

WHEN BARNEY DREYFUSS SAID: "HUGO, U-GO," BEZDEK PACKED UP AND FEEBLY STOLE AWAY

HUGO BEZDEK PLANS TO VACATE POST AS MANAGER OF PIRATES

Famous Football Tutor and Trainer of Athletes, Due to Physical Breakdown, Expects to Sever Big League Connections Shortly—Now at Health Resort

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

ANOTHER big league manager is about to step out of the picture to make room for a new face in the frame. According to some inside dope...

Bezdek has not been asked to resign, nor is he quitting because he failed to make good. In truth, he has been a big success, and surprised the baseball world since taking charge of the club in the middle of the 1917 season.

This year he has had a hard row to hoe. The spring training trip was all jumbled up, because Dreyfuss selected West Baden, Ind., to save railroad fare.

Bezdek began to worry and his health suffered. He finally stuck to the job until the Pirates came to Philadelphia last week and then went home after a nervous breakdown.

Hugo is one of the busiest persons in the athletic world. He never takes a vacation because of his connections with Penn State College.

DREYFUSS signed Bezdek in the summer of 1917, after handling the franchise to Jimmy Callahan. The new manager restored order in the club, made a few trades and last year finished fourth.

Mack Has Long Prospect in Harris

CONNIE MACK is scouting the bushes for new talent and is not passing up any of the highly touted phenoms. He has been up in Rochester, N. Y., for a few days and evidently has grabbed some International League stars to strengthen his ball club.

Last Monday he put over a nice little transaction when he signed Byron Harris, considered the most sensational young pitcher the Texas League has developed in years.

Harris is called "Wonder" Harris down in Houston and judging from reports has a string bean calling for help.

In his last two stanzas down South, the spitter went on only, allowing but five hits in each battle. Let's hope he makes good up here and not explode, as is usually the case.

Connie has had enough luck all around this year and is due to get some of the breaks. He is not afraid to purchase players, and if statistics were available it would be discovered that the team leader has tried out more new players in the last four years than any two managers operating under the Big Top.

Ray Chapman Latest Hitting Sensation

RAY CHAPMAN, who shortstops on Tris Speaker's ball club, is the latest sensation in American League hitting ranks. The Cleveland veteran is surprising everybody, including himself.

Chapman was picked up by Harry Davis when the former A's first baseman was chasing the Cleveland club in 1912. The year previous he had been burning up the American Association and finished the season with the amazing figures of .378.

For a long stretch of weeks there was not one Mackman near .300. Whitney Witt was up there when the season first started and he held on to his lofty perch for about a month.

Aside from Gavey Cravath, Cy Williams is the only Phil over .300, but Irish Meusel is right outside the door.

Jim Barnes has capped his last seven decisions and Daus, of Detroit, is only one behind with six consecutive wins.

THE Tigers also have Shocker's nerve. The Bengals have handed beatings to the Brown hurler four times. Shocker has won nine and lost six.

Mike Wilson May Enter Georgia Tech

CHARLES W. OUTLAW, of Atlanta, loyal booster of Georgia Tech's football team, dropped in yesterday to tell us that the Golden Tornado would be quite violent on the gridiron next fall.

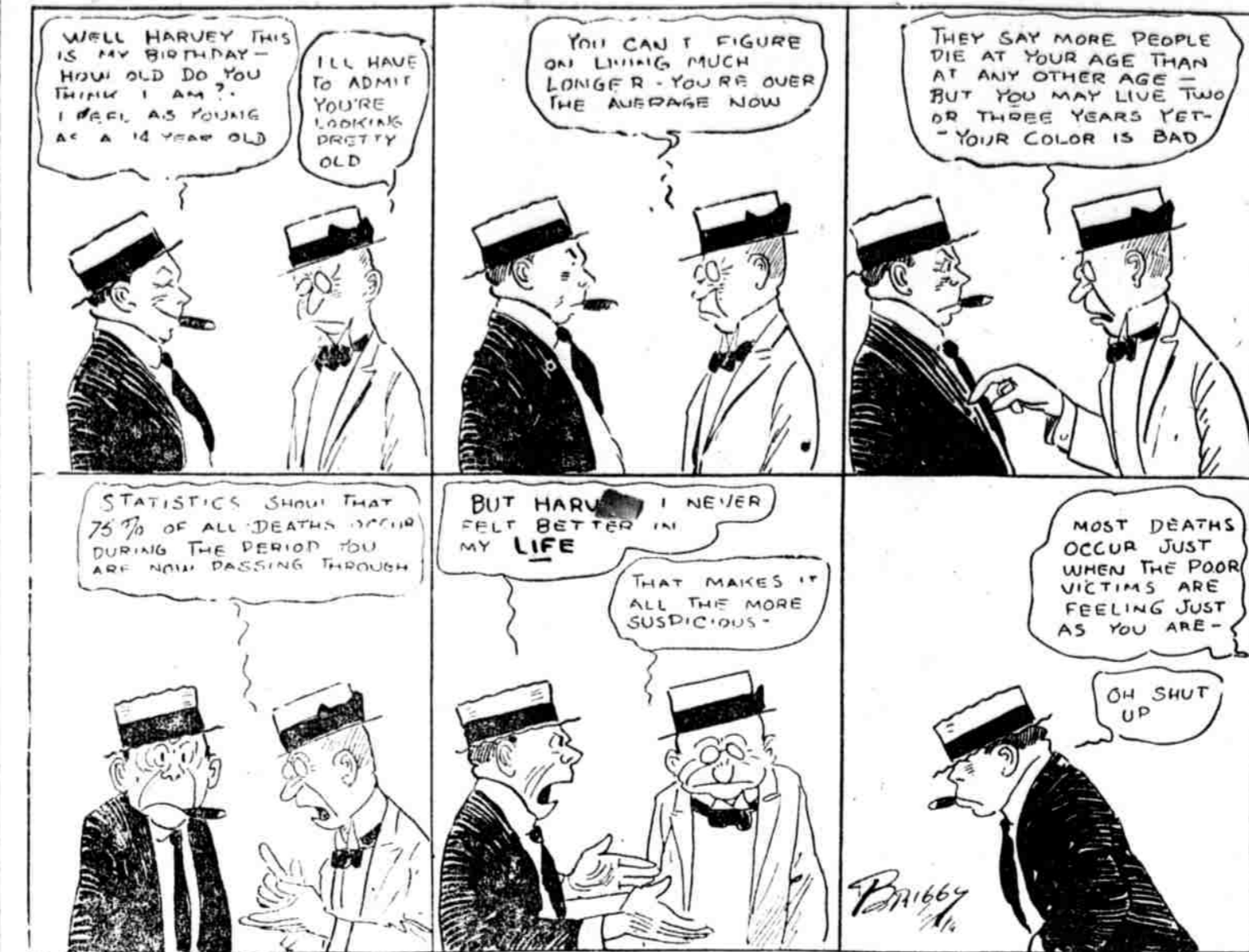
"Our big game," says Outlaw, "is with the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh in October. We expect to win that game and make up for last year's defeat. Too bad the game with Penn fell through because we would like to meet Folwell's team again.

"We will have many of the 1917 stars in the line-up, as most of them have been scattered out of the service. 'Pup' Phillips, one of the best centers in the country, says he will report in the fall, and Shorty Gull also will be on the job.

"I understand that Mike Wilson, star end on the marine team last year, intends to enter Georgia Tech. He will be a valuable addition to the squad."

BEZDEK in the former Northeast High star who played with Philadelphia and P. M. C. before joining the marines. He is a great player and one of the best men in the country at catching.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



SISLER'S SPURT CARRIES HIM INTO LEAD; CRAVATH AND JIM THORPE STILL IN FRONT

Brown Star Tops Cobb With .361. Representing a Gain of 17 Points

COBB'S .355 SECOND

Table showing batting averages for various players including Sisler, Cobb, Cravath, and Jim Thorpe.

LEADS A. L. RUN GETTERS Koez Peckinpaugh has crossed the counting station offener than any player in the Johnson circuit, with a total of sixty-eight tallies.

RAJAH PECKINPAUGH, who for a stretch of a few weeks threatened to depose Ty Cobb as dictator among American League batsmen, is stepping on Tyrus' heels once again.

The American League averages including games played Wednesday follow:

Table of individual batting averages for various players across different teams.

Club Batting Averages in American League

Table showing club batting averages for various teams in the American League.

Sothoron Now Second in Pitching Records in American League

Table showing pitching records for various players including Sothoron, Cicotte, and others.

Barnes, Winner of Last Seven Games, Leads National With 16 Wins, 4 Defeats

Table showing pitching records for various players including Barnes, Cicotte, and others.

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

Miller A. C., a traveling team, has August 10th and 11th in Kenton, Ohio. H. Kirk, phone Kensington 4382. Arzo, Jenkins would like to arrange games with Philadelphia, or other teams. H. Williams, 1108 State street. Chadwick Club, a seven-inning team, has August 10th and 11th in Kenton, Ohio. Arzo, Jenkins would like to arrange games with Philadelphia, or other teams. H. Williams, 1108 State street. Cannon F. C., an eighteen-inning team, has August 10th and 11th in Kenton, Ohio. Arzo, Jenkins would like to arrange games with Philadelphia, or other teams. H. Williams, 1108 State street. Kinley A. A., has a few open dates for the balance of the season at home, and would like to hear from Philadelphia, or other teams. H. Williams, 1108 State street. Clearfield B. C., a fourteen-inning team, has August 10th and 11th in Kenton, Ohio. Arzo, Jenkins would like to arrange games with Philadelphia, or other teams. H. Williams, 1108 State street. Leshorn A. C., a federated traveling team, has August 10th and 11th in Kenton, Ohio. Arzo, Jenkins would like to arrange games with Philadelphia, or other teams. H. Williams, 1108 State street. Welcome A. C., a traveling team, has open dates in August for teams paying a guarantee. William Lavery, 2828 Fernon street. A. R. King Club, a traveling team, is after games with home teams paying a guarantee.

Gavey Trails Indian by Thirteen Points With Rating of .353

GROH LEADS IN RUNS

Table showing pitching records for various players including Gavey, Groh, and others.

BEST N. L. RUBBER-SPIKER With fifty-three runs to his credit, Heinie Groh is setting the pace for run-getters in the National League

HEINIE GROH, rated as the best third baseman in the business, hits only .290 for Pat Moran, but when it comes to getting runs he's better than .350 clouters. Heinie has scored fifty-three runs for Cincinnati and tops the circuit in tallying.

The National League averages, including games played last Wednesday, follow:

Table of individual batting averages for various players across different teams.

Club Batting Averages in National League

Table showing club batting averages for various teams in the National League.

CORBETT YOUNGEST HEAVYWEIGHT KING TO DROP THE TITLE

Gentleman Jim Only Twenty-seven When Beaten, While Sullivan, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Johnson and Willard Were Well Beyond Their Prime

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

THE question has been brought up as to whether a heavyweight contender ever knocked out a champion who was anywhere close to his prime, or near his best shape.

No one can question the fact that Corbett stopped John L. long after that robust worthy had seen his best days. Sullivan had passed the fighting age, and his condition more than a year previous to his last battle was bereft of the vital spark.

He made an attempt to round into condition, but time and swift living were too great a combination to beat. "Booze done it" soon became a classic phrase. But Old Doc Time had joined forces with John Barleycorn and J. J. Corbett in the final assault.

HOW Sullivan and Corbett might have fared if John Lawrence had been at his best—as he was around 1883 or 1885—is another guess.

Corbett and Fitz

CORBETT was the youngest champion to drop a title. The skillful Californian was only twenty-seven when he beat Sullivan—and when he stepped out against Fitz he was only twenty-seven. Twenty-seven is fairly close to top form along the athletic road.

He had all the best of it for the first thirteen rounds—up to the moment that Robert the Red let the old hook fly to a highly vulnerable spot.

SO IT wasn't poor condition that stopped Corbett.

Jeff and Fitz

FITZ was almost as good against Jeffries as he was against Corbett. But for all that Fitz was beyond thirty-five years when Jeffries wrenched away his title.

Fitz never could have beaten Jeffries at his best, for he had to yield too much in the way of bulk and power. Jeffries at twenty-five was a physical marvel—big, powerful, fast and capable of absorbing terrific punishment.

FOR all that he won the title from a man who had passed on his way across the hill—a man well beyond the stamens of youth.

Jeff and Johnson

JEFFRIES was invincible during his reign. He was only twenty-five years old when he stopped Fitzsimmons in eleven rounds. There was no one close to him when he decided to retire after beating Jack Munro.

But when he met Jack Johnson he faced the greatest handicap of all heavyweights. He had been out of the ring for six or seven years. He had grown fat and partly bald. In all that time he had made no attempt to keep in any sort of shape.

The Jeffries that met Johnson was not within 80 per cent of being the Jeffries that whipped Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Sharkey and others. He attempted something that no man could get away with—close to the impossible as anything that sport holds.

THE only wonder is that Jeffries could last fifteen rounds against the odds he tackled.

Johnson-Willard

HOW far had Johnson declined when he met Willard? Here is the statement from one of the men who helped to train Johnson for both the Jeffries and Moran fights. He handed us the information at Toledo.

"I was with Johnson in Paris when he trained to meet Frank Moran. I'll say for him here that he got into shape for this fight. He worked hard, got down to 207 pounds and never looked better. He knew Moran was a tough boy to beat, so he took no chances. Yet in the nineteenth round of that battle in Paris I had to lift Johnson to his feet when the bell rang and push him into the ring. He managed to reel through to the finish, but he could never have come up for two more rounds. If that fight had lasted two rounds longer Frank Moran would have been champion of the world.

"AFTER the fight I went back into Johnson's dressing room. 'Well, I said, 'I guess you know where you stand now?' 'I know well enough,' replied Johnson, 'the next man I meet will be champion of the world if he can fight half a tick. And he won't have to be very good.'"

THE sum and substance of it all seems to be that Jim Corbett was the only heavyweight champion who was beaten while still in the prime of his life. The others were invincible until time joined forces with their opponents. Practically all of those who lost were far from their top form, due either to dissipation or advancing years—or both.

Parkeburg Loses Again Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 2—Klein Chocolate defeated Parkeburg Iron in a good game boy to beat 2 to 1. The game was recently acquired from the Baltimore International, held Parkeburg to a 100 hit for four innings and then hurt his wrist.

Blue Ribbon A. C. Wins Blue Ribbon A. C. defeated the West Philadelphia Champs last evening, 6-2. Ryan hit a home run with the bases full in the first inning. The home run was the only home run Saturday and Sunday games. E. J. Molinar, 4644 Brown street, Preston 6791 J.

Harrowgate Downs Nativity In a fast game at Nativity Hall Park, Harrowgate defeated the home team by the score of 3 to 3.

THIRD GRAND CIRCUIT MEETING WEEK OF AUGUST 12-16 Belmont Driving Park, Just Outside City Limits Great Horses Star Drivers Admission and Tax, \$1.00 Box Seats at Reims, 1227 Market St.

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SHIBE PARK T O D A Y ATHLETIC vs. ST. LOUIS After hard week's work, spend last holiday with us. Team is going good. Seats, 30c, 50c, 85c and \$1.00. Gilmore and Spaulding. Start 2 P. M.

PT. BREZE VELODROME—TONIGHT 8:30—One Hour BENSARD TROPHY MOTOR PACEMAN Starters: CARMAN, COLEY, LAWRENCE, COLLINS and M. BARGER Prof. Spaulding Match—Sweeney vs. Lang. Tickets, 30c, 50c and 85c.

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