

ABOUT THROWING BASEBALL GAMES.

Ban Johnson Sheds Light on the Important Subject.

FOOLISH AND OTHER PLAYS.

How an Outfielder Lost a Game, a Close Game by His Grand Stand Work.

Ban Johnson, president of the American league, and Pat Donovan were recently members of a fanning bee at St. Louis. During the discussion somebody started an argument as to whether players often "throw" games. One player, in a tight place, a play, could commit an error at a critical moment, and apparently it would be an accident. Donovan declared that these occurrences were rare.

"In the first place," said he, "a player could not guarantee to toss a game, or for he might not get the chance. Again,

Just now enrolled among its officials. Up to this recent agitation against Americans and American jockeys the French Jockey club has held undisputed sway over the three great associations—the Sociétés de Encouragement, Steeplechase and Demi-Sang. While the principal French owners were members of the Jockey club this supremacy of the latter organization was acquiesced in.

But the recent agitations have witnessed the anomalous situation of the exclusion from the Jockey club councils of such sportsmen as M. Brennard, M. Abelle, M. Aumont, M. Vell Picard, M. Jean Prat, M. Cailliant and M. Edmond Blane from all voice in current turf rulings.

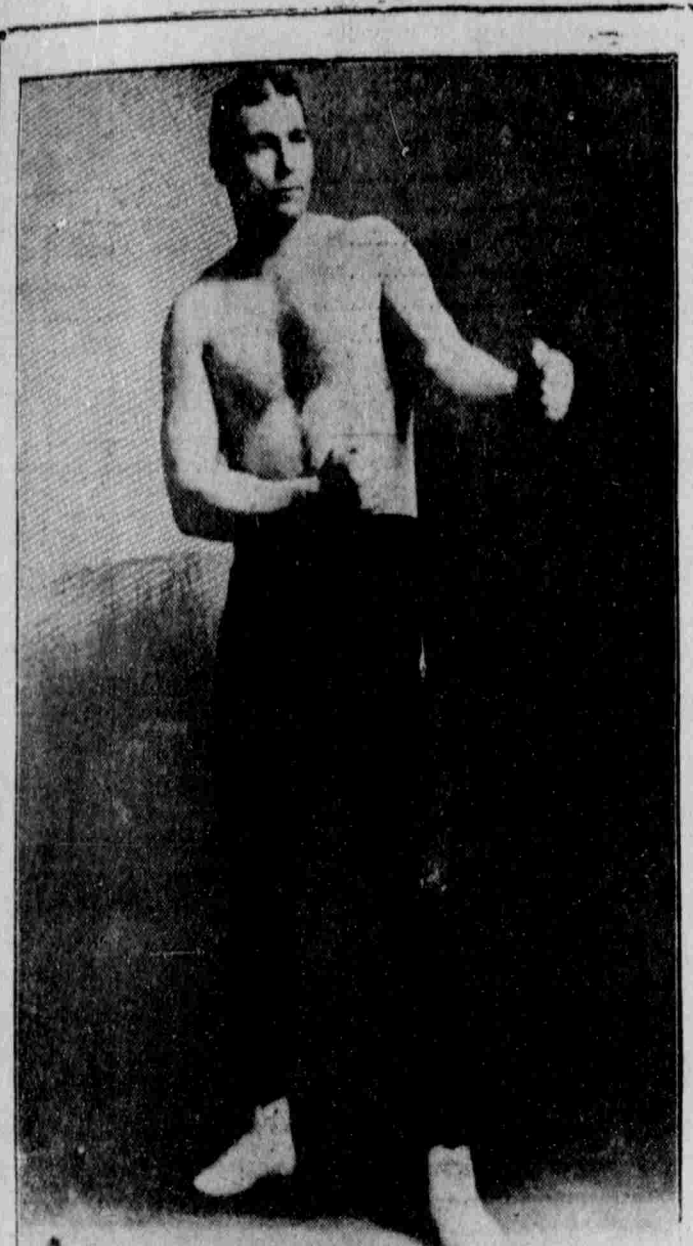
The two last named turfmen, Messrs. Blane and Cailliant, testified in favor of the younger Relf in the Jockey's successful suit against the French publication, Le Vie au Grand Air. And their part in the case will now be supplemented by their admission to the general turf councils of the Jockey club. The result of this ministerial action in France will be awaited with great interest on this side of the water, also its influence in matters affecting American jockeys and horsemen in general.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Nothing Heard of Munroe for Two Whole Days.

What's the matter? Not a telegram from Butte, Mont., in two days regarding the movements or statements of Jack Munroe. Come, boys, don't let the thing lag. Take another draw at the pipe and dream about Munroe chasing Jeff and Fitz out of town. There have been so many fake stories sent out that one more or less makes no difference in the summary when we make

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Since his lucky blow which floored Champion Jim Jeffries at Butte, Mont., Miner Jack Munroe has become a prominent figure in the pugilistic world. McCoy, Ruhlman and Sharkey are all anxious to cut short his championship aspirations, which they think will be an easy job for any of them. Nevertheless, the husky miner is looking confidently

his team may be so far behind that it would not be possible for him to bridge the gap, though he committed ever so many errors. It is my experience that, whatever the politics of the game may be, it is honestly played on the field."

"I take the same view," interposed Mr. Johnson, "but oftentimes players pull off some foolish play that beats their team. I remember a circus catcher of 'Bugs' Holliday that caused the defeat of the Cincinnati team. That was 10 years ago or more. I was writing baseball on a Cincinnati paper, and Holliday was at that time one of the star outfielders of the country. He had one bad falling. He would play for the grandstand, making difficult catches out of easy chances, thereby earning much applause."

"One day the Reds were playing at home and the game was tight. If I remember right, it was a tie, and the opposing club had a man on first in the ninth inning, with one out. Well, somebody swung the ball far out into 'Bugs' territory and he raced after it. It was a hard chance, but he did manage to fall it down, and then, to show what a strenuous effort it was, he continued to sprint as if there was no stopping point. He could have put on the brakes and stopped in one-fifth the distance he covered, but while he was making a hero of himself the base runner scored all the way around from first base after the catch and the game was lost."

TO CHANGE METHODS.

Ministerial Decree to Undermine Supremacy of French Jockey Club.

A cablegram from Paris noting an impending ministerial decree that will undermine the supremacy of the French Jockey club and open wider its doors is to more than passing interest in connection with the Relf-Henry cases. The ministerial mandate referred to is one that will order the Jockey club to include among its stewards a number of leading horse owners of France who are

We down here only heard one side—the most sensational side of the story of how Fitz came to hit Clark Ball. It seems that Jeffries and Fitz were in Helena and sent Ball to Butte to try to arrange a return match with Munroe for Jeffries. Instead of doing so and while under salary to Fitz and Jeff, Ball signs a contract to manage Munroe and advises him not to face Jeff, as he would surely get knocked out. Then Ball went about Butte and tried to drown his sorrows in high altitude gum drops, and did a great deal of talking about the man he had that could defeat Jeff.

Naturally, when Jeff and Fitz came to town the stories were told to them. When Fitz learned that Ball, while under salary to the combination, had signed to manage Munroe, he became furious and demanded a settlement right there and then, and informed Clark his services were no longer required.

Instead of making a settlement as requested, Ball refused point blank, and then when Fitz accused him of signing with Munroe, he called the freckled one a liar. That was the cue for the ex-blacksmith and he let go a left-hand hook that put Ball down and out. He lay there five minutes listening to the band before he came to.

When Fitz and Jeff left Butte Ball asked to be forgiven and taken back, but neither Jeff nor Fitz would listen to his pleadings. That is the true story of the Butte affair. Yet the report went forth about the brutal attack Fitz made on his brother-in-law. They certainly sent them out sizzling from Butte, Mont.

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MOST FORMIDABLE LINEUP.

Stonewall Jackson and Father Time Play Ends With Hercules at Center-Napoleon Quarter.

If a football team in the United States could be found, one which could successfully cope with the team composed of the following players, their fortune would be as good as made:

Name	Position
Hercules	Center
Samson	Right guard
Goliath	Left guard
Caesar	Right tackle
Joshua	Left tackle
Stonewall Jackson	Right end
Father Time	Left end
Isaiah Putnam	Right half back
Alexander the Great	Left half back
Ezechus	Full back
Napoleon	Quarter back

This is a fairly formidable eleven, but it presents numerous elements of weakness. In the first place, we have absolutely no confidence in Hercules as snap-back. He played a good game on the Attica Athletic club team, but there never yet was found a captain who could get him to train.

The first instance when this doughty fighter saw snakes is a matter of common talk. It was at a disgracefully early age, some historians, including Suetonius, claiming that he was still in the cradle. Even the most devoted supporters of the muscular gentleman will admit that such stories should be banished utterly from the nursery. And in other respects Hercules fell just as far short of the proper mode of life for an athlete in training.

Samson at right guard is out of the question. Any football player who would so basely betray the honor of his team as did this powerful temple-destructor, should be cut by all his acquaintances. A player who went out

but he is too fond of going it alone, and never could get used to team work. Besides, dissatisfied with the riskin sphere, he would sigh for more worlds to conquer. Putnam, the selection for the other half, notoriously hated interference, and no man who feels that way can gain much ground. Napoleon is a very fair strategist, but there is now a better general, as is chronicled in the song, "Napoleon 'twas that marched them up. Who was it marched them down. 'Twas Mr. Dooley." To Dooley goes the palm, though wicked slander says he prefers three fingers.

THOMAS LIPTON'S PLANS.

Shamrock III to Be Launched in March or April.

Sir Thomas Lipton has made some of his plans public in an interview with a representative of the Yachting World. Sir Thomas was seen just after he had inspected the Shamrock II. The interview follows:

"Every stroke of work which has been done upon her," he said, "has been under the personal superintendence of Mr. Fife, John Ward, the managing director of Messrs. Denny, or of Mr. Jackson. It seems to me certain that she will be, so far as workmanship goes, a very much superior boat to Shamrock II."

"As for the design, I cannot, of course, give any details of that just at present, but I may say that the yacht is already in shape. I am both surprised and confident that we have at last got the boat we have been aiming at. Mr. Fife does not say much—he never does—but I know that he shares the opinion of the very few competent judges who have seen the framework of the yacht. That general opinion is that she looks every inch a cup winner."

"There has not so far been any official statement as to her design. Is it true that George L. Watson assisted?"

"The responsible designer of the boat," replied Sir Thomas, "is William Fife. She is his boat. The work and the worry are his, but it is quite true that Mr. Watson gave some valuable assistance."

"It would be accurate then to describe her as embodying the ideas and experience of both our leading designers?"

"Absolutely accurate; and I feel confident that the work will be justified in the result."

"Has any date for the launch been suggested as yet, or any arrangements made for the trial race?"

"The work is well under way, but we must, of course, delay the launch and races until such time as we may expect favorable weather. At present it is our intention to have the yacht launched about the end of March or in the early days of April. She will be finished as far as the practice before she is put into the water; but even with this the date fixed will allow plenty of

THIS JOCKEY HOLD THE RECORD.



Jerry Rausch the little California jockey hold the record for the number of winning mounts for 1932. He rode in first 250 different times. His achievement excels that of any other jockey in America or Europe.

calling the night before the big game with the Phillistines, and let the young lady cut off all his long, curling locks, certainly has not the football spirit. He would never do on the All-World eleven.

David takes the other guard in preference to Goliath without the least doubt. All critics agreed that the smaller man played all around his antagonist the last time they lined up against each other, and Goliath was put out of the game completely, before the first half was ended.

Cesar played pluckily the first couple of years of his career, but toward the end of his career he refused the three chances which Antony offered offered him, and let Brutus down him. Joshua's nickname makes him seem nothing but a joke.

Father Time at left end is too erratic; he very seldom hits a happy medium. At times he is altogether too slow, while more often he is too fast. Death, on a white horse, has shown more acquaintance with the game. Father Time, although plainly trying to brace himself up, since he had a glass in his hand, was evidently losing sand every minute.

Alex put up a good individual game.

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