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SPORTS, RECREATION, OUTDOOR LIFE—CONDUCTED BY A. H. E. BECKETT ("BECK")

FARMERS PLAY PHOENIX HERE; EL PASO PLAYERS TROUBLE

Las Cruces Club Is "Home Team" For Week; Leases Park and Cuts Out Free List; Phoenix Team Is One of the Very Best in the League and Will Give the Farmers a Hard Time to Beat Them.

By "BECK"

TWO openings take place in the Rio Grande Baseball association this week. The Las Cruces farmers open their first home series at Rio Grande park Tuesday; and the Smeltermen open at Douglas the same afternoon. We have already seen the Farmers, but they were here the first week of the season as visitors. Now they are the home crew for two weeks. The formal opening ceremonies will take place on Thursday when the Phoenix and Las Cruces clubs will shift to Las Cruces for the day. The biggest crowd that has ever attended a sport event there is promised by the Las Cruces fans.

If there is a man on the local team getting over \$150 a month. The average of the squad is around \$115 a month. Reed's average must be around \$130 to \$200 a month.

There will be baseball at Rio Grande park on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this and next week. The Thursday games will be played at Las Cruces.

According to the advertisement published in Monday's Herald, the Las Cruces club has suspended the free list by the league or the Las Cruces club will be ignored. The grounds are leased by the city and they have the same control as though the games were played at Las Cruces.

Manager Bill Herley did not know Tuesday morning, when he would send in against Phoenix in the opening game but thought the job would fall to Ray Kallis. McCreery was the likely choice for the visitors.

Empire Harry Kane is at Douglas this week; umpire Sterling at Tucson and Lou Mahaffey at El Paso. A last minute shift was made as Mahaffey wanted to remain here to meet his wife, who arrived Monday night from the northwest.

Jim Brown, of Tucson, is singing the praises of an umpire who fairly fall from the skies to handle the exhibition games at Hayden last Thursday and Friday. Brown declares that he is a "pippin."

From the standpoint of attendance, Tucson, Phoenix and El Paso are all outstripping Albuquerque. The two western cities have been getting out good crowds, while the attendance here is increasing daily. What Douglas can do at home will be shown this week.

The fair fans will be admitted free to grounds and grandstand on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of this week's series. Hurley has not announced his boys' day this week, but an effort will be made to get the kids in free at least one game.

While the baseball writers are only too glad to oblige a fan wherever it is possible, it should be known that the telephone in the press box at Rio Grande park are purely "locals" concerning only the newspaper offices and do not reach the central office. Efforts to explain this to some of the fans desiring to use them during the games have resulted in the fans feeling that the scribes did not want to oblige. The contrary is the case, but it is at all ways possible to do what we might wish.

JIM COFFEY MAY FIGHT WILLARD

Indications Are That Ten Round Bout Will Precede a Title Contest.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 18.—Jim Coffey, the Irish giant, as he is called, is setting a fast pace among the heavyweights and it looks as though he will force Jess Willard to match up with him for the title before long. No one doubts Jess the rich; but he has six months before meeting any one in a championship battle, for all others before him have done the same thing, and most of them are so.

It may be possible that Jess will want to fight for the title before the end of six months, for he does not take kindly to the theatrical stunts and would prefer to have real action. Willard is entitled to every consideration possible for winning the heavyweight title back to the white race and in his case an exception would be made by all sporting men, but it will hardly be necessary.

Coffey's quick knockout of Al Welch, who was looked upon as a most promising candidate for heavyweight honors by the sporting men of New York, has put the Irishman near the top of the division aside from the title-holder—Jess Willard—and will be a case now of the hopes getting busy for a try-out with Jim before asking for a try at champion Willard.

Billy Gibson, manager of Coffey, has announced that he would go after Jess for a title match, but the indications are that they will first meet in a ten round no decision bout in New York City. Then, if Coffey shows strong, it will mean a championship match over the 20 round route of even longer.

Frank Moran, the Pittsburgher who fought Jack Johnson in Paris nearly a year ago and recently defeated Bombarider Wells in London, stands word that he will soon leave for the United States to challenge Willard for the title.

It is probable that Johnny Griffiths, the Ohio Champion lightweight, will be matched up with Willie Ritchie, the former champion, for a 12 round contest at Akron, Ohio, on July 2. The weight will likely be 135 at 2 o'clock, if the match is made, although Ritchie may demand a higher poundage. He refused to make the weight for a return match with Charlie White, although Willie declared himself he could make that weight without trouble, but that he would not permit White to dictate to him as to what poundage should be.

Wolfgang Facke, Welsh, the Michigan bearcat and former champion, is to have another whirl at Freddy Welsh, the title-holder, in one of those ten round tests without decision. They will meet before the South Side A. C., of Milwaukee, on May 23, at the Casino.

The contest with Welsh has been postponed twice, having been originally set for May 4, should Wolfgang be able to go alone all right he would probably be matched with Charlie White or Leach Cross for some time in July.

Why Not Lighten up, Fourmen? Now that Willie Ritchie has practically declared that he intends to enter the welterweight ranks—that he cannot make 125 pounds, the lightweight limit, any more—why not arrange a tour-

HOLDING COURT FOR HARRY BY TAD

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ney at New Orleans, where 10 round contests are permitted, for the American championship in the lightweight division? The recognized weight here has been 125 pounds, which should really be at 2 o'clock weighing, but the scale was raised by Ritchie when he defeated Wolfgang for the title. All other countries have set the weight at 135 at 3 o'clock, but in the states the weight has been 125 for many years. If a national boxing association is formed this might be changed so as to correspond with other countries, but until such time why the American weight is 125 and should be held there.

There are some high class lightweighters at 125 pounds, among them, Charlie White, Johnny Griffiths, Joe Mandot, Johnny Dundee, Sam Robideau, Ad Wolgast and Leach Cross. The New York middleweight who has been in Australia for some months is expected back this week and he will no doubt get busy and try to arrange a match with Milo Gibbons or Jimmy Clabby. Jeff has been claiming the world's title due to his victory over Jimmy Clabby in Australia two years ago.

"Which fight They asked in surprise." "My fight, of course," Daly retorted. "Why, it was a draw and you did very well after that fifth round." They answered: "Didn't you hear the decision?"

"I don't remember anything." "I don't remember anything," Daly answered. "The reason I went in that barroom just now was to try and hear something about the fight without asking any questions. Nobody said anything and that is why I had to ask you." "I feared I might have been knocked out."

A somewhat similar thing happened one night at the Chicago Athletic association when Frank Childs, the old time heavyweight, whipped a fellow named Walter Johnson. The latter subdued in the fight; he was a tall, well built negro, but evidently hadn't been eating with any too great regularity. Johnson did very well in the first two rounds. He caught Childs in the second round and knocked him down heavily. Childs was game and weathered this storm, finally knocking Johnson out in the fourth round. I think it was.

McFarland suffered similarly. Packey McFarland had a similar experience in New Orleans when he boxed

Ray Brunson. Packey got a clout on the jaw in the first round that knocked him flat. He got up and fought on, but his head never cleared until well into the 11th round. He claims to this day he never remembered a thing that happened in the intervening rounds.

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Phillies Win In Heavy Hitting Game

Stovall Protests Game At Kansas City

By "BECK"

HEAVY hitting featured Monday's game at Philadelphia when the Phillies beat the Cardinals, 5 to 2. In the third inning, with two on base, Cravath slammed out a home run. Niebuff then repeated the trick and the Phillies had four runs. In the fifth, Becker hit for four bases and Rip Perdue was yanked from the box. Griner being sent to the mound. Dolan hit a homer for the Cardinals so it was a real sweat.

Errors contributed to the defeat of the Browns by the Senators. Laidner-milk's wild throw started the scoring.

Death Valley Jim Scott held the Mackmen to a single hit, a single by Larry Lajoie, but a couple of errors behind him, together with six passes, let the Mackmen score two runs on the plate. The White Sox found Pennock for six hits in the first three innings and won by a score of 4 to 2.

Lonched Johnson's bat and forced him to hit into a double play. Stovall of the Packers protested the victory of the Tiptops, 7 to 2, at Kansas City on Monday.

Long George McConnell got the decision over chief Bender at Chicago. The Terrapins and Chiefs were tied at the end of the ninth. In the first half of the tenth, Meyer stole home and put the Terrapins in the lead but the Chiefs came back through in their half and Hanford's single sent home two runs, giving Chicago a victory, 5 to 2. Both Bender and McConnell were hit hard, each team getting 14 hits.

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"Knockouts I Have Seen"

This is the fourth of a series of stories on famous knockouts—knockouts which have gone down into pugilistic history either on account of turning a losing battle into a winning one or because of the sensational manner in which they were landed.

By ED. W. SMITH.

KNOCKOUT punches that land on the right spot perform some funny freaks now and then. Occasionally a boxer will get a clout that knocks all sense or reason out of his brain, yet he fights on and on in a purely mechanical way. This might be termed a knockout that is not a knockout.

One of the queerest freaks of this nature that ever came under my notice happened at Apollo hall in this city one night over 10 years ago. Andy Daly, a lightweight from Boston, was fighting Joe Galligan, an Italian boy of this city. They were going six rounds with a decision at the end.

Daly was a remarkably clever young fellow without much of a punch. Galligan wasn't so heavy, but he had the kick of a mule in his right hand. For four rounds Daly had all the better of

the work and was winning by a wide margin.

Daly received a wallop. Early in the fifth Daly grew a little careless and over went the famous Gallican wallop to the jaw. Down went Daly and it looked bad for him. He opened his eyes, sat up, rubbed his ears, arose to his feet, finished out the round in fair shape and also came out for the sixth as strong as could be expected.

Galligan made a whirlwind battle of it in the sixth but Daly gave him as good as he sent and at the end of the sixth round the fight was called a draw by the referee, a decision that was approved by the crowd.

"Beck's" Amen Corner

By "BECK"

RULES which would necessitate an athlete making a selection of various events instead of holding back an entire track and field program so that he can compete in them all should be adopted before the next southwestern championship track and field meet. The delays on Saturday were due to the fact that some athletes were entered in every event and, exhausted after one event, would want an intermission to rest before the next was called. This may be all right for the athlete but it will never encourage track meets from the standpoint of the spectator.

EL PASOANS are getting the right idea of sport. Four or five "simon pure" amateur ball games were played Sunday and the packers and printers are preparing to take their sport in person instead of by proxy next Sunday. The more the better.

If El Paso beats Douglas and Las Cruces trims Phoenix, the Mackmen will be in second place on Tuesday night. And if Tucson will be so accommodating as to check the Dukes, the first place in the league standing will be in sight.

ACTION is wanted in everything—baseball as well as track meets—and umpire Lou Mahaffey made a hit with the fans on Sunday by the way in which he fairly hustled the teams on and off the field and up to bat. Lou don't believe in delays and the fans are "with him" in that respect.

PURITYS appear to be fairly hung with horseshoes, the way they are cleaning up in the Commercial league. The next thing we know, George Reed will be trying to shift the whole team to Albuquerque at a salary of \$100,000 a day to help the Dukes win that pennant.

AS MANY as 45 events have been pulled off in one track meet between 1 and 5:30 p. m., yet it took five hours to pull off 14 events on Saturday. J. H. Stine, supervisor of recreation, declares that the grammar schools meet at Washington park on Saturday morning will be completed within three hours, despite the fact that there will be 22 events.

WHAT'S the matter with the El Paso tennis players? Are they "short sports" and afraid of being beaten? Veterans like Cooley, Williams, Blackshear, Ferguson, Christy and Ness are entering the Border States tournament, which opens here next week, and it looks strange that such promising young players as Hardiker, Dent, McGimsey, Shea, Boyle and Heep are not entering.

JACK LEIGHTON, who was drowned in a swimming pool here, on Monday, was one of the most promising young baseball players in the city and the announcement of his sudden end was something of a shock to local baseball fans, who had seen him working out with the Rio Grande leaguers almost every afternoon last week.



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