

KILBANE TO MEET DUNDEE

Little Men Come Together at Vernon Next Tuesday.

CHAMPION MAKES HIS TALK

Announces He is Through with the Featherweight Class After This Fight Because of Increasing Weight.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—For a while the heavyweights, lightweights and middleweights will have to take a back seat. We have a classy featherweight event to focus attention on now, and by the same token it is a world's championship affair.

McCahey's arena at Vernon will be the scene of the encounter and April 29, the date. The principals will be two Johnnies—Kilbane and Dundee—and unless all signs fall the bout will be memorable one.

Kilbane has said frequently that the go with Dundee will mark his farewell appearance as a featherweight. Johnny has advanced a double reason for his desertion of the 125-pound division. Increasing weight is the main thing which impels him to throw in his lot with the lightweights and he is also influenced by the reflection that Dundee is almost the only featherweight left to fight.

"When I box Dundee, who is there for me to meet?" is Kilbane's favorite way of putting it.

It is a notorious fact that when a champion ringman says anything his remarks are shredded and analyzed by critics and others who want to satisfy themselves as to whether any hidden or double meaning lurks in them. The usual course is being followed in the case of Kilbane and some one has discovered that Johnny's reference to the society of opponents, increasing poundage and a consequent change of class suggests that the champion is laying the foundation for an alibi in case things go wrong in the clash with Dundee.

"The fellow who looks ahead is the wise guy," said a man who inclines to the belief that Kilbane is intentionally ambiguous. "If Dundee wins it will not surprise me if Kilbane says: 'I knew I would weaken myself making the weight and I was foolish to try it. I had already given out that it was to be my last fight as a featherweight. The one before should have been my last.'"

This merely goes to show how a champion's word may be weighed. It must be said, however, that if Kilbane is assailed with an atom of doubt in respect to the result of next Tuesday's bout, he is concealing the fact wonderfully with the desire to back himself to the tune of \$10,000, but this is probably one of the innocent bluffs that high class fighters are sometimes allowed to get away with. If any backer of Dundee were to say "what odds do you give," Kilbane would probably say "I want even money" and as supporters of Dundee can do better than that in the open market, there is small probability of Kilbane's \$10,000 being tapped.

The chances are Kilbane is sincere about joining the ranks of the lightweights. He has frequently shown himself to be possessed of an ambition of that kind, and now that he is getting heavier it is natural that a move of that description should be close to his thoughts.

As an augury of success in his new field Kilbane points to the fact that he defeated Joe Rivers shortly before the latter blossomed out as a lightweight. He thinks he can step over into Rivers' present class and repeat the performance and from what the sports of Los Angeles are saying, it is evident that quite a number of the southern sport fight fans agree with Kilbane.

Los Angeles inhabitants are beginning to look upon Joe Rivers as a fighter who has shot his bolt. The bout with Kago Brown showed weak spots in Rivers' condition, and his later affair with Leach Cross helped to give color to suspicions that had already formed.

Whatever the cause Rivers has shown a falling away in several of his recent fights and in the absence of any other explanation, some of his friends are insisting that there is a very old proverb which says: "A young man married is a man that's married."

Plenty of Time for Talk.

It will be time enough to talk of a Rivers-Kilbane match, however, when the Kilbane-Dundee contest is a thing of the past. In the event of Kilbane winning it is practically a certainty that he will be signed with Rivers. But it may be that the program will be changed, or at least that there will be a postponement in the event that Dundee relieves Kilbane of the featherweight title. Certainly a defeat when leaving the featherweight division would not lead east into Kilbane's entry into the light-weight ranks.

Here in the west it is believed that Dundee is the most formidable boy Kilbane has tackled since he became champion. San Franciscans who have seen Dundee in action in the east proclaim him a second Terry McGovern and if there is anything in the suspicion that making 135 pounds is no easy matter for Kilbane just now, it would appear that the title holder would do well not to speculate so much on the future, but give undivided attention to the task that confronts him next Tuesday night.

Whichever way the thing goes there is a treat in store for the patrons of Vernon. Kilbane is a prime favorite down that on account of his extreme cleverness and it is felt that willing Johnnie Dundee will force Kilbane to employ all the cleverness he is possessed of.

VAN VLIET IS TO COACH MINNESOTA SCULLERS

CHICAGO, April 26.—George W. Van Vliet, the well known amateur sculler of the '90s and in recent years a professional coach, is coaching the Minnesota Boat club of St. Paul this season. This means that the club will have strong eight in regattas, as turning out winning eight is Van Vliet's forte. For seven successive years his eight won when he coached Staten Island Boat club crews. Recently he was with the New Rochelle Rowing club and here again he was successful placing the club in the highest as a racing organization. It is the intention of the Minnesota club to enter a senior eight in the national regattas. James J. DeNegro, a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, hails from this organization.

BROOKLYN TEAM MAN BY MAN

Bill Dahlen's Boys Analyzed and Chances Weighed.

WILL MAKE OTHERS HUSTLE

Macbeth Thinks Ebbetts May Realize the Ambition of His Life and Land a Pennant in His New Ball Park.

By W. J. MACBETH. NEW YORK, April 26.—Too early yet to go into rhapsodies over individual pennant chances, it must be confessed that Greater New York will not have to depend on little old Manhattan Isle this year for all its base ball. Charles E. Ebbetts will cut some figure in the National league race this season, or a whole lot of wise ones who hibernated about these diggings will be sadly disappointed. The Brooklyn magnate seems on the eve of realizing his long cherished ambition—a real ball team for a town qualified in every manner to be one of the very best in this country.

Brooklyn is not likely to win a pennant the coming campaign. But Brooklyn in the form it is showing this spring has a mighty few chance of crowding some of the long-term tenants out of the first division. Outside of New York and Pittsburgh it would be hard to single any one contender in the Lynch circuit as favorite over the Dodgers. This is said, of course, with a mind on pure base ball ability. Brooklyn, to my mind, shapes up stronger and better balanced in all departments than the Philadelphia Phillies. We will reserve judgment for Joe Tinker at short is bound to make a vast improvement if his managerial bourgeois prove not too heavy. Counting on Cincinnati's 1912 team and making liberal allowances for Tinker's individual skill Brooklyn would suffer no way by comparison.

Strong on Defense. Defensively the Brooklyn aggregation shapes up stronger than at any time since the halcyon pennant days. Manager Bill Dahlen is well provided with battery talent, which, after all is just about 50 per cent of defense. With the possible exception of Jimmy Archer, no better throwing catcher can be produced than Otto Miller. Edwin is a good second man for he is big, strong and reliable if less finished than his stable mate, and is a rather consistent performer with the bat—a fellow liable to do most of his hitting in the pinches.

Some Pitching Staff.

When it comes to southpaw pitching, no other club can match such a pair as Rucker and Allen. Nap is the class of the parent major league. "Rube" Marquard and his nineteen consecutive victories notwithstanding, Allen is just coming into his own. He has had enough major league experience to test his mettle; he will no doubt improve some this season, though on what he has shown so far there is little room for improvement. The fact that he has two dependable outfields who may be worked in regular turn not only fortifies Bill Dahlen against left-handed hitting combinations, but will further enhance the value of his right-handed pitching. The manager who can alternate with the "rock-hand" stuff has an opponent guessing all the time. There is not the same opportunity to gauge pitching deliveries. Brooklyn, too, has some competent right-handed tossing talent, without taking into consideration any of the recruit fingers. Especially true this should be if Knetzer decides to come back to the fold, which he is likely to do very soon. Ragon, Kneiser, Ymsling, and Harzer, while none as classy as the mighty Nap, are all above the average skill and quite formidable enough to help land the club among the first four if the offensive side of the team continues as strong as it has been.

Infield Looks Good.

For after the manner in which the Dodgers have been performing there appears unusual strength in attack as well as on defense. In Jake Daubert the infield boasts the finest first baseman in the National league. The other wing is almost as ably tended by "Red" Smith. Smith is a finished ball player now and one of the very best men at his position to be found anywhere. The middle of the infield is the only questionable spot in the line, apparently. Around the middle are Cutshaw and Fisher, who have not had time to prove themselves. Cutshaw has found himself, evidently, at second base. It was a mistake last year to try to make a shortstop of him. He looks the part of a second baseman all right; it is fast going to either side of him; is possessed of a good, accurate arm and evidently endowed with plenty of gray matter. Of the two center men Cutshaw seems just now more dependable and valuable than Fisher. The latter, however, is improving steadily and is so far ahead of such players as Tooley and Stark that the difficult shortstop position may be considered plugged up at last.

Quite fortunately for Dahlen there is every reason to believe that Fisher will improve steadily because he will have mighty fine coaching. He will be right between a pair of very quick thinkers and will be pegging at the grandest first baseman in the circuit. Jake Daubert by the way is no undesirable tutor. He should be able to help both Fisher and Cutshaw into perfecting that unity of combination play around the keystone which is characteristic of all competent infielders.

We come now to Bill Dahlen's outfield, which is composed of three very fast, young and athletic men. Each of these is the only veteran of the trio. He needs an introduction. Stengel and Benny Meyer will have to be put to the test of a full season before the fans will fully endorse them. They may develop weaknesses in batting that will dim their major league brightness. So far, however, they have given every evidence of class, offensiveness and defensiveness. They are fast, steady fielders and good throwers.

One of Brooklyn's chief charms is its speed. In its present makeup not a slow man can be found outside the batter's box. Speed in modern base ball counts for much, as evidenced by John McGraw's marvelous champions. It is up to Manager Dahlen, of course, to utilize this speed to its full value. Bill appears to be taking himself seriously this year for the first time. The new park has had a fine moralizing effect, somehow, or maybe it occupies C. H. Ebbet's full attention, and that Bill is free to direct matters as he chooses. At any rate there is altogether a far different spirit in the Brooklyn club than the happy-go-lucky care-free attitude of former years. If Dahlen is able to cultivate such pleasing harmony he will have solved his greatest managerial problem.

Dahlen is not well provided with substitutes as he might wish and much of his success will depend upon the fortunes of war as apply to injury, sickness and

Two Yankee Stars Who Are "Delivering the Goods"



So were the baseball experts, for they figured that Jackson could hardly be as classy as he had been touted.

Shows Up Well. One of the most pessimistic of the Quaker city writers, speaking of Jackson's work on the day of his debut, said, "Jackson lived up to his reputation today. In the first inning he made a good catch of Turner's drive, taking the ball as coolly as if he had been in the American league all his life. Then, in the Athletic's half, he had the honor of driving in the first run of the game, Hartsel doubled, Nichols sacrificed, and then, after fouling off one, Jackson drove a clean single to left. He then showed he knew inside base ball by racing to second after Turner had nailed Murphy's foul." The Naps won the game, 5 to 1, Helme Berger pitching against "Rube" Vickers. This is what Jackson did in his first major league contest: Batting—First Inning—Singled and scored Hartsel. Third Inning—Grounded out to third, Bradley making a great stop. Fifth Inning—Hit one of Berger's inshoots an awful smash, but it went right to Lajoie, who threw to Bradley doubling Hartsel. Eighth Inning—Tried for a home run and nearly made one. Turner making a great catch way out on the cinder path. Fielding—First Inning—Caught Turner's fly out near flag pole. Second Inning—In anxiety to head off a runner at the plate fumbled and was charged with an error. Second Inning—Caught Perry's fly near flag pole. Eighth Inning—Threw Josh Clark out at the plate.

Gets His Early. Fred Clarke is the most advanced manager in the National league. He had his attack of nervous prostration before the season opened.

HOW PITCHERS 'STACKED UP'

Interesting Record of Strikeout Artists in National League.

NEW YORK SUPPLIED LEADER

Mathewson Was the Leader in Seven Campaigns Against the Best Material in the Land.

Inspection of the pitching records of the National league for the past sixteen years develops the fact that the leading strike-out artist has generally been a member of one of the eastern clubs.

Only during four campaigns, from 1897 to 1912, inclusive, did a western team supply the pace setter in making men retreat to the bench after hitting nothing but atmosphere. Frank (Needles) Hahn of Cincinnati twice was the strike-out king of the National league. "Rube" Waddell of Pittsburgh once enjoyed this honor and so did Fred Beebe during a campaign when he wore the liveries of both the Chicago and St. Louis clubs.

Hahn's years of prosperity in the strike-out line were 1899 and 1901, Waddell was the leader in 1900 and Beebe ranked first during 1906, which was the last year a westerner was in the king row.

The New York club has supplied the strike-out king in seven of the last sixteen years. Christy Mathewson having been the leader during seven campaigns. Richard Marquard in one and J. Bentley Seymour in one. Matky hung up the high mark in strike-outs for a season in 1908, when he whiffed 367 of his adversaries. The previous best record was 249, made by Seymour in 1906.

The Phillies have twice furnished the senior league with its Walter Johnson. Earl Moore led in breezing men in 1910 and Grover Alexander was the hero last year.

Below will be found a list of the leading strike-out pitchers in the National league from 1897 to 1912, inclusive:

Table with columns: Year, Pitcher, Club, Games, Strikeouts. Lists top performers like Mathewson, Marquard, Moore, etc.

Comiskey Remembers Hartigan. Senator Bartling of the Nebraska legislature, through whose efforts Nebraska has had a shake-up to say whether they want Sunday ball or not—and none say not—has been presented with a season's supply of Charles Comiskey to the White Sox park in Chicago. The Western league and the Nebraska State league have also recognized his work in behalf of Sunday ball by sending him special passes.

Slow on the Path. In the game with Detroit on April 15 the Naps had thirteen men left on base. And that team has been talking about speed on the path.

RECORD OF THE PLAYERS

Batting and Fielding Averages of Western League Men.

KANE AND THOMASON ARE TIED

Playing of Johnson and Coyle of the Rockies Perfect, the Men Never Missing a Chance in the Field.

Jimmie Kane, Omaha's first-sacker, and Arthur Thomason, outfielder, are tied with two other Western league players for first honors with the stick. Both of the Omaha players are batting at a clip of 300 or making a hit every other time they bat.

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, E, Fct. Lists players like Gilmore, Thomason, Kane, etc.

Holds Smith High.

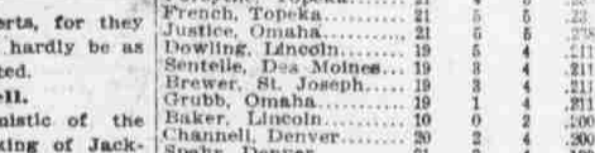
Manager George Stallings says he wouldn't take \$10,000 for Fred Smith, who is considered one of the best fielders in the league.

Larry at Polo Grounds.

When Larry Lajoie enters the polo grounds on June 3 to play with the Naps against the Yankees it will be the first time since 1901 when he played with the Phillies. Then Lajoie did some of his greatest hitting and he says he hopes he never will change the grounds so much that he can't repeat. He hasn't seen the new plant since it was built.

Yell Defiance at Blood Disorders.

A Remedy That Has Shown a Most Remarkable Purifying Effect.



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The word medicine is one of the most abused in our language. There are certain medicinal properties just as necessary to health as the food we eat. Take, for example, the well-known tonic medicine S. S. S. This famous blood purifier contains medicinal components just as vital and essential to healthy blood as the elements of wheat, roast beef, the fats and the sugars that make up our daily ration.

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