

WHITE HOPES WANDER AWAY

Naughton Gives His Views on the Heavyweight Situation.

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By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—"One by one they wander from us," is the refrain of an old song that treats of the desertion of the old homestead by successive members of the family.

The New York critics let Luther down easy. When Jim Stewart out-fought the big novice at every stage of a ten round bout, they said McCarthy held out promise of improvement.

Avant, and avast with such insincere twaddle. The white hope who has fallen under trial, but who is "going to do better, when he has a fight or two under his belt," is in a class with the faded champion who is "going to the mountains to recuperate."

It goes to show that after all fighting is a trade. The fighter who is born and not made, is a scarce specimen of humanity.

In the light of what is happening in the springs of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Jack Johnson seem epigrammatic.

"I can lick any man who has not had two years experience in the professional ring," remarked Philadelphia John prior to his San Francisco go with Al Kaufman.

"Palmer is not ripe yet," said Champion Johnson, when asked at Los Vegas whether he regarded Palmer in the light of a possible opponent.

There you will find luck and oodles of it. Almost without exception every major league magnate before the public at the present time can thank his lucky stars. He may let on he is a martyr, risking his money through civic patriotism, but there are no financial patriots in this base ball age of commercialism.

Not another man in the United States merits more from base ball than John M. Ward, retired from the Boston club. Here is a man who has been a great credit to the game.

Hard Men to Beat.

The woods are full of men, who, while they lack real championship requirements, are plenty good enough to shatter the dreams of the hopes. A dozen years ago, Joe Chynoweth, Kid McCoy and a few others were the watch-dogs and trail horses of the heavyweight division.

They are hard fellows to get by. A beating by one of them has a double effect inasmuch as it sets a novice back, and at the same time discourages him.

Take Charles W. Murphy of the Cubs, in direct opposition to Ward, Murphy is a millionaire today. He owns several theaters in Chicago as well as a rich real estate property.

San Francisco just now is interested in the fortunes of White Hope Charlie Miller, whom Coffroth has signed for a twenty-round bout with Jim Flynn at Daly City on Labor day.

Some fighters who are anxious to test their full hitting power while under preparation choose their partners to wear longomatic body guards.

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Some Say There is No Luck in Base Ball

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There is no such thing as luck," says Connie Mack, "or if there is, it certainly equalizes during a campaign. No one team is favored by luck, I mean. You will win just as many games through "breaks" as you lose and no more during a long schedule.

Connie Mack is a pretty wise general, and in all probability knows exactly what he is talking about. Anyhow, he can get away with it so far as we are concerned.

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Attorney John M. Ward, former diamond star, who quit base ball for good when he resigned the presidency of the Boston Pilgrims the other day. James E. Gaffney (at the right), Ward's successor at the head of the Boston club; and Charles W. Murphy (inset), president of the Chicago National league club.

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Baker Leads All Run Getters

If all the members of the world's champion Athletic team had hit in the timely fashion that John Franklin Baker has done this season, few of the Mackmen would have been left on the benches.

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St. Joseph First Baseman Leading League in Batting.

HICKS LEADS LEAGUE HURLERS

Omaha's Little Southpaw Is the Pick of Twirlers, Having Captured Twelve Games and Lost but Two.

Borton and Zwilling, both of the St. Joseph team, continue to hold the lead among the Western league sluggers. Borton is clouting the ball at a .371 clip and his teammates is going at the rate of .351.

In the fielding department Jimmy Kams of the Omaha team is among the first ten. He has taken, in all, 1,081 chances and made but n nseteen errors.

Harry Hicks is still the premier twirler of the league, having won twelve and lost but two games. Ellis of Wichita is second with thirteen wins and four defeats.

Isbell, Des Moines, is the leader of all base thieves, having stolen forty-two to date. Coffey leads in sacrifice hits. Following are the averages including last Tuesday's game:

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Champion Pugilists Not Made in a Day

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The records show that champion pugilists are all developed slowly. Luther McCarty, with a record of but a dozen or so bouts with other novices, should not, therefore, be come discouraged because he failed to

stop an experienced man like Jim Stewart. It took Jack Johnson seven years of fighting, during which he met scores of fighters of all calibers before winning the championship from Tommy Burns.

Jeffries was something of an exception, as he had only been fighting three years before grasping the crown then held by Bob Fitzsimmons. But Jeffries was that fight more because of his immense physical advantage over Ruby Robert than because of superior skill. It was not until he had been in the ring five years that he reached his best form.

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