BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE REALLY PROFESSIONAL MEN, DECLARES GOV. TENER

We Saw Boobs In Uniform For Many Years and Thought They Were Players. Now We Know They Were Tired Professional Men

Eddie Kelly To Fight Gage; Ross To Go On With Cordova

Two Bouts Arranged For Next Sunday in Juarez Arena; Training Begins and a Good Fight Is Promised; Kelly Is Under Same Manager as Dundee; Papke Has a Badly Injured Eye.

BY "BUD" RUTHERFORD.

EDDIE KELLY, the Harlem lightweight, who is one of the few lightweights in the glove game today without a tin ear or a hammered nose to show for his tough experience in the boxing game, has inaugurated training for his proposed 20 round contest next Sunday with Frankie Gage at Juarez. He is training at the Stanton street camp. Fine form was exhibited by Eddie in his initial workout and betting immediately took a jump on the Harlem boy to win the proposed contest.

In addition to skipping the rope for three rounds, Kelly shadow boxed for an equal number of sessions. The Harlemite is extremely fast and is a swift, snappy puncher with a lot of force behind his blows. Letty Floyd, this little negro lightweight, boxed three fast rounds with Kelly, and the black and white mixed the going freely. Floyd has shown a big improvement over his form of several months ago in Juarez and to all appearances will give Cordova a hot battle as the semi-windup to the Gage-Kelly contest.

Kelly appears to be in excellent physical condition. According to manager Scotty Monteith, the weight of 133 pounds will be exactly right for the little caterner. Kelly is a natural 133 pound boy, but can make the lightweight limit with ease and without working too hard or reducing to an extent.

Frankie Gage, the prospective opponent of Kelly, began training Tuesday afternoon in Juarez.

A hitch between the managers of the principals in the 20 round semi-windup halted the negotiations Monday night. R. C. Benefield, manager of Cordova, did not post a forfeit, Jedd English, the aggressive manager of Floyd, had put his money up. The $100 side bet between the principals was posted several days ago. The matter is to be straightened out, however.

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IN his second attempt of a complete conquest of the feather title of the world, Johnny Dundee, of New York, left El Paso Monday afternoon for Los Angeles, where he is signed to battle Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight championship on some date during early September. It is probable that Johnnie will return to El Paso before the Kilbane battle, however, as manager Scotty Monteith and sparring partner, Eddie Kelly, who has a fight on his own hands, remained in the city.

Lugging two big grips, each nearly as big as himself if set on end, Dundee hopped aboard the rattler bound for California, amid the good luck wishes of his manager and a crowd of fans.

On arriving at the union station from the hotel, Dundee began a search for Scotty. He found the diminutive manager glancing over a bunch of pink sheets and scowling over the newspaper reports of Sunday's fight.

Besides being one of the greatest little fighting machines of his weight in the world, Dundee is remarkably clever and bright. All of his business interests are attended to by Scotty Monteith, one of the shrewdest characters of the glove game.

Grover Hayes, the veteran Philadelphian, was accorded a similar leave taking when he left for Michigan, accompanied by his manager, Kenny Dorr, Monday morning. Hayes, who made a hit with El Paso fans, is now signed to box Jack Britton some time during the middle of August.

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AN unintentional butt by a sparring partner may break up a brilliant career in the boxing ring. Johnny Pape, featherweight champion of the army, who defeated Frankie Martin at Fort Bliss several days ago, is in the Fort Bliss hospital suffering from a severe eye ailment that may result in the permanent injury of one optic and leave the other in such a weakened condition that the great little scrapper will have to retire from the ring and give his ambition of becoming the middleweight champion.

Physicians at the post in response to the many inquiries, however, believe that his eyes can be saved and that they will be as strong as ever in time. Tuesday night one week ago while training for the contest with Martin, a sparring partner accidently butted the little boxer over the left eye. When Papke entered the ring the eye was swelled and blue. In spite of this handicap and a pair of badly skinned knuckles, he defeated Martin well within the limit.

Sunday morning when John Manyon, his manager, went to the hotel, Papke could barely see out of his eyes and was groping for a glass. He was immediately removed to the Fort Bliss hospital, where the eyes were attended to by the post surgeon.

Boys of the caliber of Papke do much to raise the standard of boxing in the eyes of the public. John Manyon, manager of the feather champion, said: "During his short stay in El Paso, Papke has made a very favorable impression. The frank and unassuming manner of the little Kewanee boxer have won him many friends. The overdressing and swagger that distinguish so many boxers are entirely absent from his makeup and he conducts himself like any other young athlete."

Welsh Not To Fight For a Year Will Pick Up Easy Stage Coin

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Freddie Leahy, now 20 and splendidly Welsh, the latest thing in champions, has virtually retired from the ring for a year. While the new lightweight champion has made no announcement to this effect in as many words, the Welshman has intimated as much. It is Freddie's intention to discard the fighting mitts and keep the ring resin off his shoes for the remainder of the current year at least.

It took Welsh something like eight years to get a whack at the championship. He waited in line for almost a decade, and now that he is in a position to name his own price, he intends to reap the full fruits of the harvest.

Harry Pollok, whose publicity campaign was so cleverly engineered that Ritchie was inveigled into fighting Welsh in the enemy's country, is sponsor for the statement that Welsh will make an extended tour of England, France and the continent, before he returns to the United States and starts seriously considering an opponent.

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Pollok already has booked his championship charge to appear at every music hall of note in the British Isles. Welsh will start the junket as soon as he recovers from the idolatries heaped upon him by his countrymen. It is expected that Freddie will spend the greater part of three months in traversing the music hall circuit; then he will hop over to France and show the uninitiated and tantalizing left jab that poked its way to a championship.

All of which brings us to our own Mr. Ritchie. Poor Billyum is still laboring under the delusion that Welsh will take him on again on the Pacific slope, and give him a chance to regain the coveted bauble. Ritchie figured he had Welsh tied down to an agreement whereby the pair were to meet again some time in November. But the Ritchie person evidently forgot he was matching his wits against those of the cleverest boxer in the business. As a consequence he is likely not to get a chance at Welsh again for another year, for Pollok will devise some loophole through which Welsh can avoid a meeting with Ritchie.

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If the truth must be told, Welsh had no intention of engaging the Ritchie party for quite a stretch. The Rex is desirous of giving the "ex" a dose of his own medicine. It took two years of dogged trailing for Welsh to induce Ritchie to sign up; now Welsh will do the same thing to Ritchie. This time Willie will have to do the persistency act if he cares for another battle.

Next week Ritchie will ask the United States government officials for permission to exhibit the moving pictures of his bout with Welsh, in the various big cities. Ritchie has declared that he will let the American public judge the contest on the sheet, and will abide by their verdict just as he did when Eugene Corri declared against him and sheared him of the championship and several hundred thousand dollars that went with it.

Ritchie honestly believed the worst he should have received was a draw. We shall wait for a view of the "movies" before deciding whether Ritchie has ample grounds for his belief.

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Meanwhile Abe Attell, former featherweight champion, is pestering Welsh. The one-time boxing wizard is in England, drumming up public interest in a fight between Welsh and himself. Somehow Attell assembled one thousand "Iron men" and he is ready to post the entire wad if Welsh will agree to fight him 20 rounds with the championship at stake.

Attell and Welsh fought 15 rounds at Vernon, Cal., on November 25, 1908. Jim Jeffries, who refereed the contest, awarded the decision to Welsh at the termination of the 15 rounds. Attell has contended right along that Welsh outweighed him many pounds, and that this advantage enabled the Briton to win. Attell has been passive from ring activity for just a year, and has taken on sufficient flesh to make him a legitimate lightweight.

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A statement made public by Mrs. Freddie Welsh before she sailed to see her spouse win the championship is quite likely to get the new lightweight boss in lukewarm water over in England. Freddie is not the most popular fighter in king George's domain, and with this latest slur his little prestige will probably wane some more. Freddie's wife declared that when her hubby won the title they would come back to America, become citizens of these glorious United States and live here permanently. When the Britons learn that Welsh is to forsake them and take his title to America they will be so incensed at losing their first title holder in years that they will refuse to have anything further to do with him.

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Leach Cross and Joe Rivers will soon become as well known a team as Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette were several years ago. Sam and Joe fought between fifteen to twenty times in a few years. Yeach and Joe are out to beat that record. The two have signed to fight for the fourth time. They will trade wallops next Tuesday night before Tom Carey's Vernon club. The distance is 20 rounds. In each of the three previous engagements Joe managed to show just a wee bit superiority. Cross promises to settle all disputes this time by administering a knockout potion to the Mexican.

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FOURTH ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNEY OPENS SATURDAY

Men's Championship Singles and Doubles Will Be Decided August 1 and 2.

The fourth annual tennis tournament for the championship of El Paso in men's singles and doubles will be held on the courts of the El Paso Country club, commencing Saturday, August 1, beginning at 2 p. m.

The tournament will be open to all amateur players in the city of El Paso and loving cups will be awarded the winners in each event, with other prizes for runners up.

Rules Governing Matches.

All matches will be the best two out of three sets except the finals, which will be the best three out of five.

The rules of the United States Lawn Tennis association will govern all play.

Players not appearing when their matches are called will be promptly defaulted.

The foot fault rule will be rigidly observed.

Entries will be received up to Friday, July 31, at noon, and the drawings will take place Friday night at 8:30 p. m. in the directors' room of the Y. M. C. A.

All Players Invited.

All tennis players in El Paso are invited to participate in the tournament.

The Country club has three concrete courts which will enable the tournament to be run off without delay and lockers, showers and other conveniences will be provided for the players during the tourney.

Interest in the event is unusually keen and the best tournament ever staged is anticipated.

COPPER LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

L. S. Cates, Manager of Ray Consolidated Copper Co., Offers Loving Cup.

Hayden, Ariz., July 28.—The newly organized Copper league comprised of the Hayden-Ray Consolidated team, the Hayden smelter team and the Ray mine team opened Sunday with a game between the two Hayden teams. L. S. Cates, manager of the Ray Consolidated Copper company has put up a beautiful silver loving cup for the team winning the series, and as the three teams are now playing such evenly matched baseball, the contest should prove exciting.

The Hayden smelter team won the first game of the series by a score of 5 to 1. Senner for the Ray Consolidated, lost control and in the first three innings walked five men. With three men on bases in the fourth, Schultze for the smelter, knocked a three bagger, making the score 5 to 1 in favor of the smelter. Senner was relieved by Gose, who allowed only one run during the remainder of the game. The eighth inning proved the most sensational inning of the game. When Mitchell and Campion, the heavy Ray batters each made a home run, bringing the Ray score up to five runs. Neither team scored during the ninth.

Next Sunday the Ray Consolidated team plays the second game of the series against the Hayden smelter team at Hayden, while the smelter journeys to Tucson for a game Saturday and Sunday. The following week, the crack Mesa team comes to Hayden for a two days' stay, playing both the Ray Consolidated and smelter teams.

NEBRASKA LEAGUE SIGNS UP SOLDIER

Organized baseball has snapped up one of the best players of the City league, Morch, the big left fielder of the Company L club, will be signed by the Olympia, Nebraska State league club at the close of the present season. Morch will be purchased out of the army by the club some time in October, according to advices which the left fielder received Monday afternoon.

Overtures for Morch to join the Olympia club were made several days ago when he received an offer from the management, requiring him to state his terms for a season.

In securing Morch, the Nebraska club has signed one of the most likely looking players ever seen on a local diamond. The speed and consistent hitting of the New Yorker have made him one of the most valued players of the soldier club. There is hardly a time when Morch does not secure a hit when he steps to the plate.

ARIZONA FIGHT FANS RETURN HOME PLEASED

Piloted by J. Winders, of Clifton, a delegation of Clifton and Morenci, Ariz., sportsmen left El Paso Monday afternoon for their homes. They were fight fans who attended the Dundee-Hayes contest in Juarez Sunday afternoon. All were enthusiastic over the success of Kid Rene, the Clifton middleweight, who won over Louis Houde in the first round of the semi-windup. Among those in the party were Frank Martin and Charles Chesterfield, of Morenci; J. Winders and Al Wasem, lightweight champion wrestler of the word from Clifton.

COAST UMPIRES BET ON GAMES, IS CHARGE

San Francisco, Calif., July 28.—Charges that umpires of the Pacific Coast league have been betting on the games will be rigidly investigated by president Allen T. Baum, he announced here Monday. A number of players have been summoned to testify at an inquiry resulting from accusations following the fight at Sacramento Sunday between umpire Held and outfielder Maggert.

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RIVERS AND CROSS MATCHED.

Los Angeles, Calif., July 28.—Joe Rivers and Leach Cross, of New York, lightweights, are matched to box 20 rounds at Vernon, August 11.

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Australia Has the Tennis Favorites Davis Cup Will Likely Go Abroad

BY JOHN E. WRAY.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 28.—With the naming of Maurice McLoughlin, R. Norris Williams II, Karl Behr and T. C. Bundy as the team which will represent America in the Davis tennis cup challenge rounds beginning at Forest Hills, L. I., August 14, the national committee seems to have chosen the best team and excited as little sectional jealousy as possible.

Behr and Williams represent the east and McLoughlin and Bundy the west. Williams and McLoughlin represent the youth of the team, Bundy and Behr add the seasoned veteran effect.

From the host of candidates in the field for the honor of representing the United States the committee has chosen what appears to be the best quartet available at the present time. All other candidates have shown inferiority under stress in the preliminary play and the committee is above any charge of favoritism.

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Although veteran and youthful timber are mingled in the team makeup, there is little doubt that the burden of the fight will be on the young men McLoughlin, the California comet, and Williams, the Harvard star, both of whom are 22 years of age. Behr is 29 and Bundy 34 years old.

Bundy will pair with McLoughlin in the doubles—that will be his little mite. Behr will not break into the game at all, unless Williams suffers a falling off in form in his opening singles match.

The naming of Bundy is done to save the other members of the quartet for the singles, if emergency should arise. McLoughlin is the vim of the doubles combination and could play with equal efficiency if Williams or Behr were hooked up with him. Bundy is a good player, but not up to the class of the other members of the team—at least his record indicates this.

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The American team is facing a difficult proposition. Here is the situation: There are four great tennis players in the world today, men who might properly be placed on scratch. They are: Maurice McLoughlin, America; J. C. Parke, England; Norman Brookes, Australia; Anthony Wilding, New Zealand. All except McLoughlin are well over 30 years of age. Of these, on past performances, Brookes is probably the greatest doer; Parke and Wilding are about a stand-off, while McLoughlin appears to be shaded by all the others.

Every other member of the scratch quartet has, at some time, shown superiority to McLoughlin in a match. Parke and Wilding have done it as recently as last year.

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Thus America, with one No. 1 player, is asked to beat Australia, with two men of the first rating. Even if McLoughlin should win both his singles matches, the American doubles team appears no match for the wonderful pair, Brookes and Wilding. Nor is there any reason to believe the game youngster Williams is yet up to wrestling a match from either Brookes or Wilding.

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But McLoughlin does not figure to win two singles matches. His tremendous endurance should pull one or the other of the contests out of the fire; but it's asking too much to expect him to win both.

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Thus the Australians will go into the challenge round favorites over the Americans and will probably emerge the winners. The outlook is dependent entirely on whether they are in form. That they will have to be, to reach the challenge round, is evident from the strong teams they must beat before earning the right to face the Americans.

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The Canadians, Schwengers and Powell, are fair players who do not class on past form. The Germans have a crack-a-jack player in Froitzheim, one who is likely to win a match from anybody; but his support is not strong.

The British team is another one man team in J. C. Parke. This veteran is likely to beat both Wilding and Brookes, and has done it, in his day. That he is not a decadent was evident by his form last year. But neither Lowe, Mavrogordato nor Kingscote bring reputation sufficient to warrant a hope of their beating Brookes and Wilding.

Unless the terrific heat and their long preliminary campaign wear out the Australasians, it will be good luck if the Davis cup doesn't go to far off shores again.

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We have with us two umpires, Byron and Johnson. Put in between these names the word Bancroft and you can at once see where this czar stuff comes from.

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Well, boys, it's all over. Toss away your bats and gloves and go back to the farm or mining or other normal occupation. This great game of progressional baseball is all in but the burial certificate.

At least this is the view of an editorial writer in the Cincinnati Enquirer, who declares:

The national sport, if it has not been slain outright, lies apparently mortally wounded upon the altar of greed.

Playing upon the credulity and cupidity of the athletes themselves, shrewd and calculating promoters have brought about conditions in baseball that have injured the sport beyond repair * * * Greed, a supercommercialization, has served all too quickly to impair that confidence and to destroy the unquestioned belief of the public in the integrity of baseball as a sport.

Not only have the players been jumping, the utterances of athletes that they are in the pastime only for the money that is in it, the indifference, expressed or implied, of many of the athletes to moral or legal obligations, has quickly resulted in a loss of interest on the part of the public. That apathy and indifference will become more marked year after year.

Just the same, it's even money the Cincinnati writer will have a bet down on the world's series outcome in 1918. At any rate the folly of a few men today cannot uproot a recreation with as strong a hold on the American public as baseball. The promoters may die, and the greedy athletes, but not the love of the game. That will effect a reorganization of baseball on better lines, and very soon.

Battling Terry Hypnotizes His Foes One Baleful Glare and Fight Is Won

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

IF HORACE GREELEY, the well known adviser, were alive today, interested in pugilism, and had a chance to peruse the record of Battling Terry, the hypnotizing lightweight, his advice to aspirants for ring honors probably would be:

"Young man, if you would be successful in your chosen field, master the hypnotic art."

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Ed Fritz, of New Castle, Pa., who manages the scrapper with the baleful glare, assures us again that since he taught Terry the hypnotic trick, Terry has been unbeaten, although he has mingled in more than 40 ring battles since then.

Here is part of Terry's record since he became a "hyp"—a record that shows 16 knockouts, most of them in jig time, and 12 popular decisions. The record was supplied by Fritz, who defies any one to dispute it:

Knockouts—"Red" Robinson, one round; Tom Broderick, two; Sammy Pratt, ten; Teddy O'Hara, two; Frankie O'Brien, three; Tommy Kilbane, ten; Lee Donaldson, two; Kid Sesse, three; Young Jack Johnson, four; Jack Kress, four; Tommy Trimble, four; Eddie Hendle, five; Billy Parks, five; Buck Miller, four; young Hyperk, three, and "Hock" Evans, five.

Popular decisions — Young Taylor, six rounds; Harry Prendall, six; Joe Getz, six; Young Britt, six; Otto Koehler, six; Jack McHenry, ten; "Red" Robinson, six; Tommy Lewis, six; Battling Gates, six; Al Gradwell, ten; "Swatts" Adamson, six; and Ned Sherneff, six.

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"Immediately after he learned the hypnotizing stunt," said Fritz, concerning Terry, "he got busy and knocked out about everybody he met. He'd get a good look into the eyes of his opponent—and then it was all over but the referee's job of counting out the other fellow.

"But I made Terry stop that. The fans want to see a fight go a half dozen rounds any way and I have forbidden Terry to knock out any one now until the fight has gone far enough to satisfy the desires of the fans. If it is a short bout I make him let his opponent stay the limit. That's why Terry, in his most recent fights, hasn't gone in for knockouts—he's just there to roll up points.

"The moment Terry gets one look into the other fellow's eyes the fight is over as far as the other fellow's chances are concerned. But Terry lets them stick around and, while he has the spell on them, even forces them to fight—and fight at a terrific clip too. But Terry is the master at all stages.

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"Terry today, with his wonderful endurance powers, his terrible punch, and with hypnotism as an added asset, is the greatest lightweight fighter in the world. He can whip them all—and in any round that he chooses. If any one doubts this assertion I'll back it up to the limit of Terry's bankroll and mine."

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It may be added, for the benefit of those who haven't heard about Terry heretofore, that he never keeps the spell on the other fellow after the right is over. If he knocks out an opponent, according to Fritz, he always "sticks" around until the fallen foe comes back to consciousness, whereupon Terry manages to get a peep into the other fellow's glimmers. Then he mumbles the magic word and—presto change, the spell has flitted.

In the case of fellows whom he permits to linger to the finish, according to Fritz, Terry released the scrapper from his power as soon as the final bell sounds.

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Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, seems to be the middleweight champion of the United States and Australia, and Europe, too, provided that Georges Carpentier, of France, can make the weight no longer.

And Gibbons has beaten both Al McCoy and Jeff Smith—and soundly too.

McCoy has been called a fluke champion. His recent showings show that he hasn't been called any unmerited names. McCoy knocked out George Chip in the first round in a bout in New York several months ago. This victory came to McCoy after Chip had grabbed the clouded middleweight championship by beating up Frank Klaus in a scientific, if somewhat brutal manner.

Since winning from Chip, McCoy twice tackled Billy Murray, and on both occasions Mister Murray walloped Mister McCoy in a very unrefined way. Murray then made a big mistake. He "took on" Chip and Chip knocked him out.

In the antipodes the "title" seems to change hands every week or so, going to Eddie McGoorty, Jeff Smith and Jimmy Clabby, in turn. Just now Smith seems to be "it." He outpointed Clabby, who personally had won on a foul from McGoorty.

Gibbons, as stated, has beaten both McCoy and Smith—so Mike seems to have a better claim to the American championship than McCoy and a better claim to the antipodes laurels than Smith.

So, all hail Mike.

WELSH NOT OVERLY ANXIOUS TO FIGHT

New York, July 28.—Freddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion, has entered a glass case. He has issued his terms to Willie Ritchie for a return match, as follows:

Ritchie must allow him (Welsh) $25,000 of the purse; Ritchie must make 133 pounds, ringside; Ritchie must post a side bet of $25,000.

The truth of all these demands is not hard to arrive at. They mean Welsh isn't anxious to meet any of the good lightweights who may grab his title by a knockout. Such boys as Johnnie Dundee, Joe Rivera, Charley White, Jack Britton or Joe Mandot, he won't even consider.

CALIFORNIAN PLAYS BRILLIANT TENNIS

Boston, Mass July 27.—The semi-finals both in the singles for the Longwood cup and in the eastern doubles championship were reached today in the lawn tennis tournament at the Longwood Cricket club.

The afternoon sport started with Murray defeating Johnson in straight sets. The young Californian played the more brilliant game, but two of the sets went to deuce through the steadiness of his opponent. In the last set Johnson had a lead of five games to three, when Murray ran out the set and the match.

The scores: 8-6, 6-2, 7-5.

SANTA RITA WINS IN NINTH RALLY

Santa Rita, N. M., July 28.—Santa Rita won here Sunday from Silver City by the score of 3 to 2. A ninth inning rally won for the local team.

BIRMINGHAM PLAYER SAYS HE HAS SIGNED WITH CHICAGO

Birmingham, Ala., July 28.—Pete Kuiseler, outfielder for the Birmingham Southern league team, stated Monday that he had signed a three year contract with the Chicago National league club. He will report to the Chicago club immediately.

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Prize Fighting Becoming a Favorite Pastime for Women

More than 1000 Were at the Ringside When Carpentier and Smith Met in London; Leach Cross Will Meet Johnny Tillman This Evening at Vernon; White Demonstrates His Ability.

BY T. S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 28.—Of late years there has been a great deal of controversy going on, both in Europe and America, as to whether the women should attend boxing matches. The women seem to have answered the question themselves by turning out in great numbers at the Gunboat Smith and Georges Carpentier match in London, and also the one between Freddie Welsh and Willie Ritchie. There were more than 1000 women at each of these fights, which is certainly going some, for even a city like London, and the chances are that when more big fights are held there, the number will be increased, for reports from the other side state that the women were among the most enthusiastic of all the spectators.

French Women Attend.

It is nothing new to find hundreds of women attending these boxing matches in Paris, but it was something of a novelty in London. However, these are not the only cities where women attend boxing contests, for in Milwaukee last winter, many women attended the matches at the auditorium and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Most of the women who attend these contests were very out-spoken and said that they could see no reason why the fair sex could not attend them just as well as watching a football match.

As long as boxing matches are properly conducted and held in respectable quarters, there is no reason why women cannot attend them. Of course, it has always been a supposition that boxing is a man's sport, but nowadays the women seem to be taking up all kinds of sports and they have included boxing in the list. So that settles it.

Cross Meets Tillman.

Leach Cross, the New York dentist, who has been spending the summer at Los Angeles, will meet Johnny Tillman, the Minneapolis lightweight, on July 28th before Tom McCarey's club at Vernon. Cross was originally matched with Joe Rivers for this date, but for some reason the Mexican dropped out and as the Minneapolis boy was on the ground, he was given the chance to show his wares against the hard-hitting New Yorker. Tillman has been coming along very nicely of late and showing good form in his contests around the middle west. He is a very cool lad in the ring, with a long left hand, and unless Mr. Cross should happen to put over a K. O. early in the contest, it will not be surprising to hear that Johnny outpoints Leacher at the end of the 20 rounds. Cross may imagine that he is picking a soft one, but he is liable to bump into a very big surprise party.

Charley White, the Chicago lightweight, demonstrated in his battle with Stanley Yoakum in Denver, that he can travel the Marathon route without the least bother and finish like a race horse. There was some doubt about Charley being able to go the distance, and many of the boys around the country have intimated that if he tried to travel 20 rounds with Willie Ritchie, that the latter would have all the best of it, claiming that White's stamina would not be sufficient to carry him through a long, bruising contest. Not only did he go the distance with Yoakum, but when the 19th round came, he had sufficient reserve force to score a clean knockout. Charley will have a chance to repeat his performance when he meets Joe Azevedo in San Francisco the first week in August. These two boys have met in a 15-round contest in Racine last spring and White had no trouble winning the verdict, although it was a "no decision" affair. There is no reason why he should not score a clean victory in 20 rounds over the Portuguese boy. Then it will be back to the east for Charley in an effort to try and get on with Willie Ritchie again, or the new champion, Freddie Welsh.

Jeanette Going Back.

Joe Jeanette, one of the trio of great negro fighters, has about reached the end of his rope as a heavyweight championship possibility. Joe has been a wonderful fighter and has never quibbled over terms when arranging matches with the greatest stars of the game, but in his recent fights with Georges Carpentier and others he has not shown the same dash and vim as formerly.

The other night in New York Joe tackled the big negro Bastiling Jim Johnson who weighs over 220 pounds and the accounts differ as to whether Joe knocked out or was in the first round. Joe claimed that he had been hit low and fouled while some of the Johnson adherents alleged the blow was fair. However, referee Billy Joh decided that the battle should be continued after letting Jeanette rest three minutes, which would indicate that a foul had been committed. The men fought a hard contest throughout the ten rounds and at the end some said draw and others that Joe had won. It only proved that Jeanette is going backward fast or Jim Johnson is coming along rapidly. Jeanette has been a great favorite in New York for several years, even though he is a negro, and the fans will be sorry to hear of his downward slide. He is one of the few fighters who thinks more of home life than the gay sights. He is happily married and has a fine family and is respected, and that is a lot of satisfaction for Joe.

Will Go to Australia.

Another pair of American boxers have decided to take the trip to Australia and try their skill against the best boys there at the present time. The new wanderers will be Johnny Griffiths, the clever Akron, Ohio lightweight, accompanied by Bernie Strapp, the promoter of that city who takes charge of Johnny, as the latter's father, who has always managed his son, is hardly able to make the long trip; and Gus Christie, the Milwaukee middleweight, who has met most of the top-notchers, but has always been just a little bit under the required class to be a champion. However, Gus is a kid as yet, being only 21 years of age, and he has plenty of chances still to climb to the top of the ladder. Gus, who has been managed by Sam Murburger of Indianapolis, will go alone, but will immediately take up with Sam on his return to this country. Christie thinks Murburger is just about right as a manager and trainer and will have some other. While in the Antipodes Gus will throw down the gauntlet to Eddie McGoorty, Gibbons, Dillon, Al McCoy and the best of the lot and thinks he is in better shape now to win than ever before. As for Griffiths, there is no doubt about the Ohio lad making good. He is a great little fighter and clever and should be able to hold his own against the best of them.

"Big Six" Is the Whitewash King "Iron Man" Walsh A Close Second

By ERNEST J. LANIGAN.

SHOULD Christy Mathewson of the Giants and Eddie Plank of the Athletics face each other in another world's series contest next fall, the fans of New York and Philadelphia being pretty positive that the tribes of McGraw and Mack again are going to win the pennant in their respective organizations, the spectators fortunate enough to witness this encounter would be seeing a battle between the greatest whitewash spillers in the National and American leagues. Mathewson has for several years been the Kalsomine King of the senior league, but it was not until May 29 of this year that Plank's friends had a right to announce that the veteran left hander had to his credit more shut outs than any other flinger in the junior organization.

When the season started Ed Walsh of the White Sox possessed the honor now owned by Plank, of most frequently keeping his adversaries away from the scoring station. The Westerner had used the brush 56 times, the Easterner 55. Jimmy Callahan did not give Walsh a chance to start a game until July 5, and by that time Plank had twirled three shut outs and since then another. Walsh, in his second trip out, came through with a "Chicago" victory over the Yankees, but he will have to pitch another brace of shut outs before he can catch up with Gettysburg's best known graduate in the important matter of spilling whitewash. Plank has denied his opponents runs in 58 controversies, Walsh in 57.

Johnson Enters Race.

Walter Johnson, on July 2 of this year, got into the Plank-Walsh class and by the half century post in whitewashing. At the end of the campaign of 1913, the trophy car winner had to his credit 45 kalsominings. By May 23 the Idaho phenom had fed his opponents on hen fruit four more times, but he had to wait quite a while until he could produce that 50th whitewashing, doing so July 2 against Boston.

Others Outclassed.

Plank, Walsh, and Johnson are not in much danger of having any more associates in their tight little whitewash society for many years to come. Only three other American league pitchers—"Chief" Bender and Jack Coombs of Philadelphia, and Joe Wood of Boston have succeeded in keeping their opponents away from the plate in 25 or more games. Bender has shut out his rivals 32 times, Coombs 28 times, and Wood 25 times.

These statistics show the number of times Plank, Walsh, Johnson, Bender, Coombs and Wood have blanked each of their rivals.

Their Records.

Plank—49 shut outs: Against St. Louis 12, Detroit 11, Boston 9, Chicago 8, Washington 7, New York 4, Cleveland 3, Milwaukee 1.

Walsh—37 shut outs: Against Boston 10, Washington 5, Philadelphia 5, Detroit 7, St. Louis 1, Cleveland 4, New York 5.

Johnson— 52 shut outs: Against New York 12, Boston 3, Philadelphia 7, Cleveland 7, St. Louis 4, Detroit 4, Chicago 3.

Bender— 32 shut outs: Against St. Louis 9, New York 5, Chicago 5, Cleveland 4, Detroit 3, Washington 2, Boston 1.

Coombs—28 shut outs: Against Washington 6, St. Louis 5, Cleveland 4, New York 4, Boston 3, Chicago 3, Detroit 2.

Wood— 25 shut outs: Against New York 8, St. Louis 5, Chicago 4, Washington 3, Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 2, Detroit 1.

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