

SPORTS OF THE DAY

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO UMPIRE?

Rough and Stormy Road of Ice-man and Dogcatcher Are No Comparison at All.

DERRICK SAYS HE'D RATHER SHOVEL GUTS

Be Patient With the Umpire, for He May Be Human and Have a Soul Like Ordinary Folks—Who Is to Blame, After All.

By J. K. Turner. How would you like to be the umpire? Believe me, it is approximately 50 times worse than being the ice-man or the dog-catcher.

Oh, no, if the umpire would just sit up in the grandstand or on the bleachers alongside of you and me, he couldn't possibly ever make a mistake. His decisions would be applauded to the echo and he would be the real hero of the diamond, instead of the villain, as he is reckoned under the present rules.

But that's the trouble. The rules compel the umpire to get right down on the diamond, where he's not in a position to see anything accurately. And so the mischief is done.

If the official had the choice between sitting up in the grandstand beside you and me and going onto the diamond, there might be no excuse for his being a victim of the rules—the inexorable rules—and don't you think he deserves just a tear or two of sympathy?

The Ball Player's Poorhouse. How would you like to be the umpire? Ask any ball player, even though the latter is the worst kicker on his team.

To suggest to a ball player that he'll end his career as an umpire is like telling an ordinary proper and self-respecting business man that he will die in the poorhouse.

"Two hundred and twenty-five dollars a month is what makes me an umpire," explained Mr. Derrick of the Coast league, when asked to unburden his heart. "But it's mighty little considering the atmosphere of calumny a man lives in all his life. I'd rather shovel guts in a packing house 10 hours a day, like Jurgia, than to work two hours a day as an umpire. But then, you know, an umpire doesn't get about 4225 per month.

"Do you see those gray hairs?" continued the umpire. "Why, I'm as gray as a badger. Notice the wrinkles! Folks imagine I'm 60 years old, but I'm not. I'm just 37. Yes, I'm going to get married day after tomorrow. But I'll tell you one thing, I'll never take my wife to a ball game where I'm umpiring. Why, if she should hear all this names they call me, and just because one game, I could never look her in the face again. Great Scott! Don't you suppose an umpire craves the respect of his wife, as well as you or any other member of respectable society does?"

Incidents of Saturday East. Last Saturday Derrick was everlastingly lambasted because he called time during a downpour of rain that could have penetrated an ordinary overcoat in 10 minutes. He was called as many different names as a couple of hundred ingenious gentlemen rosters could think of and was nearly mobbed by the San Francisco bunch, just because the latter happened to be ahead in the game and were afraid of having it called off before the end of the fifth inning. Captain Wheeler swore he'd never pay Derrick's salary and the other players—well, you can hear if he's not any day for yourself.

After the ball game was over Saturday the writer watched the umpire leave the grounds and climb onto a waiting car. As he walked, he looked neither to the right nor to the left, but stared straight ahead, as if he knew that the hurrying, joking crowd had no pleasant or friendly glances to spare for him.

His face was set in hard lines as he took a seat and stared out of the window. There was nothing savage expressed in those hard lines. The look was rather one of dogged defiance and of anguish. He intentionally avoided looking anyone in the face.

The way of the baseball umpire is hard. The umpire is hated by nearly everybody and loved by nobody. He receives no sympathy. The truest human feeling accorded him is pity and pity is more cruel at times than hatred.

Who Are the Fools? The umpire is universally misunderstood. One-half of the spectators credit him with dishonesty and the other half with stupidity. He is either a cheat or a fool. Though of all the persons in attendance at a baseball game the umpire only stands in a position to accurately judge the merits of a close play, yet not one in one hundred is willing to trust his decision. Each fellow in the crowd thinks he alone is naturally gifted with uncommon insight and that if the league could only hire him to umpire it would be fortunate indeed.

And so the lot of the umpire is full of temptations and storms. Nearly every time he calls "ball," any number from one to 1,000 people denounce him because he did not call "strike," and nearly every time he calls "strike," somebody is certain to fidget because he did not call "ball." He is jeered and booed from inning No. 1 to inning No. 9, by grandstand, bleachers, bench and teams.

Whoever thinks of an umpire as a flesh and blood human, sensibility, humanity, every time a ball is knocked close to the foul line, one side insists that it is foul and the other side that it is fair. Every time there is a close play at a base and a close decision somebody is sure to malign the umpire.



One of the New Asphalt Tennis Courts at the Multnomah Club.

TENNIS OUTLOOK IS VERY BRIGHT

Season Promises to Be Most Successful in History of the Game in Oregon.

SEVERAL NEW PLAYERS IN FIRST-CLASS RANKS

Bethel, Benham and Ewing Will Be Regular Attractives on the Local Courts This Summer—Multnomah Club Has Two New Courts.

Interest in tennis this year promises to exceed that of any previous year in the history of Portland. Last season was more than an ordinarily successful one. Indeed, it was pronounced by numerous of the old-timers to be the best yet, but the season of 1907 will undoubtedly exceed it, both in the number of the players and the excellence of the play.

A number of first-rank players who were here only a part of last year or not at all will figure in the local tournaments from their beginning. Among them is Major Bethel, who has captured several trophies in former years. The major has announced his intention of spending the entire summer in Portland and of putting in a large share of the time on the tennis courts. Major Bethel should make a strong bid for the singles championship of the state, which is now held by Walter Goss. It is said that he will join Goss in doubles. Should he do so, Benham and Wickereham, who have held the doubles championship for the past two years, will be compelled to extend themselves to the limit to keep their title.

Other First Rate Men. Bethel and Goss will by no means be the only likely opponents of Bellinger and Wickereham in doubles. R. R. Benham, who was two years ago a member of the championship team of the northwest, will play in all the local tournaments this year. Benham came here about the middle of last season and played in two of the tournaments. He did not have regular practice, however, and did not show up at his best. Benham is exceedingly good in net play and is rightly considered one of the best doubles players in this section of the country. Should he secure a suitable partner he will make a strong bid for championship honors in doubles as well as in singles.

Another player who will be comparatively new to the Portland courts is Shively, a racquet wielder from Washington state, who competed in last year's state tournament. Shively has joined the Irvington club. J. F. Ewing, chairman of the tennis committee this year at the Multnomah club, is another clever man who was out of town all of last summer and who, therefore, did not enter in any of the tournaments. As a partner of H. H. Herdman, Ewing has won a number of trophies in doubles during the past year.

R. Wilder, another player who is distinctive in the first class, is starting strong in practice and will undoubtedly make a better showing this year than last. Throughout the whole of last season Wilder was out of condition and never came up to his best work on the courts. Wilder's partner in doubles in the past has been F. V. Andrews.

The New Asphalt Courts. Practice at both the Multnomah and Irvington courts is in full swing. The dirt courts at Irvington will be better than ever this year, and every indication is that all six of them will be kept busy every fair afternoon from now until the late fall. Two new asphalt courts at the Multnomah club have served to bring out an unusually large number of enthusiasts during the past three weeks. The asphalt courts are an improvement.

So Fought at Gettysburg. David Parker of Fayette, N. Y., who lost a foot at Gettysburg, writes: "Electric Hitters have done me more good than any medicine I ever took. For several years I had stomach trouble, and I lost out much money for medicine to little purpose, until I began taking Electric Hitters. I would not take \$500 but would give up my best work on the farm for the good and for female weaknesses. Great alternative and body builder; best of all for lame back and weak kidneys. Guaranteed by Red Cross Pharmacy, 50c.

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BEAVERS OPEN WITH LOS ANGELES TODAY

Philadelphia 1, Detroit 0. St. Louis 3, New York 2. Washington 3, Cleveland 0. Chicago 4, Boston 0.

National League. Boston 0, Chicago 1. Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 1. St. Louis 3, New York 2. Pittsburg 3, Brooklyn 0.

OREGON AND CORVALLIS TRY CONCLUSIONS NEXT

They Meet Saturday on O. A. C. Field—Triangular Field Day Comes Later.

ALBANY TRACK BEING PUT INTO CONDITION

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BOWLING SCORES

Brigham's team bowled last night at the Multnomah club. The scores were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2. Brigham 173, 160; Routledge 167, 185; Hudson 165, 111; Sumner 160, 112.

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FRANK-VENABLES MATCH EXCITES MUCH INTEREST

Multnomah's Star and Northwest Champion Have Never Before Met on Mat.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) University of Oregon, Eugene, May 21.—The Oregon track team, which bids fair to capture the championship of the Northwest this year at last, meets Corvallis next Saturday on the O. A. C. field.

Another Seattle man will be seen at the entertainment, Taylor Roscoe, who will box three rounds with Charles Henry of Multnomah at 130 pounds. The three other events will be: Bud Hughes vs. Jim Smith, 120 pounds; Tony Merita vs. Francis, 140 pounds; and Otto Ott vs. C. E. Smith, 130 pounds.

WASHINGTON KNIGHTS ASSEMBLE AT TACOMA

Tacoma, Wash., May 21.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Washington grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, opened in Tacoma today and will be in session until Friday.

"May the Lord help you make Bucklen's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins of Chapel Hill, N. C. "It quickly took the pain out of a felon which I cured in a very fine, and Kelly and his track fellows should break records there."

Each day the bargains keep pouring in—by every train case upon case of our many purchases arrive, and they are all bargains that put to shame the best offers of other stores.

ALL OTHER STORES OUTDONE IN THIS GREAT Sacrifice of Makers' Overstocks

Women's \$2 and \$2.50 Mercerized | Thousands of Pairs More of Women's PLAID UNDER SKIRTS 98c

Mill Ends REG. \$1.50 \$1.19 LONG GLOVES 1

Women's 35c to 75c Sample Hose 23c Pair

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89c Leather Shop Bags, 25c Gold Plated Beauty Pins, Fifty Yard Spool Silk, Women's 25c Neckwear, Women's \$1 Corset Covers

Golden Eagle Portland's New Department Store. 27-Inch Colored JAP SILKS. All colors except black and white, pure silk goods, worth 575c wholesale, retail at 65c, while this lot lasts, 39c.

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