

PERHAPS DOE DID THIS.

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He Had Secured Neither Rink nor Players—Mr Aurfurt of New Haven Gets the Franchise and Has His Team Engaged—The Southeastern League Came Under the National Agreement Last Night—Jean Jacques Is in Portland to-day After the Maine League—Other Polo Notes.

All the teams in the National league have now been completed, with the exception of Waterbury. Another of Doe's schemes has been nipped in the bud also, and it is too bad that Billy Murray of Providence allowed himself to be party to the scheme to disrupt this league, but that is what it looks like. Murray allowed the other managers in this league to believe that he was making herculean efforts to get a team in Springfield. As a matter of fact, he was doing nothing in that respect. He had not engaged the rink nor had he engaged any players, at least that is the report that was sent to this city, and in fact to every city in the league. He probably conceived the idea or Doe probably furnished the conception, that if Springfield was not in the league at the last minute the other teams would have to drop out. The manager of the Springfield team, when the managers learned of this fact, Mr Aurfurt of New Haven was at once consulted, and he journeyed to Springfield. As a consequence, Springfield has a rink and a full team and is all ready for business. Manager Parsons will arrive in Waterbury to-day, and he will have a team with him for sure, and when the ball opens Monday Waterbury will be in the swim with the rest.

The Southeastern league, at the meeting held in Boston last night, voted to come in under the National agreement. Jean Jacques has gone on to Portland to confer with the Maine league and in all probability that league will also come under the agreement. This will be a protection to players and managers alike. After this agreement is made, it is very likely that if Doe asks for forgiveness from the National league managers he may get it. They are a forgiving sort of a crowd, and they wouldn't like to prevent Doe from making a few dollars and butter. Daly is another man that may be given a taste of good manners.

TOMMY HOLDERNESS SIGNED.

The Popular Little Halfback Will Be a Member of the Waterbury Team.

It will be good news to the majority of the fans in Waterbury to know that Tommy Holderness will be a member of the team this season. He was always a favorite here and would still be on the team had it not been for Doe displacing him for Barney Deberry. He will be a welcome addition to the team. Manager Parsons telegraphed this afternoon that he had signed him and that he would come on at once.

Mul Smith is to play halfback on Leyden's Gardner, Me. team.

Paul Gardner has been signed as halfback for the Brockton team.

Fred Lincoln, Cunningham and Holderness have left to join their teams.

Billy Leyden's team will be the Tigers of the Maine league. The colors are orange and black.

According to a Brockton paper, Bill Lincoln has been appointed a referee in the Southern New England. Bill had not heard anything official as yet.

Those who will play on the Gardner team are: Spencer and Dawson, fusers; Leyden, center and captain; Smith, halfback; Sweet, goal; Phillips, substitute.—Kennebec Journal.

For the man who can solve the polo muddle there is on tap the undying gratitude of a wonderful bunch of perplexed managers and a very much wearied public.

This is the last week the magazines have in which to gather their floor forces. There is a lot of tall manure-rins going out, and the players in this league certainly have the whip hand.

It is reported that Fox and Daly have signed with Taunton, notwithstanding their agreement to go to Maine. It is regarded in Taunton as a question whether they will join White, and the manager is scouring for others.

Manager Coughlin of Clinton is looking for a rusher. He was after Spencer, but the latter has gone to Gardner. He probably will take Mercer now that Spencer is out of the question. He says that he has signed Bannon for goal.

Cunningham may have thought polo in Taunton is essential to the success of his venture in Pawtucket. Unless Taunton could make a better showing than for some years in either polo or base ball, the team will not be a drawing card, and the witty George would wish he had taken a more thorough view of the field.—Brockton Times.

The Maine league managers won't stand to lose any money. If the patronage falls off they close up shop. When the rest of the clubs make about two of those long drives to Bangor they will realize that the players and the railroads are the only winners. After the holidays watch out for a balloon ascension in the Maine league.—Lawrence American.

A lot of polo talk about a prospective Fall River polo team is going, and it is very well grounded. Workke, the Wizard, may help to settle the question, as he has been offered the captaincy of the team. He did almost decide not to play this winter and so told Cotter at the conclusion of the season in Connecticut last year. His father-in-law died in the course of his winter. Everitt, they say, intends to stay out of polo this season. He has been playing steadily so long that he is imagined that he is tired. If he plays he is just as likely to come to Fall River as to anywhere in the world. Manager Parsons and Morley did not play at all, and Bruce, Austin and Sykes were all slightly hurt and retired to recover. Sykes's twisted knee is still giving him considerable trouble, and Bruce's nose is liable to put him out of the game at any time.

The Brockton polo managers appear to be up against quite a proposition in the matter of ascertaining just where they belong. The Southeastern league would seem to have received a rather forcible bid by Mitchell, Cunningham and one or two others, including the formidable Rado White of Taunton, who have formed a league of their own, leaving out Brockton, and it now remains for the latter to get in if it wants to or keep out, just as it may see fit.—Brockton Times.

At the meeting of the National polo league held in Hartford, the Springfield franchise was turned over to William Aurfurt, who managed the New Haven team last season. William H. Murray, who had intended to transfer his Providence club to the Massachusetts city, declined to take a chance with a club composed of the players awarded him by the league. The league was anxious to locate in Springfield and undoubtedly would have done so had he been able to secure "Dickie," Pierce and "Kid" Conway for the team. These two players, however, did not care to go there and as Murray thought the prospect of success without them he turned the league that he would retire. In order to keep the league intact the franchise was awarded to Mr Aurfurt and he has since been hustling to get together a club that will give the people in the Massachusetts city good polo. Immediately after the close of the league he started to sign players for his club and thus far he has secured Eddie Mooney, Bill Whiting, Gavitt and Bill Hoffman. Mr Aurfurt tried to sign Frank Wolfe, but the Dutchman stated that he would not play this season. He also looked up Hinson, but was informed that the runaway rasher had gone to Lewiston to join Fred Doe's club. Last night Mr Aurfurt was in this city for the purpose of securing Billy Curtis, a Pawtucket youngster, who was highly recommended to him by several of the other players. He made a good offer to play in Springfield, but as he has partially made up his mind to quit the game for good, he did not give Mr Aurfurt a definite answer. Curtis is a fast man and his friends in this city are of the opinion that he would be a good addition to the league if he decides to again get into the harness. He will let Mr Aurfurt know of his decision within a few days. There is no doubt, Mr Aurfurt says, but what the league will go through the season intact as at present constituted. For his Springfield club he has good backing by individuals and the league has also agreed to stand behind him providing the game should not prove to be a paying venture there. Springfield has the reputation of being one of the best polo cities in New England, but the fact that the good managers are little afraid of the other managers being compelled to go down in their pockets to keep the club on its feet.—Pawtucket Times.

ON THE GRIDIRON.

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The Merrimac foot ball eleven is in excellent condition for a gruelling foot ball game next Sunday with its rival, the St Thomas Cadets. They have been coached during the past two weeks by Eddie McEvoy, who has taught them the latest plays. The Merrimacs are confident of defeating their opponents again, as they did a few Sundays ago, but this time so decisively that there can be no dispute. Tomorrow night they will line up against the strong Union City eleven for a practice game.

Hinca, Nov. 1.—Cornell's chances of besting Princeton in the coming contest on Saturday next have materially decreased now that it is learned that Cornell will not be able to play the game. Alexander's injury is more serious than was at first expected, and the big right tackle will not be allowed to don his uniform on that day. The secret practice has continued, and the gates were kept so close that not even any of the students were allowed to witness the practice.

Philadelphia, Nov. 1.—Pennsylvania's athletic committee has decided to play McCracken against Harvard. This positive statement was made last night as the team left for Boston. The feeling here is that Harvard's query about McCracken is unnecessary in view of the fact that he has already been named by the committee. Harvard's committee asked Pennsylvania whether it considered McCracken a three-year or a four-year footballer. Pennsylvania replied that he was the close of the year upon the team and Harvard answered that that reply was altogether satisfactory. The four-year rule cannot properly be brought into the question because Harvard had stated that the '36 interpretation should rule.

Princeton, Nov. 1.—Princeton's undergraduates turned out in a body yesterday afternoon to watch the Tigers at work and incidentally to practice songs and cheer for the coming contest with Cornell. And what they saw amply repaid them for the inconvenience which they experienced on account of the cutting north wind, which swept down the field for Princeton's Cornell. And what they saw amply repaid them for the inconvenience which they experienced on account of the cutting north wind, which swept down the field for Princeton's Cornell. And what they saw amply repaid them for the inconvenience which they experienced on account of the cutting north wind, which swept down the field for Princeton's Cornell.

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FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

Jim Jeffries is Trying to Call Bob Fitzsimmons.

It is Regarded as One of the Big Fights of the Year—Lou Housman Criticizes One of the Chicago Clubs and Fighters—Patsy Sweeney and Andy Watson Fight a Twenty Round Draw—Some More Points on the Boxers.

James J. Jeffries knows all about the unpopularity of the head that wears a crown. He wears the pugilistic crown, but there are thorns in it. While he assumes a contented and jovial air, he realizes that a majority of the persons who admire boxing are of the opinion that a slight jaw mars the champion's title. He knows that when the ancient gladiator came forward for a second fight with Jeffries, and one week from the time the old chap had capsized Sharkey, the champion sidestepped.

Jeffries also knows that it was his own opposition to fight Fitzsimmons before the fight was called off by the referee, and all talk of a battle there after was idle talk. Jeffries is now trying to convince the public that Fitzsimmons was at fault.

"Fitz will fight again," said Jeffries in a recent interview. "He refused once before to fight me because he had sworn to his wife that he would never fight again and a lot more rot of that kind. The public would never have him as a theatrical star, and they won't have him now. As soon as he satisfies himself of this I think he will be willing enough to fight again. He is getting ground from barroom to barroom boasting and bragging about how easily he can whip me. I want to see him undertake it. I gave him a licking once that he didn't forget for a year. I could give him a good licking if he came to fight and if I do I will give him a thumping that he will never forget to the day of his death."

"How is your lame arm?" the boiler-maker was asked. "I haven't any lame arm," he responded. "The arm that was lame is my right arm. I will swear to it after I am through with him. If he won't fight me, I think Gus Ruhlin is entitled to the next chance, don't you?"

Ruhlin is a big, strong, powerful fellow, and a decent one. He was in good luck in California, and his career had been honest and straightforward, and as he has never been engaged in any faking that I know of, I think he is entitled to more consideration at his hands than any other man in the ring to-day, barring Fitzsimmons, who conquered him and whom I desire to defeat again, just to show the public that I am in reality the champion of the world."

It can be readily seen that Jeffries realizes the public does not regard him as the real champion, and he hopes to change that by a good fight with Ruhlin. It is not improbable that Jeffries can beat Fitzsimmons as thoroughly as he claims, but what puzzles the public is the fact that when the old man stood ready to fight in Madison Square Garden on the night of August 31, the last day of Horace's grace, Jeffries declined to toe the mark.

LOU HOUSEMAN'S STORY.

Lou Housman writes the following story about one of the scraps in Chicago: "The disgraceful row ensuing on the decision of referee Fallon at the Star theater shows the utter lack of discipline exercised by managers of clubs in America. Such a thing never would have been permitted in an institution like the National club of London. I understand that Harry Forbes, the brother of one of the principals in the row, is a member of the National club. He is in Chicago on a visit, and he has not in any way been barred out of the club quarters. A few such steps will undoubtedly have the proper effect on club ruffianism. The game is not only in a bad way without any such amirching it from within. Manager Carroll may have erred in permitting Fallon to referee the bout. Patsy, who should know as much about the art of refereeing as any one, was heavily in shape to pass judgment on any sort of contest Friday night. His decision of a draw was a bad one. This, however, did not justify Forbes in his assault on the referee. The matter might have been adjusted by the referee, but it is the duty of the club management. In the final between Sullivan and Yanger there was not enough margin either way to warrant a verdict other than a draw. Sullivan did most of the fighting and grows the wonderful little boxer (Ryan's) own extended left. Sullivan was somewhat of a disappointment. His showing against Yanger was hardly as good as when he met Buddy Ryan. His right appears to lack all distance judgment. That Sullivan should have won over George Dixon demonstrates just how far 'Little Chocolate' has gone back. The Dixon fight was a fair fight. Tommie White, and Eddie Santry could have disposed of a couple of Sullivan's one after the other in the same ring. The more I see of the present day featherweights the greater I am convinced grows from Boston. Yanger may some day make a champion, but if he does he will have to go forward approximately as fast as Dixon has gone back. It is not probable that Yanger will be all that Yanger was able to land on his re-topped adversary. The little fellow, however, excelled at short arm work, and in roughing it up Sullivan he showed that he has lots of strength and knows how to husband it."

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SWBENEY-WATSON DRAW.

About 1,500 persons packed the clubhouse of the Crescent A. C. Manchester, N. H., last night to witness the 20-round draw between Patsy Sweeney of Manchester and Andy Watson of Philadelphia at 135 pounds. Moffett Flaherty of Boston was the referee. A preliminary of eight rounds at 105 pounds between "Scotty" Coyne and "Kid" Goodman of Boston opened the show. After a hot bout Coyne received the decision. Sweeney was a hot favorite at 100 to 80 for the big 20. There was a little day before the bout started, and it was explained that a former manager of Sweeney's wanted a share of the purse. This was satisfactorily settled. Both men went right at it from the top of the draw and it was a slapping affair with little rest being allowed for the first two rounds. In the third Sweeney began to rush his man and landed two heavy lefts on the neck and a right on the jaw that made Watson groggy. Watson was staying out by clinching. Watson was taking all the punching in game style up to the end of the fifth round, when he let fly a wild right that caught Sweeney on the jaw and almost put him out. Both men were in good shape when the sixth round started and they fought hard throughout that round and the seventh. In a mix-up in the eighth Sweeney cut Watson's eye open with a heavy right. For the next two rounds Sweeney had just a shade the best of the work, but Watson cut loose in the eleventh and with two quick lefts on the jaw he had the local man groggy. Sweeney only saved himself by clinching and Watson was the referee called out to separate the pair. Both men were tired and their work up to the sixteenth when they began to slug again, exchanging punches for the remainder of the round. Sweeney cautioned twice in this round for hitting low. There was no let-up and with both men on their feet at the end of the twentieth round, the referee declared the bout a draw.

OFFER TO SHARKEY.

The National Athletic club of San Francisco is ready with an offer of 65 per cent of the gross receipts if Sharkey as O'Rourke succeeds in matching Walcott against Sharkey. O'Rourke received the offer yesterday and replied that he would accept if Sharkey consented to meet the colored fighter. As Sharkey has stated positively that he will not meet a colored fighter, there is no chance of a match being arranged.

ASHE AND SANCHEZ DRAW.

Emil Sanchez, the "Cuban Wonder," of Detroit, fought a twenty-round draw with Kid Ashe of Cincinnati before the Senate Athletic club, Springfield, Ohio, Tuesday night.

BOSTON MAN BEATS BRITISHER.

London, Nov. 1.—At the new Goodwin club, London, last evening, Billy Gordon of Boston beat Charlie Tillie of London in the fifth round.

ORDINANCE WON'T PASS.

Louisville, Nov. 1.—An ordinance was introduced in the city council Tuesday night providing fines of \$100 for the principals and \$25 for men who pay to see prize fights. It will not pass. Its object is to prevent the McGovern-Bernstein fight Friday night.

TOD SLOANE COMING HOME.

Disgusted With the Prince He Declares He Was Made Scapegoat.

London, Nov. 1.—"Tod" Sloane will sail for the United States next Tuesday. He contends that he has been used as a scapegoat. Sloane has decided to shake the dust of England from his feet after his seemingly unjustifiable treatment by the Prince of Wales. Sloane, who is a member of the Senate Athletic club of London, is a member of the National club of London. I understand that Harry Forbes, the brother of one of the principals in the row, is a member of the National club. He is in Chicago on a visit, and he has not in any way been barred out of the club quarters. A few such steps will undoubtedly have the proper effect on club ruffianism. The game is not only in a bad way without any such amirching it from within. Manager Carroll may have erred in permitting Fallon to referee the bout. Patsy, who should know as much about the art of refereeing as any one, was heavily in shape to pass judgment on any sort of contest Friday night. His decision of a draw was a bad one. This, however, did not justify Forbes in his assault on the referee. The matter might have been adjusted by the referee, but it is the duty of the club management. In the final between Sullivan and Yanger there was not enough margin either way to warrant a verdict other than a draw. Sullivan did most of the fighting and grows the wonderful little boxer (Ryan's) own extended left. Sullivan was somewhat of a disappointment. His showing against Yanger was hardly as good as when he met Buddy Ryan. His right appears to lack all distance judgment. That Sullivan should have won over George Dixon demonstrates just how far 'Little Chocolate' has gone back. The Dixon fight was a fair fight. Tommie White, and Eddie Santry could have disposed of a couple of Sullivan's one after the other in the same ring. The more I see of the present day featherweights the greater I am convinced grows from Boston. Yanger may some day make a champion, but if he does he will have to go forward approximately as fast as Dixon has gone back. It is not probable that Yanger will be all that Yanger was able to land on his re-topped adversary. The little fellow, however, excelled at short arm work, and in roughing it up Sullivan he showed that he has lots of strength and knows how to husband it."

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"I spent several weeks last summer in a quaint, delightful little mountain village in South Carolina," said an old clubman the other evening, relates the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "and I found a rule in force there which could be adopted with advantage at numerous other localities. I went to the place by mere chance, and one of the first things that impressed me after my arrival was the total absence of the extortion one usually encounters at even the smallest resorts. Everything was amazingly good and reasonable, and I marvelled how the natives had been kept unspoiled. One afternoon during the first week of my stay I found out I was sitting on the porch of the hotel when a buggy drove up and a well-dressed man descended. He was a new arrival, who had been taking a ride in the mountains. 'What do I owe you?' he asked of the countryman who drove the rig. 'Oh, I reckon a dollar's enough,' drawled the other. 'Pshaw!' exclaimed the stranger, 'it's worth more than that. Here's a two-dollar bill.'"

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