

FORECASTS OF THE FIGHTS

How Will the Three Great Pugilistic Encounters at New Orleans End?

PREFERENCES OF THE FISTIC FANCY

Fighters, Ex-Fighters and Expert Sportsmen Express Opinions as to the Outcome—Choice of the Majority—General Local Sports.

Two weeks from tomorrow night the first of the three great pugilistic encounters at the New Orleans Olympic club will take place.

No parallel exists in the history of the prize ring for the bunched events of September 6, 8 and 7.

Within forty-eight hours the question of supremacy in the three great divisions will be decided.

Myer and McAuliffe will meet on Monday night and the winner will take with him \$25,000.

On Tuesday George Dixon and Jack Scully will meet and to the victor will come \$17,500 in purse money and side wagers.

On Wednesday night John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett will engage in an encounter to decide the ownership of a purse of \$25,000 and side stakes of \$20,000; the largest sum of money in the prize ring ever dependent on the decision of a referee in a prize fight.

These three events will dispose of \$82,500 in the aggregate to say nothing of the incidental moneys which will be placed on the result outcome.

The forecasts, preferences and opinions of the wise are therefore of some moment if not of absolute value for spectators and bettors.

Six weeks ago a canvass by mail and in person was begun by the Chicago Inter Ocean. That paper has secured expert opinion as to the probable results of the three pugilistic contests at New Orleans September 6, 8 and 7.

The following circular was sent to leading sports through the country:

MYER vs. McAULIFFE. SULLIVAN vs. CORBETT. DIXON vs. SCULLY.

Will you favor us with an expression of your preferences on the attached means, returning same as per inclosed envelope, and greatly oblige yours, etc.

Should win in the Dixon-McAuliffe contest about 10 to 1, in favor of McAuliffe.

Should win in the Myer-McAuliffe contest about 10 to 1, in favor of McAuliffe.

Should win in the Sullivan-Corbett contest about 10 to 1, in favor of Corbett.

The replies received are interesting, in that they show the wide diversity of opinion as to the lightweight contest, while the battles between the heavy and featherweights carry with them a conviction that Sullivan and Dixon cannot lose.

Answers have been received from every prominent pugilist and fancier of pugilists in the country. The boxes to be actively engaged have been canvassed and give either their own views or those of their backers and managers in answer.

Certain it is that second only to the contests proper in point of interest will be the prognostications of the sports. They follow:

Jack Barnett—Sullivan, 10; McAuliffe, 6; Dixon, 1.

Duncan B. Harrison, late Sullivan's manager and co-actor—Corbett, 2; Myer, 10; Scully, 4.

Erasmus Jimmy Carroll—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 6; Dixon, 10.

J. P. Eckhardt, manager Coney Island Athletic club—Corbett, 2; Myer, 1; Scully, 2.

Martin Kirby—Sullivan, 6; McAuliffe, 12; Dixon, 4.

Pat Sheedy, late Sullivan's manager—Sullivan, 10; McAuliffe, 20; Dixon, 5.

A. Smith, pugilist referee—No opinion on Sullivan-Corbett; McAuliffe, 6; Dixon, 5.

Billy Edwards, ex-pugilist—Corbett, 10; Myer, 6; Dixon, 12.

Charles Horan—Sullivan, 1; McAuliffe, 5; Dixon, 10.

Phil Dwyer, turfman—Corbett, 10; McAuliffe, 12; Dixon, 10.

G. R. Smith, "Pittsburg Phil"—Corbett, 20; McAuliffe, 15; Dixon, 6.

Ridge Levin, bookmaker—Corbett, 20; McAuliffe, 20; Dixon, 10.

"Father Bill" Daly—Corbett, 15; McAuliffe, 15; Dixon, 5.

Pat Powers, manager New York base ball club—Sullivan, 6; McAuliffe, 20; Dixon, 7.

"Polo Jim" Jefferson—Corbett, 20; McAuliffe, 15; Dixon, 5.

"Billy" Newman—Sullivan, 10; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 6.

Penny Ryan—Sullivan, 100 to 80; McAuliffe, 100 to 80; Dixon, 100 to 80.

Dominic McCaffrey, pugilist—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 15.

James Walsby, Sullivan's backer—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 2.

Charlie Johnson, Sullivan's backer—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 12; Dixon, 3.

"Jack" Cusack—Sullivan, 3; McAuliffe, 12; Dixon, 8.

"One-eyed Jimmy" Connelly, pugilist—Corbett, 1; Myer, 1; Dixon, 3.

"Honus" John Kelly—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 4.

"Tie" Tracy—Sullivan, 2; McAuliffe, 6; Scully, 4.

"Casey" Casey, Sullivan's trainer—Sullivan, 12; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 12.

"Bill" Dixon, pugilist—Corbett, 25; McAuliffe, 15; Dixon, 10.

"Billy" Thompson, Slavin and Mitchell's American manager—Sullivan, 6; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 6.

"Hercules" Scully's backer—Sullivan, 6; McAuliffe, 10; Scully, 5.

John L. Sullivan, heavyweight champion—Hines, 10; McAuliffe, 15; Scully, 10.

Frank Moran, Sullivan's manager—Sullivan, 3; McAuliffe, 6; Dixon, 2.

Mathie Corbett—Corbett, 10; McAuliffe, 12; Dixon, 10.

Corbett, all night if necessary; McAuliffe, 4; Dixon, any time he pleases.

James J. Corbett, Buffalo—Sullivan, 10; Myer, 15; Dixon, 20.

J. W. Holiday, Cincinnati—Sullivan, 20; Myer, 15; Dixon, 7.

S. Gabriel, Newport, Ky.—Sullivan, 15; McAuliffe, 35; Scully, 20.

"Keddy" Gallagher, pugilist—Sullivan, 15; McAuliffe, 35; Dixon, 20.

C. W. Rich, Rochester, Miss.—Corbett, 25; Myer, 30; Scully, 35.

Patsy Kerrigan, pugilist—Sullivan, 12; McAuliffe, 30; Dixon, inside of 10.

Harry Behrens, sprinter—Corbett, 60; McAuliffe, 40; Dixon, 25.

Kerry Moagher—Sullivan, 6; Myer, 8; Dixon, 12.

"Joe" O'Neil Weir, pugilist—Sullivan, 30; McAuliffe, 20; Dixon, 15.

Sam Eissa—Sullivan, 15; Myer, 30; Dixon, 12.

Tom Allen, ex-heavyweight champion—Sullivan, 20 to 30; McAuliffe, 25; Dixon, 10.

Joseph Gay—Sullivan, 15; Myer, 30; Dixon, 10.

Howie Hodgkins, trainer and second—Corbett, 20; McAuliffe, 30; Dixon, 12.

Mike Kelly, pugilist—Sullivan, 15; McAuliffe, 25; Dixon, 10.

D. J. Leary, secretary, Pacific club, San Francisco—Sullivan, 17; McAuliffe, 17; Dixon, 12.

Joe Acton, wrestler—Corbett, 35; McAuliffe, 25; Dixon, 10.

Billy Deacy, pugilist—Sullivan, 15; Myer, by all means in 15; Dixon, 14.

George Siddons, pugilist—Sullivan, 25; Myer, 45; Dixon, 15.

"Chris" Dalton—Sullivan, 10; Myer, 24; Dixon, 9.

Jack Hicks—Sullivan, 13; Myer, 30; Dixon, 13.

"Eddie" Foy—Corbett, 15; McAuliffe, 15; Dixon, 13.

Adrian C. Anson, Chicago club club—Sullivan, 20; McAuliffe, 25; Dixon, 15.

J. T. Seward, steward Olympic club, New Orleans—Corbett, 30; McAuliffe, 27; Scully, 15.

T. R. Adams, Olympic club, New Orleans—Sullivan, 5; Myer, 25; Scully, 25.

George J. Bentz, Olympic club, New Orleans—Sullivan, 10; Myer, 34; Dixon, 23.

John M. Foster, Olympic club, New Orleans—Sullivan, 5; McAuliffe, 12; Dixon, 10.

J. E. Sherman, Olympic club, New Orleans—Sullivan, 7; Myer, 47; Scully, 26.

James Joseph O'Brien, Olympic club, New Orleans—Sullivan, 9; Myer, 25; Scully, 12.

J. P. Buckley, Olympic club, New Orleans—Corbett, 20; Myer, 35; Dixon, 10.

A. H. Kennedy, backer of Billy Myer—No opinion expressed on Sullivan-Corbett; Myer, Dixon, 15.

Walter Gensinger, New Orleans—Sullivan, 1; Myer (in a walk), 15; Scully, 12.

Captain Frank Williams, Olympic club's match-maker—Corbett, 40; McAuliffe, 37; Scully, 11.

"Parson" Billy Frazier, pugilist—If Corbett stays 10 rounds he should win 10 to 1; McAuliffe, 20; Dixon, 10.

Billy Madden, erstwhile manager of Peter Maher and prospective handler of Joe Goddard—"Prefer not to give an opinion at present."

"Andy" Bowen, pugilist—Corbett, 21 rounds; if it lasts over 20 rounds, Myer in 35; Scully, 30.

John Moran, bookmaker—Sullivan, 15; McAuliffe, 35; Dixon, 12.

Jimmy Carroll, pugilist—Corbett, 40; Myer, 60; Scully, 45 to 50.

The Sporting Press.

F. A. Steiner, sporting editor New York Herald—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 3.

Colonel Bill Harding, sporting editor New York Gazette—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 12.

John Slanigo, sporting editor New York Sun—Corbett, 5; Myer, 2; Dixon, 1.

J. E. Sullivan, proprietor Sporting Times—McAuliffe, 4; McAuliffe, 10; Dixon, 10.

William Norr, athletic editor New York World—Corbett, if contest exceeds ten rounds, McAuliffe, 30; Dixon, 30.

C. C. Kennedy, sporting editor New York Times—Sullivan, 4; McAuliffe, 15; Dixon, 6.

Joe Murphy, Chicago Tribune—Sullivan, 15; McAuliffe, 30; Dixon, 15.

W. W. Naughton, sporting editor Chronicle, San Francisco—Sullivan, 12; Myer, 25; Dixon, 10.

L. M. Houseman, the Inter Ocean—Dixon, 12; Myer, 43; Sullivan, 15.

Howard B. Hackett, pugilist editor New York World—Sullivan, 10; McAuliffe, 20; Dixon, 10.

A. G. Batcher, sporting editor Buffalo Courier—Corbett, 30; Myer, 35; Dixon, 10.

E. L. Aroni, sporting editor Louisville Courier-Journal—Sullivan, 40; Myer, 15; Dixon, 30.

Dan Saunders, sporting editor Boston Globe—Corbett will win or make a draw in 25 rounds; McAuliffe, 37; Dixon, 14.

James Hines, sporting editor Boston Herald—Corbett, Myer and Dixon are all anxious to risk \$2,000 on Maher, being afraid he would not train.

The Pacific Athletic club will give a purse of \$2,000 for a contest between Joe Goddard and Jack Kilrain in October. The trial champion has signified his willingness to fight Kilrain.

There is a contingent of American boxers, backers and managers in London, including Charles E. Davies, Con Roridan, Frank Strong of Denver, Colo., and Jim Campbell of San Francisco.

Joe Choynski has been doing his best to arrange a match with Jim Smith, who appears willing to fight, but he refuses to fight in America, and the season is fast closing. The Olympic club would offer ten times larger purse for the boxers to fight for than any club in London.

Unless the signs are at fault the Dobba-McKenzie contest at the California club on the 25th inst. will be a good battle. The odds give the fight to the challenger, but Dobba is just about clever enough and has a fairly hard-hitter to make being more hesitant about giving him long odds.

Combats will be allowed after the third round. It was weak when I entered the ring, but several blows I landed made him wince. He was so weak that I could have easily taken his wind if I had chosen to do so.

Patsy Kerrigan, a protégé of Sullivan, took a beating from the champion on Saturday night. He is a remarkable man and can fight twenty-four hours at a stretch if he is properly trained.

The Hems Park Gun club held their weekly shoot on their new grounds across the river yesterday afternoon. The weather was fine and the scores good, as the following figures show.

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Memories of the Late Tim Hurst.

Tim Hurst has been retired for good or advised to go to some cooler climate and he has been for a while, says Cassie M. Mulford. The fact that he did not offend in any of the games played yesterday smarting under the treatment he received at his hands in Chicago.

George Dixon is a man of great energy, and has gone into serious training for his meeting with Scully.

George Strong of Denver was defeated by Tony Easton of London at the latter place last evening.

John Van Hoest will not go to California. He expects to challenge the winner of the Dixon-Scully fight.

Tom Sullivan, the Chattanooga base ball player, has placed a \$500 to \$400 bet on his namesake to whip Corbett.

Frank Johnson is back in England, but he expects to box at Liberty on Bedford's island in the fall.

A couple of hams called McCoy and Walters will play each other at South Omaha next Friday night. Of course it is a fake.

On the evening of the 25th Joe Goddard will attempt to put out Billy Smith before the California Athletic club in ten rounds. It is a big job.

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