

Jeff Was a Trifle Too Full of Holiday Spirit

By "Bud" Fisher



SPORT NEWS OF A DAY, HOME AND ABROAD

ICEWELLING

Two-Men League In the two-men tournament on the Victoria alleys last night Labbe and Easterton took four points from Barton and Gardner. Total pinfall was 75 to 84. The score of 88-3-5 rolled by Featherston, was the highest made.

Commercial League

Two games were rolled in the Commercial League on Black's last evening. R. A. blanked Emerson & Fisher, 5-0, scoring 1286 to their opponents' 1188. Ward, for the winners, was high man with an average of 26.2-3-1. H. A. blanked Emerson & Fisher, 5-0, scoring 1286 to their opponents' 1188. Ward, for the winners, was high man with an average of 26.2-3-1.

Won Roll-Off

A Simpson won the weekly roll-off on the Victoria alleys last night with a score of 107. On Black's, W. Lingley won with 104.

OCKEY

St. John Wins Again

The St. John hockey team landed their second straight victory last night when they took one from the Sackville organization, 8 to 4, in a fast rough game at went ten minutes overtime. Both teams were in good condition and excitement was high throughout the game. All started in the winter point league, scoring four goals for his team. Appleton, of Mt. A. refereed.

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A meeting of the local horsemen was held last evening and it was decided to old the regular meeting this evening at eight o'clock. A committee was appointed to look into the matter of a permanent driving course for the winter and spring months.

ING

McAllister Knocked Out

The match between Mike Gibbons, of Paul and Bob McAllister of San Antonio, both middleweights, in New York last night, ended in the seventh round when Gibbons knocked his opponent out with a right hook to the jaw. Gibbons weighed in at 152-1-2 pounds and McAllister at 160. The Californian so had the advantage in height and reach.

THE TURF

Big Stake Changed

Detroit, Jan. 12.—The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Stake of \$10,000, the blue ribbon event of horse racing here, and generally considered the most famous classic of the trotting turf, has been changed from the 234 to the 235 class. The announcement was made by the officials of the Detroit Driving Club, under whose auspices the Grand Circuit race meetings are held here. The Merchants' and Manufacturers' stake was established in 1889, and up to the present has brought together so-called green trotters. The change is made to suit conditions, as it is said more horses will be eligible under the new arrangement.

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The Facts About Gunboat Smith

(FROM T. S. ANDREWS)

Milwaukee, Jan. 12.—Up to last week I was under the impression that Gunboat Smith was of German descent and born in Minnesota, but comes the father of Gunboat with an alibi. The following letter was received by the writer dated Philadelphia: "I notice by the record books that Gunboat Smith is of German parentage and born in Minnesota. Such is not true. He is my son and was never in Minnesota unless of late. His name is not Edward Eckblad, but Edward Smith, and he was born in Philadelphia. He is Irish-American and I, his father, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, while his mother was born in County Tyrone, Ireland."

There has always been doubt as to the nationality of Gunboat and this will clear up the matter once and for all. There have been many fine fighters by the name of Smith and it is hoped that Gunboat will keep up the good record for the house of Smith. His defeat of Arthur Pelley must make his father feel like getting into the game himself. Gunboat was hot after a match with Georges Carpenter, but as the latter will sail soon for Australia, the chances are that he will have a considerable length of time to wait, as Georges will soon have to enter the army of France.

Milwaukee is to see several fistie stars within the next few weeks. George Chip, who scored two sensational victories over Frank Klaus in Pittsburgh, and who now claims the middleweight championship along with Jimmy Clabby and Jack Dillon, will clash with Gus Christie before the South Side A. C. on January 12th in a ten round bout. Chip will not find Christie an easy mark by any means and if he can stop the local boy he will be doing more than Joe Deon was able to do in five trials.

Following this match will come Jack Rivers, a Mexican lightweight, with Ad Wolgast for a ten round spile before the National Athletic club. Rivers and the Michigan braced fough on July 4, 1912, and Ad won in thirteen rounds after a terrific battle. Now they will renew their bout and it should be a warm one. After this display there is a probability that Charles White and some star lightweight will be brought together in the big auditorium where the Oeneburg A. C. holds forth. Charlie would like to match again with Ad Wolgast, but he may be selected to fight the winner of the Wolgast-Rivers bout, or possibly Leach Cross.

time at the bar," was Tinker's reply. "I led the league shortstops in hitting. I was not such a hard drinker that the Brooklyn Club hesitated to pay \$25,000 for my services without consulting me." "Mr. Murphy himself had a conversation with me after the Brooklyn negotiations had started and in violation of the national agreement, he said he had paid \$10,000 for the services of Roger Bresnahan and hinted that he thought as highly of my ability to play ball."

Washington: Baseball players and managers must wait a year more before getting light from the supreme court on the much disputed question in major league circles as to it being competent to enforce players' contracts by injunction. The point has been raised that contracts with players are not enforceable by injunction because they contain a clause giving the managers the right to terminate the contract without giving a similar right to the players. The case will not come up for argument until next winter, too late to affect baseball contracts for the coming season.

To Play, on April 12 The Chicago Nationals and Cleveland Americans will play each other on the latter's grounds on April 12. The game will wind up the Cubs' training trip. Helms Zimmerman, the Cub's third baseman, has reported. His contract has two years to run.

Signs with Cincinnati Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 12.—Second Base man Groh, of the Cincinnati National League today signed to play with the Cincinnati Reds for the coming season. Groh had liberal offers from different Federal League clubs.

St. Paul's Win First Game St. Paul's won from Exmouth street twelve goals to eleven, in the first game of the intermediate church basketball league last night. Five minutes overtime was played. The game took place in St. Paul's rooms.

Dugan to Southern League If Fredricton has a ball team in 1914 Pat Dugan, manager of Fredricton's three championship teams in 1911, 1912 and 1913, will not be one of the Pets. Manager Mike Finn of the Memphis Club of the Southern League announced in Boston last week that he had signed Dugan and the Atlanta boy is slated for the south when the next baseball season opens.

Bob Gentry, who as captain was the field leader of the Pets during their three championship campaigns, landed Dugan with Manager Finn's team and feels confident that his friend will prove a real find for the Southern League's veteran manager. Dugan will not be lonely as Arthur Lavigne, another former Lowell player and friend of the Pets' captain, has also been secured by Manager Finn.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LEGAL COUNTY. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio and State of Ohio, and that he is the owner and proprietor of the same. He declares under oath that he has not given, sold, transferred, conveyed or otherwise disposed of the same to any other person, firm or corporation, and that he is the owner and proprietor of the same. He declares under oath that he has not given, sold, transferred, conveyed or otherwise disposed of the same to any other person, firm or corporation, and that he is the owner and proprietor of the same. He declares under oath that he has not given, sold, transferred, conveyed or otherwise disposed of the same to any other person, firm or corporation, and that he is the owner and proprietor of the same.

MATTY'S BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON THE GIANTS' STAR PITCHER

Every fan who goes to a big league ball park and pays seventy-five or fifty or twenty-five cents; or perhaps a dollar, gets with his ticket of admission the right to roast all the players, local or visiting, umpires, and managers confined within the grounds. The availability of his position for roasting purposes depends largely on the amount of admission he pays. The two-bit boys, for example, must do their roasting at long range, but, as a rule, they have louder voices. Yet if a fan goes to the Polo Grounds early and is lucky, he may get a nice seat right behind the Giants' or visitors' bench, whichever he prefers, where he can roast until he reaches the asbestos hide with which most players are equipped.

Ball players do not, as a rule, mind this especially the veterans. However, if the fans, or a single section of fans, get to "riding one man day after day, it frequently bothers him, no matter how much of a veteran he is, and this form of constant, playing attack has driven many a good player out of a big league city. Harry Lord, recently of Boston, and Hal Chase, formerly of New York, are examples of this. Both have succeeded much better in different uniforms. But the occasional roaster does not seem to bother a tried player, especially if he is working away from home. It generally hurts a man, however, to be ripped on the back by local followers of the game.

"If I am in a batting slump, I don't care how much they roaster on me, but I have heard 'T' Cobb say, 'because I like opposition and hooting at me makes me fight harder. But I hate to have the home crowd riding me.' Most spectators do not realize that there is often a good reason for a ball player having a bad day. They never consider such a thing possible. Cincinnati was playing the Giants a series last summer, and 'Joe' Tinker, struggling much with his losing and misfit organization, which had him worried half to death anyway, had a bad day at shortstop. The New York fans began to hop on him and bowl him out.

"What's the matter, Tinker?" yelled one fellow, equipped with leather lungs and a fine location right behind the Cincinnati bench, after 'Joe' had struck out. "Ain't you trying to work now that you are a manager?" "Joe" had a rough day both at the bat and in the field. The crowd was after him, bawling this man who had so often beaten the Giants almost single handed when in a Cub uniform. I happen to be pitching the game and the incidents so clearly. Tinker did not get a hit off me and fanned twice, I think.

"Guess Matty's got your number now," bellowed old Leather Lung again. "Thought you could hit him. Too much red eye stuff, is it, Joe?" Probably none of the fans who put in a busy afternoon roasting Tinker, realized that just before the game a telegram had been handed to the Cincinnati manager, informing him that his wife was seriously ill in Chicago and might die any minute. "Joe" folded the yellow paper up and put it in the pocket of his uniform, saying not a word about it to any one of his own players or the Giants. He went to work and played through the game.

After the contest, which the Giants won, Tinker walked across the field with me to the club house. "They were riding me pretty strong out there today, Matty," he said. "But it didn't bother me. Here is what is bothering me. Look at that." He handed me the telegram about his wife's illness. "I'll probably have to go to Chicago tonight," he said, "and I may not get there in time." "Why did you play, 'Joe'?" I asked him.

"Well, if they saw me on the field, and I didn't work, the fans and my boss would say I was lying down on the job. They wouldn't understand." As a matter of fact, Tinker received a second telegram when he reached his hotel, telling him that his wife's condition had materially improved and that he did not need to leave his club. She got better eventually. Tinker played a bang-up game the next day and was cheered by the same "bug" who had roasted him, for that is the way of the "bug."

"How is your wife today, 'Joe'?" I asked him when I saw him the next afternoon. "Much better," said he, "but, believe me, I didn't think much about baseball out here yesterday. There was only one thing on my mind." Many managers refuse to permit players to receive telegrams after they are in uniform. This is a cast iron rule of the Athletics. All telegrams addressed to ball players that are sent to them after the Athletics come out for practice are turned over to "Connie" Mack, who hangs on to them until after the game, when he gives them to his manager.

"I don't want to lose any ball games because a player gets a sudden shock," says manager "Connie" Mack. "Macks" take a man's mind off his business. Pennants have been won or lost by one game before this!" Speaking of shocks and roasts of players by the fans when the player does not deserve them, they tell an interesting story about "Trix" Speaker, the great center fielder of the Boston Red Sox. Speaker is very fond of his mother, who lives in Texas, where Speaker has his winter home. "Trix" has never married, because of his fondness for his mother. He hates to go away to the spring training camp and leave her. He has not seen her from early March during the 1912 race, and it had rolled around to September. Then the mother decided to make a trip to Boston to surprise "Trix" and also to take in the winter series, which it looked certain at that time, would be participated in by Boston and "Trix." Speaker knew nothing of her coming and, as she arrived in town in the afternoon, she went directly to the ball park.

It was toward the end of an exciting battle, with two runners on the bases, when the batter pushed out a fly toward Speaker. As he looked up to gauge the ball, he caught sight of his mother in the stand. He entirely forgot his business in his surprise, and the fly fell safe, the two runs scoring. Oedipus Speaker, who is a sure fielder, would have smothered it. The fans, not understanding his reason for quitting on the ball, thought he was "dogging" it and cut loose with terrible panning. The Red Sox lost the game as a result of Speaker's muff.

"What was the matter with you on that ball, 'Trix'?" asked Stahl, when Speaker came to the bench. "I caught sight of my mother in the stand and forgot all about it," replied the good natured Speaker. "That crowd certainly gave you a rough panning," answered Stahl. "And it worries me a lot, I guess," came back Speaker. "It is liable to give me insomnia." Frequently ball players are roasted when there is a good excuse for their blunders, but, of course, the crowd cannot understand, and to pan is its right.

FAIRVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Last evening the annual meeting of the quarterly board of the Fairville Methodist church was held in the parsonage, Rev. Gilbert Earle in the chair. The officers were—S. A. Worrell, secretary, and Perry Kelly steward and treasurer, were re-elected to office. Reports of finances, church property, etc., were of a very satisfactory nature, and proved the year just closed to have been prosperous and progressive. It was decided to improve the lighting of the church and also to install a modern electric motor blower for the pipe organ. A committee consisting of W. E. Earle, J. Stout and Perry Kelly was appointed to carry out the wishes of the board.

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