

Baker Faked, As Expected

INTER MOUNTAIN'S PAGE OF SPORTS

Even On Fredericks Against Herrera

FREDERICKS STANDS EVEN CHANCE TO WIN

Herrera and Fredericks. That's the next contest of importance booked for Montana and the eyes of the Western sporting world will from now on be turned towards Havre, where the battle takes place April 27.

The winner? Now you're taking on hard dope to unravel. The majority of Butte sports will probably pick Herrera, as he has been seen here on several occasions and always made good, but up in Havre there are a few thousands ready to be placed at even money that Fredericks wins out.

The Havre sporting fraternity will back Fredericks for just the same reason that Butte sports will back Herrera—they have seen him go time and again and have never seen him lose. Better than this they have seen him score not less than a half dozen clean knockouts.

Fredericks has been persistently "knocked" by every local paper but the Inter Mountain. When he met Opie we predicted the Buffalo boy would win and he did; when he met Lee we said "keep your eye on Fredericks" and Lee went out; and when he met Dick Lewis in Spokane the other night we declared Fredericks looked good. He won in a walk.

Now he is going against the toughest little fighting machine in the business and the outcome is extremely doubtful. We will not venture a guess as to the



Kid Fredericks.

result, but will remark that Kid Fredericks will give Aurelio Herrera the hardest battle the latter has had since coming to the Northwest.

BAN JOHNSON IS OPPOSED TO SPRING TRIPS

Ban Johnson's suggestion that spring training trips be abandoned is causing more discussion pro and con than any other single topic in baseball outside of the opening of the season and the pennant races. The question is a three-sided one. First, there is the spectator; although from the discussion so far it might be judged that the latter was the least important factor. Then there comes the magnate and the player. Stated briefly, the magnate would like to see spring practice abolished, at least most of them would; the player does not want it abolished, and spectator varies in his opinion.

Johnson's idea of abandoning spring practice is, of course, to reduce the cost of the teams, and the move would as a rule save many dollars for the owners. But few of the clubs make traveling expenses off their spring exhibition games, although more money is being made in this way every year. What has forced the magnates to spring training has been the desire to get off well and draw big crowds during the spring. If one team is sent South the others must be kept in line, and this has led to the general prevalence of the custom. So far as the owners are concerned, they are willing to abolish the spring training trip, provided a general agreement can be reached to this effect. The latter is not only a matter of considerable expense to them, but cause of a lot of worry besides, and it is a disputed question as to whether it helps a team along in the pennant race after all.

From the players' point of view the spring training trip is a desirable feature. It means a trip to some Southern point for a couple of weeks, with his expenses paid and the opportunity to get himself in condition at the cost of the club. If it were not for the trip he would have to do this training at his own expense, as he would have to report in shape to get into the game with but a week or so of work on the home grounds. This would be quite a difference. With a first-class training table, rubbers and attendants and a good diamond under sunny skies it is no wonder that the player is not in favor of Johnson's new fangled idea.

How the spectator would take to the idea is another thing. As a rule, he is with the player, and anything that is to the advantage of the latter is to his

liking. The spectator is entitled to a good article of ball, and if he can get it without the spring training trip his prejudice in favor of the player will not cut much figure. If it is an even break all around for the team there will be no objection on the part of the spectators on account of one club getting the advantage of another in starting the season.

From an unbiased standpoint there are reasons on both sides. The move might not be such a bad one for the players after all. The present salaries are high and something must be done by the clubs to keep expenses within reasonable bounds. There is talk of cutting the salaries and this will undoubtedly be done. If the clubs are making money the cut may not be as deep as it otherwise might be, and dispensing with the spring trip will help a good deal toward full treasuries for the clubs. The expense of training to the individual players is much less than it is when a team is working at some Southern point. If the salaries are allowed to stand near the present figure the players can well afford to let the training trip go.

The point that will be affected the most if spring training trips are dropped will be team work during the early part of the season. The players will have to report in condition so that but little should be lost in individual work. There will be a slump in team work during the early part of the season, however. This will not be as serious in the future as it would have been in the past, owing to the permanent character of the nines, with new line-ups every spring during war time spring practice was necessary in order to develop any kind of team work at all. Under the new order of things the team should be able to get to moving together as a whole without much trouble.

That the spring trips will be abolished there is every indication. The undercurrent among the magnates is favorable to the change, and it is strong enough to carry the few opponents it has away with it. The indications are that the change will be made before the opening of the next season. The only thing that will block it is doubt as to the authority of the two leagues to pass a rule of the kind, and the possibility of one of the clubs objecting to an agreement on the outside.

BIG OFFER MADE FOR SKILLFUL

Memphis, Tenn., April 14.—An offer of \$1,000 was made here today for Charlie Ehlson's American Derby candidate, Skillful, and was turned down cold by the blonde plunger. The offer was made by Matt Hogan, the widely known Chicago sporting man, and was a bona fide one. Hogan declined to tell even Ehlson for whom he was acting in the matter, any further than that it is a wealthy Californian. Some who knew of the offer inclined to the opinion that back of it was John W. Gates, encouraged by the success of his associate, John A. Drake, in the racing business, has entertained a serious notion of getting together a strong stable of racers and that he has an ambition to win the American Derby.

FAT SUM FOR FOUR-CORNERED RACE

Kansas City, April 14.—After McCleskey's defeat in the Montgomery handicap, E. E. Smathers, his owner; C. C. Christie, president of the new Kansas City Jockey club, and Sheriff Tom Barrett, of Chicago, were discussing the colt's defeat over a bottle of wine in Memphis and Christie started his companions by offering a \$10,000 purse for a four-cornered match race of \$3,000 each between Hermis, McCleskey, Advance Guard and Ordnung. Christie wanted the race pulled off at the new Kansas City track, which he and Ed Corrigan are building. Christie is enthusiastic over the prospects of the new track.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR SPOKANE KANE TEAM--OTHER SPORTS

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Spokane, April 14.—President Garrett of the Spokane team thinks he has discovered a wonder in Pitcher Stevenson, who has recently been signed. He says the Pennsylvania boy has the most speed of any man he ever saw. He describes him in action as surpassing anything the giant Wiggs ever did. Garrett says Stevenson, as far as speed is concerned, is the greatest pitcher in the West and will make the willow wielders look out for their averages.

Stevenson certainly did great work for the Spokane team in the practice game at Ellensburg. For four innings he shot them across the plate that not a man even attempted to connect with the ball. The Ellensburg boys said with the game that all they could see was a little marble and visions of being carried off the field by a hit ball.

President Garrett is unusually hopeful over the result of the season's work. He states that Spokane has four pitchers that cannot be passed by any other four men in the league. He places Stevenson, Donahue and Nichols in this class, but will not tell whether or not the other man is Carney or Miller.

Already the work of thinning out the team has commenced. Smith, who was to do the back-stop work for the Falls City team, has been given his release, as Zaluskey and Mills are both here and doing good work. It looks now as though Zaluskey would be in much better shape this year than last, while Mills will be in his old-time form.

Zallen, the young college pitcher from the Middle West, who was signed early in the season, will not be expected to report and the material at hand is about what will compose the team at the beginning of the season.

President Garrett thinks he has made a find in a new man he has signed for third base. Kane is the man's name and he hails from Pennsylvania. He is a comedian of the Schaefer type and says some things in which there is real wit and humor. He is a great coacher and also handles the ball as though he liked it. There has been a great deal of criticism by the fans over the release of Grim of Donahue, who played third base for Spokane last year. Donahue was a good man and since his release there has been a great deal of speculation as to the player to take his place. That question has been settled, and it looks as though Kane would fill the bill.

Now that the new schedule is out for the Pacific National league, the fans are disappointed that San Francisco and Los Angeles visit Spokane but once during the season. It was expected that at least two series would be played with the California clubs. According to the schedule as made out there will be continuous playing for seven weeks in Spokane after the season opens, with the exception of a short trip to Montana, during which time there will be new faces every week. The addition of the new teams will add much to baseball. The success of the teams will be removed and the occasional glimpse the Eastern Washington and Montana towns will get of the California clubs will add a zest to the game.

It is generally considered here that the directors of the Pacific National league have done well to arrange a schedule that comes so near to pleasing all the clubs concerned. The eastern teams, while they have fewer games at home than those on the coast, have been given the better of the holiday games and will therefore fare equally as well.

The other night at the Athletic club, in what was to have been a 10-round boxing match, but which, according to the announcement of W. H. Plummer, master of ceremonies, was in reality a finish fight, Kid Fredericks was given a decision over Dick Lewis on a foul.

The result was disappointing, as all such decisions are, but it was generally conceded that Referee Gulf Klopff did the only thing he could do, when after warning Lewis several times against fouling, he finally gave the fight to Fredericks in the eleventh round.

Up to the time Lewis sent his right to Fredericks' groin, it was anybody's fight. Both men appeared as fresh as when they started. While Fredericks may have had a shade the better of it, it was so light that only those who had their money bet on the white boy noted it. Taking it round for round Fredericks did the better work, but Lewis was fresh and the aggressor when the decision was given to Fredericks.

The fighting, with the exceptional fouling of Lewis, was clean, and on two occasions when the colored boy landed below the belt, Fredericks refused to allow the foul to be called. Fredericks is the cleanest, gamest fighter that Spokane has seen and he is always using his head. The fight was not so fast as was the last match, as the men had all night to finish their work. Both were cautious and fought carefully. E. H. ROTHRACK.

BAKER AND ATTEL DO THE EXPECTED FAKE

Baker and Caesar Attel met last night in Salt Lake and the expected happened. They faked!



George Baker, the Fake Fighter.

The Inter Mountain can well say: "I told you so." Baker, that pugilistic outcast—that faking, quitting, disgraced vagrant, who sneaks in the shade of the realm of Fisticuffs, was allowed to go on in the City of Saints, and, as predicted by the Inter Mountain sporting editor repeatedly, put up a farcical exhibition.

The question now naturally arises: What will be done with the crooked boxer from California? Will they gather their senses together sufficiently down there to run him out of town, or will they allow him to pollute the atmosphere with his presence and squeak forth his miserable excuses for the fake fight last night?

There's one thing certain. Mr. Baker will not come to Butte unless he has a fond longing for jail fare.

And now as regards his showing last night in Mormondom. The exhibition put up is not worth commenting on, except to say that 250 spectators gathered to hiss and hoot through nine tame, harmless rounds of air-swinging. In the ninth round Baker hooked a light left to Attel's glove, and the portly Hebrew from Frisco went to the canvas for the count, as per previous arrangement. Enough of George Baker's latest fake.

KNOCKING AND CROAKING DON'T KILL SPORT

The following rather rich parody on croakers and croaking comes from the Detroit Tribune:

Football is doomed! Let Prof. Scott of Michigan and other enemies of the brutal sport in which young men occasionally revert so far to their savage instincts as to slap one another on the wrists put on their glad raiment, for the end of the degrading game is plainly in sight.

The senators at the university have set the example that shall lead to higher things and free the undergraduate from the brutalizing yoke that has so long enslaved him. Up on the Ann Arbor hills, it is said, these pioneers of a new cause are playing such refined games as rolling the hoop, marbles, spinning tops, "stick knife," hopscotch and so on.

The agitation in favor of these new pastimes has reached fever heat at the state colleges as well. The leaders in this

movement look forward to the time when the real undergraduate hero shall not be the iron-smeared fullback, but the usually-peg expert. Then, indeed, shall academic honors and the worship of his fellows belong rightfully to him who, amid the cheers of the frenzied spectators, proves in open competition his supremacy at the noble and invigorating sport of cross-tag.

Instead of the usual track athletic games it is expected that this spring the western intercollegiate athletes will participate in a program made up of the following events:

- Running high laugh; Standing broad grin; Hurling the featherweight sigh; Tiddle-de-winks tournament; Bean-bag competition; Mud-pie contest; Long distance yawn; A competition for the fudge makers of the world.

ONCE HE FACED THE BATTER AND NOW THE PULPIT

Chicago, April 14.—Facing the assembled ministers of the Chicago Presbytery, William A. Sunday, the former ball player, submitted to an examination to determine his ordination as an evangelist of the Presbyterian church. He answered the questions of his examiners to their entire satisfaction and his orthodoxy was pronounced sound in every particular. He will be formally ordained tomorrow at the Jefferson Park Presbyterian church, when Dr. Wilbur Chapman will preach the sermon and Dr. Alex. Patterson will deliver the charge to the candidate. The former baseball player was piled with questions for an hour by the professors of theology and the learned members of the body before his application was finally passed on favorably.

Occasionally some erudite professor would ask him a question he could not answer and he would reply: "That's too deep for me."

Or "I will have to give that up."

He created a profound impression by his frank, honest manner and the readiness with which he replied to the questions.

FORBES WHIPS JIMMY DEVINE

Philadelphia, April 14.—Harry Forbes of Chicago, bantamweight champion, last night knocked out Jimmie Devine of this city in the fourth round in their bout at the Washington club. Devine floored Forbes in the first round, but that was the local man's best effort. He was unable to stand the terrific blows administered by Forbes.

Horse Business Good.

Havre, April 14.—A brisk demand from the Canadian market has caused a boom in the horse market here. In the near future a large number of Montana animals will be taken across the border, and more will follow later on. Good prices are being paid by the buyers.

Alleged Opium Smuggler.

Malta, April 14.—John Tegay, employed here as a bartender, has been arrested by Inspector Hall on a charge of having smuggled a lot of opium to a confederate in Great Falls. Several arrests are expected in connection with the case.

SPORT GOSSIP

The die is cast and the fight is on. Before the shades of night are on us we will know which city has the strongest bunch of tossers to start on—Butte or San Francisco.

The Orphans are going against McCloskey's Gits on the Pacific National grounds in Frisco, and Kane, Ward, Dowling and the rest will attempt to show Mac that Butte can navigate without him.

Back here in Butte we have grave doubts as to the result, but of course we'll doff the cap and give the glad hand to our boys if they can turn the trick.

It was recited in these columns yesterday why Butte's chances are less than even to win the opening game. We have had less than half the practice San Francisco saw, and we didn't show up particularly well against ordinary amateur teams.

However, Kane might have a surprise in store for that crowd of McCloskeyites, and we trust he has.

Winning the opening game of the season means much sometimes, and then again it doesn't.

It depends largely on what sort of material it is that wins or loses as the case may be.

Get together a bunch of earnest, determined fellows of the never-give-up variety and it does them lots of good to start out winning.

On the other hand, if your team is made up of good players but who are easily swelled in the upper story, it might be disastrous for them to jump into the lead. They get careless.

Now we don't believe Butte has that sort of an aggregation. Certain it is that Billy Kane is a finish fighter, and as for Piggy Ward he is too old a warrior to let up easy on anything.

There's one thing that looks favorable for today's game in San Francisco—Pete Dowling is going to pitch.

While Pete's work has not been up to that of Jensen in the early practice, a little remark he made the day he left shows what he intends doing.

There was a crowd of us standing in the lobby of the Finlen just before the push started for the train to take them to San Jose, and the talk trended in the direction of the first game with Frisco. "Wonder if you'll pitch that game, Pete?" remarked Gay.

"Well, I don't know," said the usually indifferent Dowling; "but I'll swear by my good left arm that if I do pitch I'll beat McCloskey's crowd or be taken from the field on a stretcher."

Tacoma opens the season in Seattle today while Spokane starts the ball moving in Portland and Helena plays the Angels in far off Los Angeles. Each team will play six games with its rival.

To a man up a tree the Seattle-Tacoma game looks awfully close. Dugdale and Hulén have a likely lot of youngsters, but McKibben has some stars on that Tacoma team that are apt to do funny things.

Spokane and Portland are unknown quantities—or rather we haven't had a chance to get a good line on the players that compose those teams. From all accounts Spokane has a bunch of heavy hitters.

Los Angeles looks good in her game with Helena. To save my life I haven't been able to see where Flannery has such a strong team. He has some good twirlers and some fair fielders, but none of the Helena team are particularly strong at the bat.

While the Eastern jockies are not startling the world by their work this season, there are a few who are very consistent. Redfern has done better than any of the

others on the Benning track, while Bullman is spoken of by many sporting editors as the most reliable rider at Memphis.

At that it is doubtful if any of them can win more races when well mounted than Jockey See, who was one of the favorites on the Butte track last year.

The Sporting News says of Bullman: "Bullman's great success lies in his ability to get away from the post. He is always alert and ready, and when the barrier goes up he is invariably in front. He is much the best rider at Memphis, and in a close finish is much superior to any of the other boys riding here. Schorr pays Bullman \$10,000 as a retainer for first call on his services and thinks him cheap at that figure."

That's a little more than See made in Butte.

Butte is going to have another catcher. His name is Elmer Smith and he is now on his way from Missouri to join our team in San Francisco.

Smith played with Butte the latter part of last season and did some good work on the coast. President Lane speaks well of him and says he may prove a worthy successor to Zearfoss.

That will give us two catchers—Swindells and Smith. Smith had signed to play with the Springfield, Mo., team, but when he received an offer to play with the Orphans he secured his release and started West.

Unless some changes are made at the last minute the Butte tossers will line up against San Francisco today in the following order:

Catcher, Swindells; pitcher, Dowling; first base, Laroque; second base, Ward; third base, Brockoff; shortstop, Kane; left field, Muller; right field, McKeivitt; center field, McHale.

After two weeks of pleasure and good bowling at the Pfister, the Gillis bowling tournament came to an end last night. Dan Harley won first prize; Phil Gillis, second; Rhule, third; Reno, fourth; C. H. Smith, fifth; Nickey, sixth; Curtis, seventh; Cheely, eighth; Hesse, ninth, and Daly, tenth.

A consolation prize has been put up, and will be bowled off Wednesday night. Each one is to take his actual score during the tournament, and have a handicap so as to put him up with the high man; then each one plays three games, and the total number of pins will decide. The prize is valued at \$25.

The line-up of the high school baseball team, as given in these columns the other day, was a little to the bad. Captain Rohan was in to see me today and gave me the corrected list. It is as follows: W. A. Rohan, pitcher; Mell Lowry, catcher; Alf Atwood, first base; Joe Kane, second base; Martin, short stop; Hurd Mell, third base; Ed Holland, left field; Weiser Dell, center field and Tom Whalen, right field.

Arrangements have about been completed for a game between this team and Great Falls. Other games will be with

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