 20, and in the event of such an omission the golfer will not be eligible to compete in the national amateur championship, according to the notice signed by Robert C. Watson, the president.

The annual meeting of the association will be held in this city on January 9.

STILL AFTER RUBE

Rube Marquard, pitcher for the New York Giants, and Blossom Seeley, his wife, with whom he is playing in a vaudeville sketch at a local music hall, were sued for $1,000 in the municipal court recently by Joseph Cohen.

Cohen is Mrs. Marquard's former husband, according to his attorney, Fred Lowenthal, who declared that the present suit arises from a suit for alienation of his wife's affections brought by Cohen against Marquard.

"Cohen recovered a judgment of $4,000," said Lowenthal. "Marquard paid him $3,000 in cash and gave his note for the remainder, which Blossom Seeley indorsed. He has failed to pay the note."

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