

SOME POLO MATTERS.

Trouble Has Begun in Another of the Polo Leagues.

The Southern New England Has Internal Dissensions—A New League Formed and Some Cities Dropped—Fred Jean, the Center of the Waterbury Team, Has Arrived in This City—Where Will All the Polo Players Get On?

The National polo league is not the only league that has had her troubles, will be seen by the following story in last night's Pawtucket Times: The high-handed attempt of several of the club owners in the Southern New England polo league to be autocrats has resulted as was predicted and the result is that they will be out in the cold unless they can organize a league of their own. The action of the clique at the meeting last week when Fall River was turned down and then taken back into the league, Taunton summarily "kicked out" and East Weymouth, a "dead one" admitted, was opposed by the majority of the Pawtucket and Lawrence clubs, but the opposition was in the minority and the circuit was changed to please the "real thing" magnates.

The outcome is that Pawtucket, Lawrence and Fall River, all franchise holders in the southern New England, have severed their connection with that organization and a league has been organized to be known as the New England polo league. The members of the new league are the three former southern New England clubs already mentioned and Taunton and Salem. The polo fans in both of the last named places have been anxious to have a club this winter but the conditions have been such that their chances were slim until the new move was made yesterday. Until last Tuesday, Taunton expected to be represented in the southern New England polo league by the Conchlin promoted a "raw deal" and A. B. White, who had been awarded the franchise, was ousted.

In Salem Messrs Minchin and Broadhead had secured the rink and Carroll was awarded the franchise by the league despite the fact that he had no place to locate. At the last meeting of the league Mr Carroll, upon being called to time by Cunningham, put up a bluff and said that he had secured the rink in Taunton. Mr Cunningham later he modified this statement by saying that he was making arrangements to secure the Peabody rink and now it appears that he has not been able to get in there. Furthermore Mr Carroll has only the right of one club as a team as several of his star players have jumped to Maine. It was this that caused the real split at the league meeting as Carroll, finding his men slipping away from him, wanted to take a man who has already signed with Taunton. Mr White refused to be bumped out of his player and Carroll and his friends gave him a "treezout."

Messrs Minchin and Broadhead have been signing players despite the fact they hold no franchise and as Salem is considered one of the best polo towns in this section it was deemed advisable to have a team there hence the action of the Southern New England majority. The Fall River club will undoubtedly be handled by Frank Wodtke, the "Flying Dutchman," who was one of the stars of the National League. There are three men in the Spinale city who are ready to give the team suitable backing. One being Wodtke takes hold and with the "Dutchman" in the rush line it certainly would be a great drawing card around the circuit.

Although the league as at present constituted consists of only five clubs there is little doubt but what Brockton and Plymouth will come in later. These two are both good polo towns and the management in both places cannot afford to join hands with Clinton and East Weymouth as the former is too long a jump and the latter a dead letter. As to Carroll and his franchise it appears that he would be unable to get into line anyway as he has no rink. The Fall River club and Plymouth desire to join the new league they will be admitted. If not it will be a five club league.

The meeting was held at Clark's hotel, Boston, yesterday and Pawtucket, Lawrence, Salem, Taunton and Fall River were represented. In addition to organizing two schedules were presented and action will be taken on these at a meeting to be held Thursday night at the same place. The southern league is in need of a schedule maker. Cashman and Daly are positively claimed in two leagues. The Pawtucket Times thinks Conway will surely play in that city. Parsons and Cunningham are sore keeping Taunton on the circuit and they may take some action later to see if it is not possible to have a team in that city.

Frank Witke, one of the rushers on the Hartford team last season, and who is familiarly known as the "Flying Dutchman," will not be a member of Cotter's team this year. Billy Parsons is authority for the statement that Frank Warner will play with the Waterbury team, as will Parsons and Jean.

Fred Jean, the big center of the Waterbury team, landed by the city yesterday, ready for practice. None of the other players has arrived as yet but they are expected now at any time. Manager Tommy Guest is absent from the city to-day and is looking after the interests of his team among some of the players in other leagues.

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ON THE GRIDIRON.

Doctoring Bruises and Getting Ready For the Big Games.

Ithaca, Oct 30.—Cornell got down to work yesterday afternoon and a line-up of fifteen-minute halves was the feature. The team will leave for Trenton on Thursday night. Friday practice will take place in this place on Saturday morning the Ithacans will go to Princeton.

Princeton, Oct 30.—The style of play which was used out by Brown last Saturday was apparently a little hot for the Tigers, who had to take an entire day off to digest the dose which they received, that is, there was no regular line-up with the scrubs yesterday afternoon, although some of the men were sent through a short fast signal drill to limber up their joints.

New York, Oct 30.—Coach Sanford expressed the belief yesterday that the Columbia varsity will make the Princeton Tigers play one of their hardest games of the year on election day. He began preparing the men for that contest as soon as they got their football suits and they will be played by Columbia until that day so that all of the players will have ample time to get over their bruises. The system of play that worked so successfully against Yale will be perfected so that when the eleven lines up against Cornell it will be in the best possible condition.

Middletown, Oct 30.—As the time for Wesleyan's championship football games draws nearer grave doubts are entertained as to the ability of the eleven to win out, and unless there is a decided change for the better in the series is certain. Wesleyan's weakness is in defense. This was shown in the game with Trinity, which made all kinds of gains. When Wesleyan had the ball good gains were made by the backs, but the poor judgment used in giving the signals and fumbling by the quarter back prevented a touchdown several times.

Cambridge, Oct 30.—The Harvard eleven opened its second week of secret practice by scoring three touchdowns against the second eleven. Although most of the varsity men were out numerous changes were made. Bowditch was put in at left end over Campbell, He, Lee and Hallowell were the only line men to play all through the practice game. Roberts was once more at center. On the backs not one of the first five, Sawin, Kendall and Ellis, were in the line-up, though Sawin took part in the signal practice. Kendall is still laid up and Kerman did not dress to play. Fincke had a try at quarter back, Swann, Devens, Derby and Stillman, the substitute backs, made long end runs.

New Haven, Oct 30.—Two of Yale's veteran football coaches yesterday afternoon put on uniforms and went into the practice game to try to hammer some football into the Yale team. Coach "Slick" Brown, the tall captain, and "Slick" Brown, the tall tackle who played in '94 and '95. Brown went through the varsity rushers and Chamberlain broke up the varsity plays. The practice was very hard considering that Yale played a hard game on Saturday. A new captain was tried for the first time on the scrub team. His name is Harry Benham. He is a "Brownie" in stature. He played a game at end yesterday afternoon that caused the crowd of spectators to applaud him again and again. He was just given off crutches, played for a short time at his old place at half back.

Cambridge, Oct 30.—Harvard is all up in arms over the protest against McCracken and how Pennsylvania will play. The latter is expected to take the ground that McCracken did not play football in a "big" game or as a regular player in a small game, but merely as a substitute in a small game. Nevertheless, Harvard contends that this is a breach of the four years eligibility rule. Besides, the whole thing is again covered by his contract which the track games against Harvard, to which the calendar four years' defense is absolutely untenantable, though Chairman Hollis of the athletic committee, Head Coach Dibble and Captain Daly of the team will not say anything about the matter. The student body, however, is of one opinion, and that is to send an ultimatum that the playing of McCracken will be considered sufficient ground for severing all athletic relations.

Philadelphia, Oct 30.—The McCracken protest was the great topic of conversation in Pennsylvania circles yesterday. The students are in favor of playing the noted half back, as they do not consider that he was a member of the team in 1896. The faculty athletic committee has final say in the matter. However, the members who have been interviewed have definitely had the matter under consideration and unofficially consider McCracken as eligible to represent the university during the football season. A meeting of the committee was held last evening. At its conclusion Dr. J. William White stated that correspondence was going on between the Harvard and Pennsylvania committees and that as a matter of courtesy to Harvard no news could be given as to the contents of the various letters. "I can say this much, however," concluded Dr. White. "The committee can see no reason as yet why McCracken should not be in the game on Saturday."

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

Tom O'Rourke Is Out With Another Roast For Sharkey.

If He Does Not Force the Irishman Into a Fight With His "Coon" It Will Be Surprising—Result of the Horton Law—A Little Talk About the Heavyweights—Considine Has Returned From England, and Will Tell His Tale of Woe—Jack O'Brien and Jimmy Handler Have a Go.

Although Tom Sharkey has been persistent in his refusal to fight Joe Walcott, Tom O'Rourke, the manager of the latter fighter, still has hopes that he may cause the Sailor to change his mind. From the first Sharkey has said that he would not fight a Negro and there is no reason to believe that he will alter his decision. The Sailor is willing to fight the biggest and best white men in the ring, but he draws the color line and insists that O'Rourke cannot draw him into a mill with a negro. He says O'Rourke may coax, cajole, taunt and threaten, but that he will stand fast to the color line. O'Rourke, acting for Walcott, has posted a forfeit of \$2,500 to bind a match with Sharkey. This money he will leave on deposit until Monday of next week. In the event of Sharkey falling to cover it by that time he will challenge some of the other heavyweights in the ring. O'Rourke's faith in Walcott's prowess is not new born. It is not the development of any difficulty that may have arisen between him and Sharkey recently. More than a year ago, and while Sharkey still was under O'Rourke's management, the latter frequently expressed the belief that Walcott could whip all the heavyweights but Jeffries.

Last night O'Rourke issued the following letter: "Sharkey claims I wanted him to fake fights and names Jeffries. Such nonsense. Everybody knows that there would be no occasion to do that as Jeffries would compel him to do as I told him without making it to it was possible to get Sharkey in the ring again with Jeffries. "Sharkey was under my management for two years. In that time he had five fights. He won three out of that number and received \$48,000 for his share, more money than he ever saw, as he claims he came here with only \$3,000, saying that his former manager, Danny Lynch, had taken it all away from him. I don't think so, as he is money-mad and has the first dollar he made in the game in his pocket. "He has not answered my challenge to Walcott. Why should a third-rate refuse to meet a champion, as Walcott is the only champion in his class. Peter Jackson, one of the greatest of fighters, always said Walcott could beat Sharkey, and I was refused another contract with Sharkey. "As Mr Considine knows, the only reason Sharkey wanted to tie up with me again was so that I would not challenge him with Walcott, but I refused. I never had a contract with Dixon or Walcott, and they are more intelligent than Sharkey. They can read and write and figure out their own percentage. "I will leave Walcott's \$2,500 up until next Monday."

"TOM O'ROURKE." A letter bearing the signature of "Joseph N. Walcott" also was issued. There was no match for it as it had been written by Walcott, which it was not. Walcott is a good fighter. The letter writing ought to be cut out of his "business."

CONSIDINE WILL TALK. George Considine, the matchmaker of the Broadway A. C., and former manager of Jim Corbett, admitted yesterday that it was true that he had received his release from the management of Jim Corbett. "I will issue a statement in a few days," pursued Considine, "relative to my sudden departure from England with Corbett and tell all I know about the McCoy-Corbett encounter. As my name has been linked with the unfortunate affair in justice to myself and reputation I will let the public know how I stand in regard to the match. While at London I visited the National Sporting club and was present at the McKeever-Phubb fight. I was much impressed with the way the club handled the contest and like the idea of the referee being stationed outside of the ring. It is a great innovation and if another law is passed in this state to regulate boxing I will introduce the idea at the Broadway A. C. The power of the referee in boxing bouts in England is supreme. The pugilists are warned only of the least violation of the rules is punished by disqualification. Most of the bouts terminate in decisions. At no rate, this is the order at the National Sporting club. Draws at this organization, I am informed, are rare occurrences. Then the noisy demonstrations among the spectators so manifest at our clubs are unheard of. Members and guests are only permitted to applaud during the rest between rounds. I have seen members of the aristocracy in England at the National club better called a day for coming too enthusiastic while the combat was in progress. I was treated kindly by the British sportsmen, especially by Matchmaker Bottomson of the National club. The day before I left London for home I came across Kid McCoy. He had just arrived from Ireland and had not said anything about his future plans. But I guess he intends to remain abroad for a long period."

O'BRIEN ALMOST OUT. Jack O'Brien of New York and Jimmy Handler of Newark fought six of the hardest rounds at the Penn Art club, Philadelphia, last night that have ever been seen here. Early in the first round Handler sent O'Brien to the mat for eight seconds. The blow was a right on the jaw, and if Handler's hand had been clinched O'Brien would not have come up to time. The sixth was a corker. First it looked as if one would go, then the other. With the exception of the first round O'Brien did the better work, and would have received the decision had one been given.

ABOUT THE HEAVYWEIGHTS. The only outbreak in the ranks of heavyweight pugilism last week came from the camp of Tom Sharkey, and was in the shape of a challenge to Champion Jim Jeffries. Gus Ruhlman had his say next the champion ques-

tion a time ago, with unsatisfactory results. Jim Corbett, the ever persistent, made a play at the champion two weeks ago and was told to right his left before the public and fight Meeks again. So be, as far as fighting for the championship is concerned, is entirely out of the running. Sharkey's challenge to Jeffries will probably be ignored, also, despite the fact he gave the champion the hardest battle in his (Jeffries) career. There are two items checked up against Sharkey, however, which militate against his prospects of invading the champion into a match at present, and those are his defeats at the hands of Ruhlman and Fitzsimmons. And Fitzsimmons appears to be the stumbling block that prevented the Philadelphia clinch match with the champion. Before Ruhlman defeated Sharkey, the latter was Jeffries's logical opponent. After Gus put Tom away the Sailor had second call, but after Fitzsimmons defeated both, Sharkey was not ten minutes in the ring. He starts in the championship race. And Corbett's defeat at the hands of Fitzsimmons and his two contests with Sharkey place him at the bottom of the list of the eligibles. So, according to the standing of the heavyweights beneath the champion, the first call, Ruhlman next, then Sharkey, and lastly Corbett. "Fitz" is out of the game for good, and Jeffries says if Bob does not want to take him on he will give Ruhlman the first opportunity to win the much coveted title. Ruhlman has already challenged Jeffries, and the challenge is that the match will be made as soon as the proper financial inducements present themselves. In the meantime Sharkey and Corbett, unless they are seeking to advertise their business, ought to lie low, as their challenges will undoubtedly be ignored.

HORTON LAW RESULTS. With the death of the Horton law came also the death of his purses, large gate receipts and naturally the depreciation of the value of the big guns in the pugilistic profession. The goods they deal in are just as valuable today as they were before the Lewis bill took effect, but there is no market for their goods, hence the depreciation of top-notch prize money. Five of the class and in spite of the fact their leads and cross-counters are not as marketable as they were six months ago, still demand prosperity prices. They do not, it appears, believe in that old business adage of "quick sales and small profits," but they do not like to take a loss. There might be some wisdom in the stand they are taking if every large city in the country was as open to them as was New York, but unfortunately for them, such is not the case. For two years all pugilistic roads lead to New York, but now pugilistic roads lead to and every where from New York, with no special destination. A short time ago New York was the harvesting center of the United States for the knights of the boxing glove. To-day the pugilistic crops, like the pugilists, are scattered throughout the broad land, with no location offering enough inducements to satisfy their financial cravings. There is a little picking for the fighters who do not place too high a value on their services in several cities in the states of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Colorado and California. The authorities in Philadelphia and Chicago, the two largest cities in the states named, permit contests limited to six rounds only. The fistic public does not take kindly to six-round limit bouts, and the promoters, therefore, cannot afford large guarantees to those which are really worth them. If Philadelphia and Chicago fight promoters could get concessions from the powers that be to hold twenty-round contests, they could offer financial inducements large enough to procure the best fistic talent in the world.

ABOUT THE RINGSIDE. Eddie Connelly wants another match with Matty Matthews. Ole Oleson, Chicago's new featherweight, evidently is a coner. "Sport" Donnelly, the former Princeton foot ball player, is now refereeing boxing bouts in Chicago. The match between Patsy Sweeney and Andy Watson, which has been postponed once or twice, is scheduled to take place at Manchester October 31. Jack Everhardt, who went to England looking for a good thing and is still there, has been matched to meet Tom Woodley for \$250 a side. Jack won't get rich at this rate.

THE CHECKER CHAMPIONSHIP. Boston, Oct 30.—Two more draw games were recorded in the checker championship tournament yesterday afternoon and evening. There was a radical departure from book lines of play in the afternoon play. The game was a Dundee Cross, with Barker playing the black pieces, and the opening of 1-23-15 was responded to by 23-18. At the eighteenth move Jordan made the unexpected move of 31-26, which Barker did not seem to be conversant with and which caused him considerable trouble. Barker was compelled to sacrifice a piece, and it was only after many moves, during which he cleverly avoided the traps set by Jordan, that he was able to recover it and bring the contest to a draw. The same opening and reply was used in the evening game. Early in the game Barker took Anderson's first variation, 27-23, and Jordan took the twelfth variation of the same author, 10-14, 19-10, 14-23, 26-19, 7-14. Barker followed this line with 23-18. This at once put Jordan in a play, taking 7-10, and thus leaving both players on their own powers of mental analysis. The play throughout appeared faultless on both sides, and after sixty-five moves a draw was agreed upon.

DUFFY KILLS THE RUMORS. A mild sensation has been caused by the wild rumor that Arthur Duffy, the Georgetown sprinter who won the English 100-yard championship last spring, was in Denver, under the alias of Ashmore. The only foundation for the rumor is a statement made in a Denver paper which has frequently volunteered the information that Duffy is in the western city under an assumed name. When the report reached the champion sprinter, who is now studying at Georgetown university, he promptly denied it in the following words: "I have been in Washington since October 1 and can bring affidavits or statements to that effect. I cannot understand whence such foolishness sprang."

MILLIONS OF GOLD DUST. Seattle, Wash., Oct 30.—The long overdue steamer Robert Dollar has arrived from Nome with thirty-five passengers and \$1,000,000 in gold dust. All on board are well. The steamer Ohio arrived from Nome with 427 passengers and \$250,000 in gold dust.

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