

# LIVE TOPICS OF SPORT AT HOME AND ABROAD

## FUNNIEST PLAYS EVER SEEN BY CALLAHAN AND ROBINSON

By JAMES J. CALLAHAN,  
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The funniest incident I ever saw in a ball game was some years ago when the old Chicago Club was playing a college team in the South.

We were not in shape and the college team was out in the field without hats, and with no sleeves in the shirts and tearing around as if it were mid-summer.

They had men on first and second bases. I wheeled around in the box—I was a regular pitcher on those days—and caught the man napping off second base. We then started giving him the old gag—running him up and down without touching him.

When we would lose that runner we would pick up the other fellow, who was between first and second. Then, in turns, we would take each one of them in relays and run them both down until they nearly dropped dead, but without putting them out.

The incident became so funny and so laughable that we eventually dropped the ball and the finish of the mix-up was that the man who originally had been on first base was over on third base, and the man who had started at second base was on first base.

Neither of them had been touched, so I will leave it to the reader to figure who was out.

I had another funny day some years ago, when Jake Stahl was laying off in Chicago.

A team out in the country sent me \$50 for a victory, and until the last moment I thought I could pick up two good men. But I couldn't, and so rather than disappoint the out-of-town people, who had bet a lot of money on their game against a team that had secured a good professional battery, I decided to go myself. I met Jake Stahl on the street and he went with me to do the catching.

We won the game easily enough, but we had a funny time. Jake made a home run over the fence, but the ball was coaxed back and then was thrown to the plate before Jake got around. The umpire declared him out and made a great hit with the home fans.

A little later one of the other team made a long hit and was relayed out at the plate. Jake got the ball 100 feet from the plate and the way he put it onto that runner was a caution. The runner going over Jake's back and landing in a heap. How the crowd did get after us!

Stahl and I did not know what was going to happen. We were all ready to make a break for the centre field gate, and it was only the greatest luck that some one in the stands did not yell "Let's kill 'em." Such a cry would have settled it for us.

You can't beat a country town when it comes to a game on which every fan has bet all his spare change. I never had so much fun in my life, or excitement for that matter.

But I never shall forget the expression on Stahl's face when he found the ball waiting for him at the plate after that home run.

By WILBERT ROBINSON,  
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Probably since baseball has been an institution no player has ever done so many unlooked-for things on the field as the late Mike Kelly, the old Chicago and Boston favorite, who rightfully was called "the King."

Present-day patrons of baseball never will know what they have missed by never having seen Kelly, but we older players and the fans of a generation ago are mighty slow to pick any one as Kelly's equal as a quick thinker or as such a wonderful baseball genius.

Kelly always was doing "something different" on the field, and with him it was inside baseball first, last and all the time.

I remember one day in a very close game in which Kelly was catching how the ball was thrown from the outfield to catch a man at the plate. The ball came very slow and took a long bound just a few feet inside the pitcher's box. The throw had been headed off to the right of the plate as Kelly faced the outfield, but the sharp bound sent it off to the left of Kelly and directly into the path of the baserunner.

Instantly Kelly saw that he could not get both hands on the ball, which was coming so fast toward his left hand, on which he always wore a monstrous mitt. So, as he jumped across the plate after the ball he fairly flung the mitt off, caught the ball with his bare hand, and in time to touch the baserunner, who was driving into the plate.

I saw the play and know that Kelly had absolutely no chance to get both hands on that ball. Nor could he have made the play while wearing the big mitt. I think that he certainly took some quick thinking for him to make such a play, and absolutely on the instant.

Many fans will remember "Crazy" Schmidt, the left-hander who used to pitch for us. He was a hard man to work with, and a catcher had to watch him every moment.

I was catching him one day and had occasion to correct him for some bad work. He did not take to criticism at all kindly, and walked out as a regular. Then he came up to me and said: "Robinson, you are the receiver of this battery, and I am the deceiver. Please remember that. Now go ahead with the game."

The affair seemed to continue to bother Schmidt, however, and things did not go much better. But I kept quiet, and made up my mind to let him work things out in his own way.

The club we were playing against could not hit the ball out very well, which helped some, but what really can't hit the ball, Schmidt was all excitement. He could not seem to field the ball at all.

At last he got so worked up that he shook his glove almost loose from his right hand, and then, with it dangling there, he went after another ball. He missed the ball a moment, then got it and started to throw.

But instead of throwing the ball he threw his glove, and the runner was safely to first base, while Schmidt was still hanging onto the ball.

This crazy play, coming as it did after my "call down" from Schmidt, was about the funniest thing I recall during a fairly long and eventful baseball career.

## "NAP" RUCKER INJURED IN PRACTICE.



Rucker in Action

"Nap" Rucker, the star pitcher of the Brooklyn National League team, was injured during practice at Augusta, Ga., when he was cut over the right eye by a wild ball.

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## COVERCOAT WON RACE LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, April 4.—The Grand National Steeplechase handicap was won today by Sir C. Ashton-Smith's Covercoat. Irish Mail was second and Carsey third. Twenty horses ran.

The American horse, J. R. Fell's Highbridge, fell early in the race in jumping a fence and most of the field followed suit. Only three finished.

The betting was 100 to 9 against Covercoat; 100 to 9 against Carsey; 25 to 1 against Irish Mail, and 100 to 9 against Highbridge.

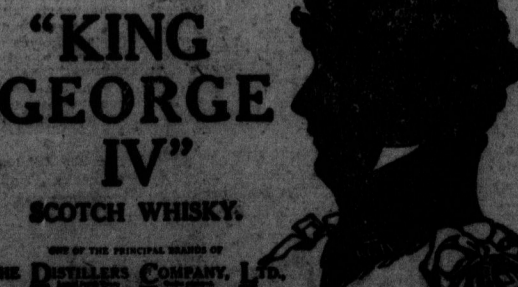
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At Greensboro, C.—Buffalo (Int.), 14; Greensboro (Carolina), 3.  
At Newport News, Va.—Providence (Int.), 7; Newport News (Virginia League), 2.

Washington, April 4.—The Washington Americans had today's game with the Boston Nationals won until the ninth inning when Gallia, a recruit who replaced Johnston, blew up and Boston got eight men across. Johnston had pitched splendidly for six innings, allowing but one hit.

## THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

April 5.

1904—Tom Allen, one-time American heavyweight champion, died in St. Louis.

1906—Sam Langford bested Joe Jeanette in 15 rounds at Boston.

1909—Jimmy Clabby and Dick Fitzpatrick fought 9-round draw at Memphis.

1909—Sandy Ferguson defeated Jim Barry, foul, in 10 rounds at Boston.

1910—Young Britt and Jimmy Walsh fought 10-round draw at Schenectady, N. Y.

1912—Johnny Dundee and Tommy Houck fought 6-round draw at Philadelphia.

April 6.

1893—Jack Burke and Andy Bowen fought their famous 110-round draw at New Orleans.

1900—Jim Jeffries stopped Jack Finnegan in 1st round at Detroit.

1903—Sandy Gardner knocked out Peter Maher in 1st round at Boston.

1903—Jack Johnson bested Sandy Ferguson in 10 rounds at Boston.

1908—Frankie Conley defeated Jeff O'Connell in 10 rounds at Waukegan, Ill.

1910—Johnny Summers, English, knocked out Hugh Mehegan, Australian, in 19th round at Sydney.

1910—Law Powell defeated George Monks in 15 rounds at Oakland, Cal.

1912—Forky Flynn outpointed Jim Barry in 20 rounds at Sydney.

## HE WANTS CALAIS BALL TEAM

Bangor, Me., April 4.—Ernest Doyle, that Bangor had already been spoken for and is now considering the St. Stephen-Calais proposition, where baseball enthusiasm is at a high wave. Pledges amounting to \$600 in support of the team have already been secured in Calais, and at least \$400 more is said to be in sight on the New Brunswick side of the line.

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## SPORTOGRAPHY BY "GRAVY"

Australian Athletes Coring—Anniversary of Gotch Victory, April 6.

According to a report from Sydney, a bunch of Australian tennis players and cricketers will assemble in that city today to board the American-bound steamship Ventura. The racket experts from the "down under" country will meet the United States team in a preliminary for the Davis international cup. The Australians held the trophy until defeated by the Britishers at Melbourne last November, and they are naturally anxious to recover the lost honor. It is generally admitted that Uncle Sam's tennis sharpshooters, a Tarzay in the drawings when they were pitted against the Australians in the preliminaries. In January of last year the American team that had won the right to challenge the Australian holders of the cup were defeated five matches to nothing. This time the Australians will be represented by an entirely different team. In the other preliminary Australia will play South Africa, Germany will play France, and Belgium will also have a try at a chance to meet the British cup defender.

The Australian cricketers are coming over to meet the best teams of the United States and Canada. The invading aggregation includes some of the world's best cricketers, among them Trumper, Macartney, Crawford, Bardsley, Mayne, Whitty, Malley, Campbell, Arnold and Collins—names almost as famous in the Antipodes as are the makers of Cobb, Wood, Mathewson, and Wagner on this side of the Pacific. The proposed tour will begin in British Columbia and will extend to the Atlantic and possibly Bermuda, Jamaica and Barbados. The cities on the tentative routing include Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Halifax, Sydney in Canada and Portland, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, New York and Providence in the United States. A feature of the tour, as arranged, will be a series of "test" matches in which the Antipodeans will meet the picked men of the best Canadian and United States teams.

The Australian cricketers have lately taken up baseball, and it is expected they will engage in a number of disreputable contests as a side issue. The Antipodeans and the Canadians who are so contrary to the results of the cricket contests, feel sure they can teach the invaders a thing or two about baseball.

There have been a number of "test" matches in the wrestling game, and one of the best of them was the one between Fredrick and the Antipodean wrestler. This particular contest of the Antipodean had been

touring America, posing as the world's champion grappler, until seven years ago today when he was introduced to an Iowa farmer who answered to the name of Frank Gotch. The meeting took place in Montreal on April 6, 1906, and the ceremony of introducing lasted less than a quarter of an hour. Then the "terrible Turk" went away from there, totally disillusioned as to his ability as a wrestler. Gotch and the Turk met during the course of an international wrestling tournament held in Montreal, and the disciple of the Prophet had been eating fatted calves alive until Gotch appeared on the scene. With his appetite whetted for more infidel meat, the Turk went at the "dog of an infidel" hammer and tongs, muttering threats as to what he intended to do to the "Christian cur."

The Turk didn't know a lot of English, but he had mastered the word "enough" and he soon had occasion to use it. That victory demonstrated Gotch's right to the world's championship, for the Ottoman was a grapple of the "rough house" type, and Gotch had made him look like a novice at his game. Two years later almost to a day, Gotch won a clear title to the world's championship by defeating Hackenschmidt in Chicago.

Today is the twentieth anniversary of the longest glove fight on record, pulled off at New Orleans, April 6, 1893, between Andy Bowen and Jack Burke. The fight went 110 rounds, lasting seven hours and fifteen minutes and ended in a draw decision when neither man could fight any longer.

There have been a number of bare knuckle battles, however, that lasted longer than the Bowen-Burke affair. The shortest bout on record was that between Battling Nelson and Bill Rosier at Harvey, Ill., eleven years ago, yesterday, when the Dane put over a sleep punch in exactly three seconds. Dal Hawkins also claimed the speedy knockout record, but Maloney Hogan, who refereed both battles, declared Nelson had the shade.

Boston, Mass., April 3.—Karl Lemke, "The Bohemian Perfect Man," last night wired Promoter George V. Toney that he had accepted the terms offered him to meet Cyclone Burns in the opening number of the wrestling carnival to be held in Mechanics building next Monday night. This will complete the programme.

Frank Mantell, the Pawtucket midweight, has signed to box Pat O'Rourke in London, April 14.

Battling Nelson is going after a bout with Freddie Welch. It will be hard to get a promoter to stage such a bout.

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