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BASEBALL BOXING

LITTLE OLD JINX DEMON LOST GAME FOR THE TIGER TEAM

TIGERS SHOW REAL CLASS WITH GIANTS

By Peter.

If you weren't fortunate enough to attend yesterday's opening game between the Chicago Colored Giants and the Tacoma Tigers, don't fail to get out to the old ball field today.

The Tigers lost, but with a fair break of luck yesterday, they would have held their own against those husky colored gentlemen.

It was a 5 to 3 finish, but the Tacoma lads tied up the score in the eighth, 3 to 3, and only let the brunettes score in the 10th when the old Jinx settled on Melvor's good left arm, and refused to let him continue his mid-season form.

It was a splendid game. The Tigers were outmatched in weight, speed and hitting ability, but the Tacoma infield work and battery control could hardly be improved on.

Fireworks started in the very first inning. A single and double by Hill and Santop, star sluggers for the Giants, brought two tallies. Johnson, Tacoma's heavy hitting outfielder, singled, was advanced when Hiestor walked, and scored on Hutchinson's error.

In the third Hiestor slipped across the bag while the Giants were busy thinking about an attempted double play at first, but the Giants also made another run.

In the eighth Wilson walked, Hogan sacrificed and Wilson scored when Barber dropped a peg to first. That tied the score. The winning runs came in the 10th, when Melvor, tired and a little nervous, dropped Barber's liner, and allowed Hill to single and Duncan to double.

The Tacoma team fielded better than the Giants, and were entitled to a victory. It was the little jinx demon of hard luck more than any other feature, that cost them the game.

The score: Tacoma 5, Giants 3.

THE BOX SCORE

Table with columns for team, player, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Includes totals for both teams.

SQUIRREL FOOD

Prehistoric Excuses—The Old Alibi Is Always the Same.

By Ahern



BEFORE THE GAME



AFTER THE GAME

SPORTING ONCE-OVERS



Director Guy E. Kelly of the Tiger team visited Athletic park yesterday and got affidavits of salary from all the Tacoma players.

We only had a brief chance to size up Petway, the star catcher of the Giants, yesterday. He went into the game in the 10th, when Barber was laid out by a turned ankle sliding for third.

"Rube" Foster, owner of the Chicago Giants, and reputed to be a millionaire through the Giants' earnings, did not take the trouble to visit the Tiger lot yesterday.

There was real "rooting" yesterday. A good part of the colored population was out, including a great many women, and things sounded like a regular league game whenever the Giants slammed the ball.

McMair, right fielder for the Giants, ran clear to the right field bleachers in the sixth and caught Stokke's fly. It was a great piece of work.

If Melvor could hold the Giants down to five runs and eight hits, he ought to do wonders against the Northwestern league teams.

Why is it that most of those who are in sport believe that boosting a crook is defending the game?

There must have been a terrific celebration in Havana after Willard won. It is reported that twice Tom Jones reached into his pocket and came near ordering a round.

One of the Johnson-Willard fight promoters was rushed to a hospital supposedly suffering from scarlet fever and released after two hours.

MRS. JESS WILLARD HARDLY REALIZES ALL THAT CHAMPIONSHIP MEANS TO HUSBAND

BY TOM LEWIS Sporting Editor Los Angeles Record.

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—Mrs. Jess Willard, wife of the world's heavyweight champion, cares little for fights or fighters, aside from the love she bears for her gigantic husband.



Mrs. Jess Willard, wife of the world's heavyweight champion, surrounded by her children at her pretty home in Hollywood. "Little Jess" is shown in overalls and he is one of the jolliest children in all Los Angeles.

"It is all very new and strange, this fuss and hurry," she explained as she protested against being photographed in a house dress. "Jess Willard would never stand for that," she added, referring to the necessity for a quick change.

Her eyes wandered to the towering hills above her neat Hollywood cottage. "And I love California, you know," she added, half yearningly.

theatrical centers of the world. She is willing to go, but wonders what it is all about. She is just a woman, and like other women, she yearns for her home life, her babies and her husband.

Jess Willard's Life Story How "Shorty" Willard Won His First Fight

(The Times sent its boxing expert, who writes under the name of Left Hook, to Jess Willard's birthplace in Pottawatomie county, Kas., to obtain an authentic account of the champion's early life. This, coupled with the records of his later activities, makes six chapters covering the career of the man who whipped Jack Johnson. Herewith is the first.—Sporting Editor.)



"Jess overtook the fleeing backboard and dragged the man off the seat."

On December 29, 1881, about six weeks before John L. Sullivan polished off Paddy Ryan in nine rounds and originated a line of glove champions, Jess Willard, champion heavyweight of the world, was born in St. Clere, Kas. Wanego, a few miles away, sticks tenaciously to his claim as the cowboy champ's birthplace, but St. Clere points out the very house and fixes the spot where he was once stabbed, to prove its claim that he lived there for 13 years.

Up to the time Jess was 29 years of age he had never seen a fist fight. In his neighborhood they settled their differences with guns and knives. Jess did as the rest and had his share.

mark the last resting place of Willard's parents. Willard's father died two months before he was born, the old-timers of the neighborhood say. The tombstone reads that M. B. Willard died October 29, 1881. So, you see, big Jess is 33 years of age. In East Pottawatomie county, Kas., the older women who remember the Willards declare that Jess weighed 20 pounds at birth and at 13 years of age was as big as the average man.

He hated work and school and was always taking part in outdoor sports. He played baseball and usually brought up the rear when his team was retreating from the angered fans of a neighboring town.

His first fight can hardly be called a "fist" fight. Jess had never seen men's fists doubled up

for combat. The battle came when Jess had an argument with a man over a horse trade. He claimed the man owed him \$20. The man deuced it and jumped into his waiting backboard and drove off. Jess called his lanky limbs into action and overtook the horse. He stopped the animal, pulled its owner out of the rig and gave him a cuffing in the road. The owner came back at him and something resembling a fist fight resulted.

However, the man shortly decided that he would pay the \$20 and he wrote a check for the amount. Willard loped off to town ahead of the man with the horse and reached the bank before payment could be stopped.

(Continued tomorrow.)

"Square Fight"

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Jack Welsh, San Francisco sporting authority, who refereed the Johnson-Willard match in Havana returned home last night, declaring that Willard could have beaten Johnson at any time after the eighth round. "Willard is the best man, and it was a fair fight," declares Welsh.

Gunboat Wins

NEW YORK, April 14.—Gunboat Smith got the better of a 10-round match with Charlie Weimert of Newark in Brooklyn last night. Smith had an advantage in five rounds, three were Weimert's and two even.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists Newark, Chicago, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Baltimore.

Results Yesterday. Buffalo 5, Brooklyn 4. St. Louis 3, Kansas City 0. Newark 3, Baltimore 1. Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 5.

COAST LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Oakland, Salt Lake, Venice.

Yesterday's Results. Venice 6, Portland 3. Oakland 11, Salt Lake 1. Los Angeles 10, San Francisco 9.

Tarbaby Not In Condition

BOSTON, April 14.—Sam Langford, the "Boston Tar Baby," was not in condition last night, and he was badly beaten in his match with Joe Jeanette of New York. The heavyweights fought 12 rounds.

Dodwell Wins at Jim Jon Game

Dodwell and company defeated the Northern Pacific team at the Jim Jon league last night at the Corby-Hove alleys by the close score of 822 to 783. Pole, of Dodwell's, was the star of the evening, making a total of 297 in three games.

GAMES YESTERDAY

New York Giants 2-6, Yale 1-0. Harvard 3, Boudoin 0. Boston Americans 5, Richmond Int. 0. Boston Braves 6, Brown U. 0. Philadelphia Nats. 10, Providence Int. 1.

OUR SCHOOL OF BASEBALL HINTS FOR THE YOUNG CATCHER—NO 2 BY RUSS HALL, TIGER MANAGER

Illustrations and text for 'THE FOUL FLY' and 'LET THE BALL FALL IN THE GLOVE THEN COVER IT WITH YOUR UNGLOVED HAND'. Includes numbered hints 1, 2, 3.

WITH AMATEURS AND SEMI-PROS

TROUBLE?

The Nationals, one of the fastest amateur teams in Tacoma outside the City league, have broken up.

LOOKS GOOD

Lawrence "Mac" Donald, who plays short and outfield, is doing great work for the South Tacoma Tigers. He's hitting the pellet hard this year and he is fast on the bases.

SOME SCORE!

The Yakima All-Stars defeated the Central 6A class team yesterday by the disastrous score of 51 to 10. The All-Stars got many of their hits on clever bunting.

HE'S WELL AGAIN

Joe Williams, pitcher for the Milwaukee, has recovered from his sore arm. It had been quite a handicap both to him and the team.

WIN FIRST GAME

The Lincoln Grammar school team won their first league game yesterday afternoon from the Central team, 12 to 8. Batteries—Lincoln, Elmore and Cappa; Central, Dyer and Frazer.

SURE SALESMAN

Allan Browne, Milwaukee's star shortstop, sells sporting goods at a local store when not playing ball, and he's some salesman.

FRANKLIN WINNER

The Franklin Grammar school team defeated the Sherman team in the first game of the grammar school league yesterday afternoon, 29 to 3. The Sherman boys were smaller, but made a determined fight. Batteries—Eckland; Plumbers, Linnane and Woods.

Sherman, Sweeven and Vermore.

The McKinley Hill Stars defeated the Portland Avenue nine Sunday at the Rogers grounds by a score of 14 to 4. It was a well-played game for both teams of youngsters. The Stars gave two out of three games played so far. Anyone wanting games call up Carl Thornburg, Main 4780.

TACOMANS HELPED

Auburn's victory Sunday was due almost entirely to Tacoma players. Eley pitched good ball, and Alberts grabbed everything that came his way, making some sensational catches.

HE OUGHT TO KNOW

Wilkinson, first baseman for the Olympic club team, says that Aberdeen has a bum team.

HE'S CLEVER

"Irish" O'Driscoll, pitching for the Lacey team, is going to make some of the amateur teams hustle this year.

SLOW MUSIC

Wilkeson had a brass band out Sunday when the Bates-Federals arrived, but slow music and flowers were in evidence when the visitors departed.

PLUMBERS VICTORIOUS

The Plumbers and Teamsters played a hotly contested game Sunday morning on the Logan school grounds. Jack Watson and Mike Founck played fine ball for the Plumbers, and Joe Rouser knocked a home run. The Plumbers won by a 7 to 5 score. Batteries: Plumbers, McLean and Eckland; Teamsters, Linnane and Woods.

AMATEUR BASEBALL REPORT

Amateurs, get a report of your games in The Times Amateur Baseball column. Let the other fellows know what you're doing. Fill in this coupon and send it to "Peter," Sporting Editor The Times.

Coupon form with fields for Name of Team, Runs, Hits, Errors, Batteries, When and where played, Remarks.