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CACTUS LEAGUE DOPE

By N. M. Walker

SATURDAY come the Muckers—beg pardon, the Maroons, from over Biebee way to play the "Como Se Llamas" of El Paso in the first of a series of two games on the G. Washington park grounds. Orndorff, who is not named after the Orndorff hotel, is riding herd on the boys from Biebee and the reports from that section say that he has whipped a good team into line. Although the Maroons were defeated Thursday by Douglas in a practice game, the showing against the crack Smelter city squad was a creditable one and indicates that the local club will have a good afternoon's work ahead of them to defeat the Arizona lads. The Biebee team will arrive Friday evening and will get permission from the chief Armstrong to bring their third alarm uniforms within the fire limits in order that they may dress at the Orndorff before going to the park. A big crowd is expected to turn out for the Sunday game with the Maroons as this team's appearance on the baseball map has made things interesting in the Cactus league.

Here's a suggestion for a handle to be put on the El Paso club. It's the first rhetorical ball to be pitched and it was a strike right over the center of the plate. H. C. Dyer has the honor to be the first fan to suggest a pet name for the local club and his suggestion stands at the top of the list, both because it is first and because it has class. "The Chaparrals"—how does that sound? This is Mr. Dyer's suggestion and it has everything a name needs to be appropriate. It is distinctive of the southwest, is a swift bird, cock, or road runner, is a swift bird, and is held in the highest esteem in the southwest because of its proclivity for catching snakes.

Here is what N. Webster says of the chaparral cock: "A bird of the cucoo species. Runs very swift and is given to catching snakes. Also called ground cucoo and is found from California to Mexico. Scientific name is Geococcyx Californicus."

Sounds pretty nifty in print, especially that Geococcyx Californicus part which could be used to hurl at that umpire with the unspeakable name if he should get off the reservation. From California to Mexico fits the local team to a "T," for that is the territory the club will cover. As for catching snakes—of course that is not to be taken too literally, but then—

H. M. Woods, former instructor and baseball coach at the Military Institute, has applied for the position of umpire in the Cactus league to work with Goyhenex in the different towns so far southwest. Woods, upon request of Victor Walling, who is handling the umpire for the fictitious league, will be given a tryout Saturday and Sunday in the Biebee games.

Douglas is putting on some dog in a baseball fan. For several days the Douglas folks have been debating about having a brass band at the opening game of the season Sunday, to be played between Cananea and Douglas. The vote was unanimous in favor of the band if the finances of the club could stand the pressure. After considerable deep sea thinking O'Donovan decided to secure the band.

Preferring to stay with Shreveport, Bokenfohr, who was telegraphed

Harbuck's Husky Hero

No. 1. Ducky Gowan, C. F.

FOR such a little fellow it is astonishing how Ducky Gowan covers territory in the suburbs. He has such cute, short little legs that the girls all wonder how he does it. But he does it, so it doesn't matter how.



DUCKY GOWAN. To go back into history, Ducky was born in Evansville, Ind. He had no

intention of being born in Indiana, but he was, just the same, on Jan. 5, 1889, which makes Ducky just free, white and 21. At the next national election he either is going to vote for Theodore Roosevelt or Charles Comiskey.

But to return to history: Ducky started his glowing career by two years of pitching for the Evansville High school. Between games he would sell cash registers, and he was almost as good a salesman as he was a ball player. Ducky could sell a cash register to a man who had no money to register. Oh, he was a whirlwind, was Ducky.

Soon Ducky was playing with semi-professional teams on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. He pitched for Henderson, Ky., and then played with a team supported by the Dayton Journal, a lively baseball newspaper. On the strength of Ducky's outfield work he landed the majestic position of night clerk in the Journal business office, which he held down with much grace and dignity.

Last year found D. Gowan with the Wellington, Kan. team. He liked the sand in Kansas so well that he decided to go to Texas. It was Aug. 8 when Ducky arrived in El Paso, bag, baggage and ball bat. He has been here ever since and now is a member of the Huskies, the smallest, liveliest, runniest one of them all. Ducky hits and runs like Jim Corbett did when he licked Sullivan.

Ducky is the official funny man of the 1910 El Paso team. And he is the funniest funny man ever. Sometimes Ducky amuses himself by holding a rubber nipple in his mouth when riding in the street cars. This makes some of the girls think they all say: "What a cute little ball player. Is he the mascot?" And then Ducky swallows the nipple Tomorrow—Jackson.

BILLY DELANY, JEFF'S OLD FRIEND, TO TRAIN JACK JOHNSON FOR FIGHT

Chicago, Ill., April 22.—There has been a turn in the affairs of the big fight which experts figure will count. Jack Johnson has announced almost certain arrangements with Billy Delaney as his chief trainer when the black fighter establishes himself in a coast camp. Jeffries always has attributed his success to three things: His own natural strength, the advice of Delaney, who was well piloted Corbett to victory, and the boxing he learned from Tommy Ryan.

Chicago recently he met the king trainer, who said: "I do not like the idea of a negro being champion of the world, but I think Johnson is a great boxer, with a fine chance of downing Jeffries, who I do not think will be able to get back into his best condition."

Then the infielders are almost compelled to play the infield positions with a sugar spoon, for the ball is just as liable to bury itself in the soft earth and remain there until the ground is rolled again. Hot oil poured over the infield would save much of this trouble and would make the square a scene of action much faster.

Remember, the Western league opens today, and so does the New England schedule.

It looked like old times to see that husky Lamar boy out in uniform Thursday afternoon and frolicking over the field in his old time form. A natural ball player plus a disposition that is as mellow as a drink of Kentucky "dew drop." Lamar is a valuable adjunct to any team. He is beginning to feel like his old time self again, thanks to the bright sun and warm, dry air and there are lots worse things that could happen to the local pets than to have the Los Angeles lad in the lineup. It is worth the price of the entrance fee to see him walk up to the plate with a big club of a bat in his hand and stand up to the feed trough as if he was afraid of neither man nor devil.

The new ball park at Cleveland was dedicated yesterday and as celebration Detroit shut out the home team with five solitary runs. The fans must have been happy, six.

It was awful what Boston did to Washington at the bean burg yesterday. It stood 10 to 2 at the finish.

For the first time since 1901, the opening of the American league at Philadelphia was postponed on account of wet weather. Bugs for the weather man.

Canadian amateur boxing champion play begins today at Toronto.

Tom Tuckey, the lofty pegger for the Boston Nationals, has been released to the Waterbury club of the Connecticut league.

Moren shut out Brooklyn with only two hits yesterday. And Philadelphia only landed one run. It was a good show for Brooklyn fans.

Prospects look to the formation of a

Sportlets

By Tim

Can Jeff come back? Will Johnson train? Anyway is the fight to be square? Are there any more? At San Francisco, April 22, 1898, James J. Jeffries won in three rounds from Pete Everett. That was just to a day 12 years ago. How old is Jeff, anyway?

Four runs brought by an eighth inning rally won for St. Louis yesterday in the game with Chicago. The Chicago team landed only one run over the four of the of the home players. Diodonne led against some of the best sprinters on the coast and won the G. A. R. Encampment handicap at Emeryville track yesterday. The horse won driving from Spohn and Enfield.

This time John G. Kling calls no bluff. August Herrman of the national commission wired him to come or be suspended for another year, and Kling

says he will leave Kansas City for Chicago Saturday night. They're off.

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