

BACKING THE BOYS INTO IT

Bill Naughton Suggests Possible Way to Arrange Matches.

LET THE FANS DECIDE MATTER

Some Fights that Might Happen if His Ideas Were Put Into Operation by the Pugnacious Promoters.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Supposing that the rules and regulations for the fostering and furthering of boxing contests made it incumbent upon promoters to give special attention to the marketing of such pugilists as the public wanted to see set together, which would be the red letter bouts on the 1913 calendar?

This was the question put to the writer a few days ago and it is not by any means a difficult one to answer. Starting on the low register, the secretary of the Promoters' Protective association would write to inform Master Johnny Coulton that he would have to commit himself to a real bantam championship match within a specified time or else submit to being placed on the retired list.

Whether through inclination or guess of circumstances, Johnny is harder to corner than a flea in a sand heap and it is high time that he was forced to show the mark. There are quite a number of youngsters willing to take a fling at him, among them eastern Frankie Burns and western Eddie Campi. Finding an opponent will be one of the easiest things in the collection, once Coulton is prodded into a fight "humor." And this ought to be done at once.

A bout between featherweight champion Johnny Kilbane and Johnny Dundee would find a place on the preferred list. It is understood, however, that Uncle Tom McCrary is attending to this matter, so there is no occasion to say anything further about it.

Willie Ritchie Next. Just as soon as Willie Ritchie has had a surfeit of the footlight glare, patrons of ring sport will clamor for a return match between the lightweight champion and Al Wolgast. If for any unforeseen reason this cannot be arranged, a clash between Ritchie and Joe Rivers would fill the aching void equally as well.

It so happens that the toplines do not mobilize the interest in the lightweight class, which, as ever, is the best populated division in pugilism. With Harlem Tommy Murphy, Joe Mandot, Leach Cross, Knockout Brown, Bud Anderson, Jimmy Duffy and others so close to championship rating that there is no telling when one of them will command public backing as a challenger for the title, the fight headers have expended material to work on. Lightweight conditions are such, in fact, that it would be a dupe of a promoter who could not select an attractive match.

And how about the foreigners?

Freddie Welsh's "Con." Freddie Welsh, who has bobbed into the limelight again by outpointing Australian Hughie Mehegan in England, is due to arrive in this country shortly if he has not put in an appearance already. Freddie is advertising himself as the "real, undisputed" lightweight champion and is doing so all unconscious of the fact that he is being laughed at for his pains.

In building up an argument to sustain his position Freddie says:

"They substituted Willie Ritchie for Wolgast when I stood for them to box for the world's championship. I defeated Wolgast's substitute, which was equivalent to defeating Wolgast." This is ridiculously lame logic, but let it go. It is good for trade if nothing else. Freddie, who has always displayed shrewd intelligence in keeping himself before the public, has gained a place among the "best sellers" again, even if his methods of gaining publicity are devious. He will be in demand among American matchmakers and the first bout he figures in in this country will attract attention. What will follow will depend upon how he acquires himself.

Two Other Foreigners.

Hughie Mehegan, according to inside information, did not get back to any extent on account of losing to Welsh. I had a letter from a gentleman who witnessed the bout, in which I know to be a judge of boxing and a fair-minded sportsman—and he wrote me that he considered that Mehegan did the better work of the pair. He said that Mehegan, who was handicapped by the English rules, was aggressive throughout, while Welsh went in for parlor boxing and safety maneuvering.

Mehegan, if he carries out his original plans, will come to this country soon and it can readily be seen that the arrival of the Australian champion will increase the interest in lightweight operations.

By the way, a formidable rival of Mehegan has come to the front in the middleweight division during Hughie's absence. This is Herb McCoy, who some of the Australian critics have dubbed "a second Griffo." Not all the sporting writers out yonder, however, subscribe this view of McCoy's cleverness. Some of them still are of the opinion that a second Griffo ever will be uncovered. They admit that McCoy is away above the average in boxing skill, just the same.

There is some talk of McCoy coming to America and if he puts in an appearance during the present year it will mean added importance to the bouts. With the other foreigners mentioned on the ground the promoters should be able to map out a line that will result in producing a pointed boxing program will be arranged all the world around.

One of the matches that should be arranged without delay, how about the one between Paokoy McFarland and Jack Coulton? If for no other reason than to get a crimp in Manager Morgan's trade department, these men should be sent to each other.

The middleweight situation in one that needs to be approached on tip toes and in a stockinged foot. Never a clear, defiant yell has emanated from one of these fellows in a year, and from the looks of things the leading 150 pounders have formed a "mutual forbearance society."

If Klaus and Papke go to Paris to inaugurate a series of contests on the San McVey-stam Langford principle in Australia, the bottom will fall out of the middleweight division. What the public would like would be to see Klaus remain in this country and box Eddie McGorry. This fellow Jack McCarron, too, has done well enough to be listed with the men the public wants to see in action.

The Luther McCarty-Bombardier-Wellis-Jesse Willard combination will straighten out in a satisfactory manner before long.

Will Play at Short for the Giants Next Summer



CHANCE IS MOST WELCOME

All New York Glad to See Peerless Leader Coming.

MEANS MUCH TO MUGGSY, TOO

McGraw Says Presence of Chance Will Keep Game Alive in New York and Thus Add to the Late Receipts.

By W. J. M'BETH. NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Frank Chance, the new manager of the Highlanders, should revolutionize major league baseball in Greater New York. Heretofore the Giants have had things too much their own way, even for their own good.

It is indeed a peculiar city in this generation of man sport that will not lavish its very tenderest affections upon a winning major league baseball team. But New York always has been and always will be an eccentric proposition. It has returned tribute to its idolized Giants, but not in the same measure that it should.

For the somewhat constrained enthusiasm the Hill tribe has been to blame. Farrell's forces have been doing business in this ballpark for ten seasons and in all that time figured seriously in the final reckoning but twice. Under Clark Griffith both in 1904 and in 1906 the Hillies were just barely nosed out by Boston and Chicago, respectively. In 1904 the brave fight was overshadowed because the Polo grounders won the pennant.

The disappointment in 1906 was doubly keen because in that year the Hillies proved the greatest disappointment of history and finished fourth when every one expected them to cop a third straight flag.

Giants Need Competition. Every other year, without exception, the Hillies laid it away over their rivals. It is true that the two local teams finished second in either league in 1910. The Hillies were a much better second than the Yankees, however, and vindicated their claim to distinction by trimming the American leaguers in the only post-season series ever played by the local rivals. So altogether the Hillies have been one continual success, while the Highlanders have been a continual disappointment.

The condition of affairs has hurt both teams—the Americans of course far the more. McGraw was one of the happiest men in the country when he learned that Frank Chance had been engaged to manage his rival.

"It will be the salvation of baseball in New York," said McGraw. "I am glad that Chance is coming for I consider him one of the greatest managers in all base ball history. He cannot fail to improve the American league here. And that will be a great thing for me. It will prove the greatest incentive of my life. For it will make me work with renewed energy to maintain the supremacy of my league against the man who has proved for many years my greatest stumbling block."

Will Help All Around. "More than that," continued Mac, "it will help the game in every city in both major leagues. New York is a vital pivot. Put two championship possibilities here and both circuits will reap a harvest, and admit with all humility that I have been quite successful in New York in returning dividends in the interests which I represent. But the earnings of my club would have been greater had the American league club in New York been as strong every year as it was in 1904 and 1906."

"Why, the last couple of years," McGraw concluded, "we did not do nearly so well as we should. We would come home after a trip of triumph expecting record crowds only to find that the public had forgotten us in our absence. The class of ball furnished by the opposition was so mediocre that the fans drifted away to some other sort of amusement—golf, tennis, bathing and the like. I wish Chance every success. The better he does the better it will be for me."

Away from the Jinx. Hunch followers are getting aboard the Highlanders as a good thing for the current year. The advent of Chance marks a new epoch in local American league circles. Under his management the team will train in Bermuda. This will be the first time that the club has overbooked Georgia, which has come to be regarded as a jinx. Bermuda, according to the very best accounts, should prove a welcome change from Dixie land. The climate is superb and unhampered by bathing, bicycling and golf. But the best of all the team will be properly fed. Frank Farrell has chartered a hotel, which will be occupied exclusively by the athletes. Special cooks, waiters and domestic help will be shipped down from New York to look after Chance's athletes. Practice games the Hillies will have Jersey City, the team that trained at the

island a year ago and which came back in perfect shape.

Something to Work For. Chance will have the greatest incentive of his life to build up a championship array on the ghost of Farrell's rank tailenders. So much is expected of him that his lot may be a bit hard at first. It must be borne in mind that the Peerless Leader is coming to a strange company. It will take him some time to get his bearings. But no one doubts his ability and everyone is as confident as Chance himself that eventually the Highlanders will be as much a factor as the long established and deserving Giants.

To hasten the day will be the aim of "Hunk" Chance. For when the time comes that New York can boast two really great teams just so much quicker will open an avenue for really great sporting classics. There is no reason under such circumstances why the local rivals should not meet each spring in an exhibition series for the championship of New York. Such games would prove far more entertaining and beneficial than barnstorming through the "brush."

Charles H. Ebbets, too, is likely to benefit by the coming of Chance. Charlie has a new ball park, which cost him a whole lot of money. He will have to improve his club's standing at once unless he wishes a white elephant on his hands. On paper his team is of first division possibilities. But year after year it has always proven a bitter disappointment. The trouble is much the same as that which hampered Frank Farrell—too much experimenting with managerial talent. Let Chance give Farrell a winner and Ebbets is likely to whip the line already to pay the price and the salary to a real leader.

Does Jumbo Stiehm Need Help in the Work of Coaching?

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graduates and alumni have submitted to this condition. They have had their hopes raised to the highest power for the Minnesota struggle, thinking this fall would bring a break in the winning of the Gophers; but no change has come. Each fall it has been a repetition of last year's exhibition. Nebraska always plays well and always loses.

Coach Williams of Minnesota always looks for a hard game and always prepares his men for one of the stiffest fights on his schedule. Minnesota rooters always know there will be a struggle and the Cornhuskers draw larger crowds of Gophers than any team outside the Chicago conference. It is the Cornhusker coaching system, and nothing else, that

May Play at First Base

George "Hooks" Wittke, an old standby of the New York Giants' pitching staff, who may be played at first base this season. Wittke has been known in recent years as one of the greatest fielding pitchers. McGraw has found him valuable as a reserve pitcher, so Hooks may add to his earning capacity this season if he qualifies as a substitute for Merkle, as well as for Mathewson, Treseur et al.



CINCINNATI CRITICISES TINKER IN SELECTIONS

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 25.—Cincinnati fans have already begun to direct criticism at Manager Joe Tinker for signing Miner Brown and for trying to get Johnny Kling. They say that Tinker ought to look around for some young players. Instead of signing a collection of bygone stars. They say that Tinker is simply signing his old team mates as a matter of friendship and sentiment. Like Tinker, Manager Frank Chance of the Yankees thinks that Brown has as good a pitching arm as he ever had, and the injury to his knee is only a temporary affair. As for Johnny Kling, it is not likely that he will ever play in the major leagues again.

WHAT WILL BE TOP SALARY? CORNELL MAY LOSE HOYLE

Frank Chance Now Heads List, with \$20,000 Per Year.

EVERS MAY BE FINAL ARTIST

"Little Johnny" is Going to Get So Much that Murphy Does Not Really Care to Talk About It.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Who's going to capture first place in the base ball salary league?

That question appears to be the dominant one just now. The other day when Frank Farrell engaged Frank Chance as manager of the Yankees at a yearly wage estimated to be \$20,000 the vexing problem seemed to have been solved. But the Cubs, has put his rotund figure on the base ball horizon as a disputant of the Chance assertion.

Murphy says that "Johnny" Evers is going to be the kingpin salary artist. "Little Johnny" is going to get so much money that Murphy doesn't really like to tell any one just what the amount is. Only one string is tied to Evers' annual stipend. That is, the Cubs must finish in first, second or third place. With that condition carried out, he will receive in addition to a stipulated amount a percentage of the earnings and a bonus the latter depending on what position the club occupies at the end of the season.

High managerial salaries promise to be an important feature of the base ball season. The winter has brought about many important changes in the base ball firmament, with six of the major league clubs being placed in the hands of new leaders. Discontent in many cities has compelled changes in the management of the clubs, and in the general shifting under which they would attach signatures to contracts.

Columbia Varsity Now Practicing on Its Rowing Machines

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Rowing on the machines in the university gymnasium will constitute the chief factor in preliminary practice for the Columbia varsity crew squad from now until the time winter permits outdoor work at Edgewater.

Coach Jim Rice has outlined a plan of these twenty minute sessions each week on the machine, and has also prescribed outdoor runs along Riverside drive for the purpose of getting up wind and endurance.

Prospects for a varsity eight which may wear the 1913 laurels from the Cornell champions are decidedly bright since J. Moore Jr., No. 6, is the only man to be lost by graduation. "Pop" Latenser, one of the most dependable men in last year's shell, is back in college, but thinks at present he will have to remain out of rowing tops this season on account of a heavy program of studies in the school's architecture.

In addition to Latenser the men who are left from the 1912 boat are: A. C. Rothwell, bow; W. E. Ruprecht, No. 2; J. W. Haddell, No. 3; A. C. Bissell, No. 4; F. Miller, No. 7, and D. S. Downing stroke.

RIVERS AND RUSSELL FOR TEN ROUNDS THIS MONTH

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Joe Rivers, the Mexican lightweight, has gone to New Orleans, where he is signed up to meet Frankie Russell, the crack lightweight of that city, for ten rounds before the New Orleans Athletic club on January 21, for which he is to receive a guarantee of \$2,500, with the privilege of accepting one-third of the gross receipts. After this contest Rivers will journey to Los Angeles, where he will get into shape for his twenty-round bout with Knockout Brown of Little City at Vernon, Cal., on Washington's birthday afternoon. J. S. Levy, manager of Rivers, said that he does not intend to bring Rivers back to New York again until April.

SAVANNAH MOTOR RACES TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Word from Savannah is to the effect that the road races there will be run in November. The Savannah Automobile club has fixed on November 25 and 27 for the events, tentatively, of course, and dependent on the approval of the action of the Motor Cops Holding company in offering the races to Savannah.

ASSISTANT COACH MAY TAKE UP TASK AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Hoyle's Contemplated Departure from Cornell Comes as the Result of the Visit of Arthur Baton, Commodore of the University of California Crews, to Ithaca Prior to the Christmas Vacation, at which Time he Stated his Hopes that the Cornell Coach would Take Advantage of what Inducements the Californians would Make to him.

WOULD GET SALARY INCREASE

In Addition to that, He Would Have Advantage of Taking Entire Charge of Crews and Building Their Boats.

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 25.—An Indigo hue has been cast over the rowing situation at Cornell by the announcement that Assistant Coach John Hoyle may resign his position to take charge of the aquatic sports of the University of California. Along with this comes news that Head Coach Courtney is down with a siege of grip at his home here. Hoyle's leaving may cause changes which Ithaca view with alarm and which may affect the success of the crew this year.

Mr. Hoyle's contemplated departure from Cornell comes as the result of the visit of Arthur Baton, commodore of the University of California crews, to Ithaca prior to the Christmas vacation, at which time he stated his hopes that the Cornell coach would take advantage of what inducements the Californians would make to him.

A substantial increase in salary seems to be the chief attraction to the Western coast for the veteran coach. At present he is receiving a salary of \$1,300 a year as assistant coach, and it has been unofficially given out that his offer from the west is considerably more than this amount. In addition to the increase in salary he will have the advantage of taking the entire charge of the west-erner's crews and building their boats. Except for Mr. Courtney he is undoubtedly the best versed in the rowing game today, and as a boat builder he stands at the top with the very best.

GHOST OF U. S. LEAGUE TRYING TO SCARE MINORS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Ghost of the United States League is walking again. Yes, that spectre is flapping its shroud and trying to scare the minor league magnates into fits. It gave up trying to scare the major leaguers long ago.

The present plan appears to be to unseat clubs in Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Chicago. This circuit would, of course, cause very little conflict. The new organization would only be entering territory occupied by the National League, American League, International League and American association. The promoters of the new league claim that the experience gained in last year's failure will lead to eventual success. They say that parks have been leased in the cities of the prospective circuit and that all that is needed now is the money to obtain the players.

BOWLING CONGRESS IS TO BE HELD IN TOLEDO

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 25.—The American Bowling congress will be held at the Toledo Terminal auditorium from February 12 to March 12. Entries close February 5.

MORE GOLF MEETS THIS YEAR

Early List Granted Metropolitan Club Indicates More Affairs.

GARDEN CITY CLUB FIRST

Its Annual Invitation Spring Tournament Has Been Scheduled for Early May, with an Unprecedented List.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—More golf tournaments, open and invitation, will be held this year than last. This was made evident with the appearance of an early list of dates granted by the Metropolitan association. Already ten meetings, averaging in length from two to four days, have been carded, and that is only four short of the total for the entire 1912 competitive season. When it is remembered that half a dozen championships have also to be considered, it may be appreciated at a glance that conflicts will be unavoidable.

The Garden City Golf club, with its annual invitation spring tournament scheduled for May 8, 9 and 10, comes first on the list, although it is practically certain that this will be preceded by the early spring fixtures at the Country club of Lakewood. In addition to these no mention has been made as yet of Montclair, Brooklyn-Forest Park and Van Cortlandt park, all of which were in the competitive field last season. The same may be said of the Dunwoody Country club, and the Greenwich Country club, and the Oakland Golf club, both of which having improved their courses greatly during the last year or two, may be heard from shortly.

In the incomplete list now at hand, tentative dates are given for the metropolitan amateur championship tournament as well as the New Jersey State Golf association's annual fixture. It is expected that the metropolitan will be run off from May 21 to 24, its favorite period, as while the New Jersey is likely to claim attention the next week. The courses have not been selected for these championships, although Englewood is most favored for the metropolitan and Baltusrol for the Jersey.

The season's three national championships are fixed as follows: Amateur at Garden City, entire week, beginning Monday, September 1; the open at Brookline, June 4 and 5, and the women's at Wilmington, October 12 to 15, inclusive.

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