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### Billy Delaney, Jeff's Commander-in-Chief



BILLY DELANEY, MAKER OF CHAMPIONS

(By Tip Wright.)

Are old sores to be healed? Is the feud of years to be declared off? Are Jas. J. Jeffries and Billy Delaney to renew the friendship of former days? Will the dean of fight handlers and advisers be seen in the camp at Ridgewood, as a sort of general adviser?

It would not surprise me in the least to see the veteran trainer reassume charge of the undefeated brawler. In fact, I am as certain as one can be of anything that before he commences to put on the finishing touches, the great bear will have Delaney in charge of his camp.

Delaney found Jeffries. He brought him to the front and engaged Tommy Ryan to polish him off—give him his postgraduate course, so to speak. How well Ryan did his work everybody knows.

Jeffries and Delaney have been on anything but friendly terms for years. Just what caused their estrangement I don't profess to know. I know what "everybody says," caused it, but generally what "everybody says" has no more foundation than a cloud, and is almost as reliable as a tip on the races.

Much ado has been made over the fact that Delaney will have nothing to do with Jeffries. So much rot has been written about this that one who didn't know better might imagine that Billy Delaney is an old sorehead with a grudge like a sore-headed bear.

On the contrary, Delaney is one of the most likable men the fighting game has produced. He is without a peer as a developer and trainer of pugilists. He is big heartedness itself, and some of the things printed about him since the Jeff-Jack negotiations opened are nothing short of libelous.

I believe both Delaney and Jeffries would shake hands in a minute unless someone with an axe to grind keeps them apart. Both are big men. Neither has littleness in his makeup. Either or both may have or may imagine they have grievances. Possibly this is true, but the difference isn't so great it can't be righted.

Jeffries needs Billy Delaney. Not that the big fellow won't get into condition without his old mentor, but he would be happier and in better health with Delaney on the job and he realizes this better than anyone else.

I can imagine Delaney fidgeting around like a one-armed lather with the itch, because he is on the outside looking in, instead of being where he belongs, on the inside, running the show.

The men with Jeffries in this July 4 fight have so much at stake financially and Jeffries has so much at stake sentimentally, that no detail will be overlooked to keep Jeffries in the happiest frame of mind and get him into the pink of physical condition. And Delaney is eminently the individual to do this.

Sam Berger, the happy faced dumpling, who signs himself Jeffries' manager, is the comedian in the Jeff camp. His good nature keeps him in a continual state of merriment. And this, by the way is one grand thing for the man who is prone to be grumpy when training. But nevertheless I never heard anyone tell that Berger had won medals as a trainer of athletes.

What a comfort it will be to hundreds of thousands of fight fans who are stringing their bets with Jeff in the coming fight to know that the old fox of the ring is on the quarter deck directing the preparatory work of the man he brought from obscurity to the pinnacle of pugilism and that his counsel is being received by the big fellow when he is waiting between rounds in the great battle for the diamond of the heavyweights.

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### ATHLETES AND SMOKE TOWN GOOD STUDENTS TO MAJORS

The Combination Not So Rare as Generally Supposed—Interesting Statistics Compiled at Yale.

New York, April 11.—While it is not as true at present as was formerly the case, a general impression has mares in the work of the curriculum, at various times that athletes at Yale were below the average of their classmates in the work of the curriculum. It has been stoutly maintained by men who have been in touch with athletics at Yale as such, that the case is not that the athletes were, in anything, superior as a class in intellectual work to their fellows. In the absence of any definite data covering anything more than a college general, however, it has been impossible to enter anything more than a general denunciation to the statistics.

In order to supply the deficiency, the Yale Daily News has made a study of the subject, taking as a basis the proportion of men who won their "Y" or the equivalent of a "Y" while in the university who failed to secure degrees. The result of the investigation into the subject makes it impossible to say absolutely that the athlete is on the average a much better student than the general run of his class, and that his standing in the work of the curriculum is steadily rising from year to year.

Although track athletics was the latest of the four major sports in origin, it is evidently the easiest in which to obtain a "Y" for more men than in any other. In all, 568 men secured it, as compared to 404 in football, 27 in crew, and 268 in baseball. Thirty-one men secured their letters in two or more sports. Up to the end of June last year, the total number of letters awarded was 1417, 1375 of which represent diplomas.

The classes at present in college were not taken into consideration, as, of course, their statistics have no bearing on the basis of degree awards. Of this total of 1417, 142 men failed to secure their degrees, divided as follows: Track, 54; football, 35; baseball, 28 and crew, 25. It is to be noted, therefore, that the number of track men who win a "Y" is in greater proportion than their margin of letter award over other men. The latter is a surprising asset for a youngster. He beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 3 to 2, March 23, letting Breenhan's regulars down with four hits. He fanned six.

It can be objected, of course, that men who make the "Varsity" teams have generally had to try for them for several years and that therefore it is not fair to compare them with the general run of the classes, many of whose members drop out in the first year of work. It should be remembered, however, that the rule against freshmen playing has been in force for only a comparatively short period of time. In addition the percentage in favor of the athlete is so great that a large concession can be made on these grounds, still retaining enough to establish incontrovertibly the original premise.

In the old days when the prescribed system of studies was in vogue, it was generally accepted that one-third of the run of the classes, who were to secure diplomas. Failure in studies was, of course, responsible for but a portion of the defalcations, while financial and other mishaps must be credited with a large share. As this same state of affairs applies to the athletes, however, it affects the equation in no vital degree.

Under the new regime of elective studies the ratio given out, from statistics published in the Catalogue of Living Yale Graduates, shows 29 per cent. from each entering class to the non-graduate class. As the "Y" men have but slightly over 10 per cent. of the non-graduate class, it is evident that, with an advantage of 100 per cent. over their fellows, their position as better students is demonstrated.

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HARRY KIRSCH.

From the sand lots of Pittsburgh to Cleveland's new half million dollar ball park, from obscurity to fame, all in the brief period of two months, seems to be the leap Harry Kirsch, a 29 year old pitching phenom is about to complete.

In this day of highly developed baseball it is a rarity for a kid to break into the big show without first gleaming the elements of the game from at least one year's service in a minor league club. Yet it looks as though Kirsch was going to take a short cut straight to the top of the heap.

He wasn't given a look in for a regular job when he was taken south Feb. 19. His work from the start created a good impression, however, and now he has been picked as one of the seven twirlers who will take regular turns in the box for the Naps when the season opens.

Kirsch is a well made lad. He's about six feet, weighs 175, has speed, fast breaking curves, and a cool head. The latter is a surprising asset for a youngster. He beat the St. Louis Cardinals, 3 to 2, March 23, letting Breenhan's regulars down with four hits. He fanned six.

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### NOTIONS OF THE ATHLETES

Jeffries for Unknown Reasons Concealing His Weight—Nelson's Manager Says He Recently Weighed 245 Pounds

New York, April 11.—After two hours of baseball playing at his new training camp the other day it was announced that Jeffries had lost three pounds. When he left the camp at the present time? The brawler is keeping this a secret by refusing to say on the scales, with the result that there is much conjecture. Jack Robinson, Battling Nelson's manager, who is in Philadelphia, says he saw Jeffries in Philadelphia two weeks ago and insists the big Californian weighed at least 245.

When Jeffries came home from Europe last October he declared he could tip the beam at less than 250. Jeffries will spend nearly twelve weeks at his camp and if he lives up to his training plan he cannot help losing weight. If he can fight at 220 pounds he will be in pretty fair condition, as that was his last ring weight nearly six years ago. If he can reduce to 215 he will be lighter than at any time since he won the championship from "Fighting" Jim Corbett in 1899, but it is a question whether he would possess the old speed and strength which were his at that time.

There seems to be no doubt that Jeffries weighed all of 285 pounds when he announced his return to the ring a year ago. By taking off at least forty pounds he will prompt the question, "Is such a reduction a handicap?"

Just why the brawler is concealing his real weight is a problem which few of his friends can solve, but the fact that he gets into the cat will be let out by him before many days. Johnson, meanwhile, he weighs 220 pounds and predicts that when he will be down to 200 or less. He does not intend to begin his training until early in May. The Brookline Gymnasium Association, and says he does not intend to train for more than seven or eight weeks, which will be enough.

Pal Moore, who whipped Willie Jones in impressive style last week, is ready to meet Jimmy Walsh of Boston at a local club, the weight to be 116 pounds at 6 o'clock. Moore is growing so rapidly that he will soon be compelled to fight in the featherweight class, in which event he probably will run up against Abe Attell. If a bout between Moore and Attell could be arranged at this stage of the game, ring followers say it would create more interest than any glove contest that has been held here for many years. Attell can make 122 pounds in ring attire, without a hat and is spilling for a scrap with the seventeen year old phenomenon.

Bill Papke is so confident of whipping Frank Klaus that he has asked another match for him with Stanley Ketchel to be decided during the Jeffries-Johnson fight on the coast. Ketchel is not ready to consider this proposition, as he says he wants to beat Langford first. Papke has again refused to meet Langford, drawing the convenient color line.

A western paper has collected opinions from many baseball critics as to the outcome of the major league pennant races. The consensus is that in the National League Pittsburgh and Chicago will fight it out for first honors with the Giants, Cincinnati and St. Louis Cardinals as the other contenders. In the American League contest for the pennant with the Athletics and Boston Red Sox very close to the top at the finish. In a word the west, on paper, appears to be predominant. But the question will be settled on the ball field.

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### INTEREST IS KEEN IN BIG MARATHON

Boston, April 11.—With the Boston Athletic Association's Marathon race of Patriot's Day but a little more than a week away, interest in the great event is reaching a high water mark.

While New York and Canada will send to Boston a larger number of star runners than usual, the large proportion of starters will be local boys, who will try to repeat the wins scored by Roland McDonald of the Cambridgeport gym in 1898; John Lorden of the same club in 1903, and Timothy Ford of the Hampshire A. A. in 1901.

All of the local clubs have men training for the event and will follow their men on bicycles on the day of the run to urge them on to victory. The Brookline Gymnasium Association, the North Dorchester A. A., the Cathedral A. A., the South Boston A. C., the St. Alphonsus A. A. and other well known athletic clubs will enter teams and feel confident that one of the men will be returned a winner.

There will also be a large number of runners from this section, like Bob Fowler, who will run unattached. Fowler has been a great Boston A. A. Marathon runner and several times has returned a near winner. In 1907 he ran second to Tom Longboat when he set the record for the course at 2h. 24m. 24s. Fowler's time was 2h. 25m. 43.1s. The following year he was third, less than a minute behind the winner, T. P. Morfess of New York. Morfess' time was 2h. 25m. 43.1s. That was the year that Johnny Hayes finished second.

Last year Fowler did not finish as well owing to the extreme heat that caused so many of the crack men to wilt on the Newton hills. Fowler has prepared long and earnestly for the race this year and is looking better than he has for years. He is training systematically and showing few signs of the hard work he has been putting in.

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### TOMMY BURNS WINS FROM BILL LANG

Sydney, N.S.W., April 11.—Tommy Burns won a point from Bill Lang heavyweight champion of Australia in the twentieth round of their fight for the Australian title today.

Chief interest in the Burns-Lang bout was derived from the fact that Burns is the man whose defeat by Jack Johnson earned for the American pugilist the title of heavyweight champion of the world and afforded him an opportunity to meet James J. Jeffries.

In the ninth round Burns punished the Australian champion severely but the latter fought back gamely. Lang made a splendid rally in the twelfth and receiving a left to the ear and nose responded twice with a right

### FIRST GAME OF BASEBALL YESTERDAY

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### TIP O'NEIL OUT OF GAME FOR SEASON

A host of local friends and admirers of John "Tip" O'Neill, will regret to learn that owing to a severe attack of typhoid from which he is slowly recovering, the St. John boy may be out of the game for some time. O'Neill has been playing an outer garden for the Minneapolis team in the American association for the past three summers. His work last season was of the gilt edge brand. He led his team in batting and was a close second in the averages for the entire league, being well over the 300 mark.

"Tip" was to have gone to the American league this summer, but his recent illness may prevent this. However it is expected that he will be in the game for the Minneapolis nine as soon as he recovers sufficiently.

J. Hurley Wins.  
Black's alleys last night from a large field of competitors. Score 100.

### Fred Duncan Secures Services of Well Known Maine Driver—The Season's Prospects in Harness Racing.

Mr. Fred Duncan, the well known Fairville horseman has secured the services of Charlie Dustin, the noted Maine driver, who brought Dimple K. (2:19.4) to the Maritime Provinces last year. Mr. Dustin arrived here Saturday and immediately assumed his duties as a driver. He is one of the best known jockeys in Maine and the New England states, and Mr. Duncan is considered lucky in securing his services. Speaking with The Standard last evening Mr. Duncan said that he was not sure if he would enter any new horses upon the track this summer. At the present time he has in his stables among others Laura Merrill (2:15) and Idle Moments (2:21). Mr. Duncan looks for an unusually successful season on the turf.

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### EVEN BREAK IN BOWLING LAST NIGHT

In the Commercial league series on Black's alleys last night Macaulay Bros. quintette tied the Waterbury & Rising aggregation, both teams winning two points. Labbe was the rooster for the foot and shoe men, with Smith a close second for the dry goods men. The score:

Waterbury & Rising.  
Chesley . . . 79 81 88 248—82-23  
Patchell . . . 65 75 89 222—74-13  
Fetherstone 78 79 80 237—74-13  
Holder . . . 67 82 76 225—75  
Labbe . . . 88 103 79 270—90

Macaulay Bros.  
G. McLean . . . 74 86 84 244—81-13  
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Breen . . . 72 88 75 235—78-13  
Latham . . . 75 79 69 223—74-13  
W. Smith . . . 73 99 93 265—88-13

### DOVES ARE BACK IN HUB AGAIN

Boston, Mass., April 11.—The first cheer of the baseball fans for the "home team" rang through the train sheds of the South Station tonight as the members of the Boston Nationals tumbled from the cars, weary with the long ride from Canton, Ohio, to the Hub.

The "routing" was long and loud. Mr. Fred Lake, the new manager, and for each and all of the team, every man of whom substantiated the words of Manager Lake that they were "absolutely fit."

REULBACH'S CONDITION.  
St. Louis, Mo., April 11.—After a third anti-toxin treatment today, E. J. Reulbach, pitcher for the Chicago Nationals, who is critically ill with diphtheria at his home, was said today to be resting more comfortably. The crisis is expected tomorrow. His physician says it will be at least a month, if Reulbach recovers, before he will be able to don a uniform.