

NEW PROMISING RING MAN CHANCE'S TEAM TO BERMUDA

Olympic Athletic Club Finds Another Pugilistic Possibility. Leaves New York for Island with Thirteen Battery Men.

HAS VETERANS AND RECRUITS

Among Pitchers Are Five Battle-Scarred Campaigners and Five Raw, but Promising Recruits to Be Tried Out.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 22.—The Olympic Athletic club of San Francisco, which was the alma mater of such world-famous boxers as Jim Corbett and Jimmy Britt, is now somewhat excited over the fact that it has produced another ring man who is likely to make as big a splash in the professional pool as his illustrious predecessors.

Bob McAllister is the youth's name, and he has already distinguished himself to the extent of winning the Pacific coast championships in the middle, and light heavyweight divisions.

He is fairly tall with sloping shoulders and has not yet turned the 20-year mark. Some of the clubmen think he bears considerable resemblance to the Jim Corbett of twenty years ago, but to the writer he brings thoughts of Joe Ciochanski when the latter was a cub heavyweight.

McAllister's last engagement was with Tad Darbyshire, amateur heavyweight champion of the northwest, who was brought here from Portland, Ore., by Tom Tracey to compete in a tourney at the Olympic club.

What He Has Done. The things McAllister did to Darbyshire were outrageous. The northerner, although he had accounted for everything of heavyweight dimensions in his own halliwick, was as putty in the hands of the Olympic coach.

Tested Him Out. While poor Bob was in the throes of indecision Jim Corbett came to town.

Doesn't Feint Enough. Corbett also finds fault with McAllister for not feinting enough, but admitted that any defects in Bob's methods might be traced to the fact that he had so outclassed his opponents so far that there had been no occasion for him to school himself in many of the tricks of the trade.

Must Wait a Little. The question of turning professional is still agitating McAllister, but quite a number have advised him that the firm is not yet.

Said one club man of very many years standing: "Granted that he is a boxing marvel, how do we know that he can stand rough treatment as well as admiralster it? In the use of the gloves, so far as the amateur end of it is concerned, he is in a class by himself, but for at we know he may be cursed with a glass jaw. Personally, I'd like to see Bob thoroughly tried out from an endurance standpoint before I subscribed to the argument that he ought to turn professional."

In a way the Olympic club is as a horse divided against itself over the McAllister matter, many of the members arguing him to take the plunge, while others are warning him to go slow.

On this particular point Jim Corbett has been non-committal, so far contenting himself with remarking sassy: "If you make your mark as a professional you're all right, but if you don't you're all wrong."

Meanwhile Bob McAllister is tugging at the leash and the club directors are thinking up schemes to restrain his impetuosity.

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Joe Tinker of Cincinnati Reds



Frank Chance and John H. McGraw idea of how to go after it. While he has never before been tried out as a manager of a team, he has, as a player, made the reputation of a man who is always on his job, and likewise onto it—not a bad quality for a manager to start out with.

Age Helps Players to Certain Limit CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 2.—James McAleer, president of the Red Sox, says that a ball player should be at his best between the ages of 25 and 35 years.

Tennis Champions of England to Meet Some Time in June

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—When the English lawn tennis championship meeting is held at Wimbledon in June, about the pick of the players of the world will be there.

Storz to Have Team in Field This Year

The probabilities are that the Storz Brewing company will be represented on the ball field this season with a team composed of practically the same players as those in last season's lineup.

As Good as Johnson.

Rumor around Boston has it that Joe Wood's new contract, signed last week in New York, calls for \$7,500 for the season, showing that Smokey Joe won his argument with President McAleer that he is "just as good as Walter Johnson."

To Give Cady More Work

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DRISCOLL IS LOSING GROUND

Boxing Critic Finds Old Champion Losing Old Form.

WELLS CAN WHIP JOHNSON

Englishman Tells About the Way He Would Go at the Big Black-Fellow and Lead Him to Defeat.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—

James McAleer, president of the Red Sox, says that a ball player should be at his best between the ages of 25 and 35 years. To prove it McAleer cites the supposed ages of numerous stars as follows: Jimmy Archer of the Cubs, 25; Chief Bender of the Athletics, 30; Al Bridwell of the Cubs, 27; Hal Chase of the New Yorks, 29; Cravath of the Phillies, 31; Sam Crawford of the Detroit, 32; Birdie Cree of the New Yorks, 31; Red Duoin of the Phillies, 23; Johnny Evers of the Cubs, 30; Russell Ford of the New Yorks, 30; Artie Hoffman of the Pirates, 30; Lefty Leiford of the Cubs, 29; Christy Mathewson of the Giants, 33; Mike Mitchell of the Cubs, 30; Earl Moore of the Phillies, 34; George Mullin of the Detroit, 33; Lou Riehle of the Cubs, 30; Jake Stahl of the Red Sox, 34; Frank Chance of the New Yorks, 33; Joe Tinker of the Cincinnati Reds, 35; Carish of the Cleveland, 32; Turner of the Cleveland, 32, and so on.

McAleer also calls attention to the fact that Fred Clarke is 41, Hans Wagner, 35; Napoleon Lajoie, 37; Mincer Brown, 35; Jimmy Sheppard, 36; Kid Eberfeld, 35; Tommy Leach, 36; Eddie Plank, 38, and Harry Davis, 40.

Cost of World Tour. In figuring on the expense of the proposed tour of the world of the Chicago Americans and the New York Nationals, President Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago club estimated the total at \$50,000. He expects to take fifteen players, and the cost per man he finds will be about \$3,500. The New York club, he said, probably would take a like number of players.

Denies O'Day's Claim. Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Reds, denies the claim made by Hank O'Day, his former manager, for \$10,000 as a bonus for bringing the Reds into the first division. It was only the poor showing of the Phillies and Cardinals that made it possible for the Reds to land among the first four, according to Herrmann.

About Welsh's Claim. "How about Freddie Welsh's claim to the world's lightweight title," the British heavyweight champion was asked.

Welsh has claimed the title all right and lots of Englishmen think he can successfully defend it. "I don't believe he will visit this country just yet, for I hear that he will box the winner of the Matt Wells-Hugh Mehegan match at the National Sporting Club, Welsh didn't have much on Wells when he beat the latter for the English title. It was a very even bout and might have been called a draw.

In England the boxing public regard Paakey McFarland as the best American lightweight, for they don't know much about such men as Ritchie, Rivers and Wolgast.

"Do you really believe you can whip Jack Johnson?"

"I most certainly do. You see, Johnson has but one style. He sets himself and meets the fellows who rush him. In that way he can put all his strength into his punches. But he never could hit with effect while in motion. I firmly believe that I can fent Johnson into leads—that is, make him assume the attack. If he does I am confident that I can puzzle him with my foot work so that his defense will be worthless. He never has beaten a first-class boxer, and I doubt very much whether he is game enough to take as much punishment as Palmer did when he boxed me here last year."

The British champion's brother, Sidney Wells, who is his sparring partner, says that Bombadier when he isn't fighting or training, keeps his mind on the clever end of the game.

"He has made a study of boxing," said Sidney, "and frequently he thinks of something new. He is likely to make me get out of bed at night or leave my seat in a railroad train to try some new method of attack or defense on me. He overlooks nothing."

GAME LAWS NEED CHANGES

Report Made by Chief Game Warden Recommends Amendments.

WARDENS FOR ENTIRE YEAR

Instead of Employing Officers to Enforce Law Six Months in Year, They Should Be on Job All the Time.

The biennial report of the game and quail commission of the state of Nebraska for the two years ending December 31 has been made to Governor Morehead and made public. The report was made by Henry N. Miller, chief deputy commissioner, and Fish Commissioner O'Brien, and gives some very interesting facts and makes some good recommendations pertaining to a few changes in the present game and fish laws.

During the last biennium the commission has caused the arrest of 181 persons charged with violations of the game and fish laws; 146 of these were convicted and paid fines, thirty-two were acquitted, and cases against three are still pending. Four hundred and sixty-two fishing nets and traps were confiscated.

Over 300 prairie chickens, ducks and quail were confiscated and disposed of to charitable institutions. In addition, thirty pounds of cat fish and over 200 pounds of carp and Buffalo were taken up by the officers.

Mr. Miller recommends the employment of game wardens for the entire twelve months of the year, instead of for just six months. Another recommendation is that the money collected for payment of licenses be turned over to the commission for the purpose of protecting the birds and fish of the state against unscrupulous hunters.

A bill regulating the manner of fishing in the Missouri river from the Nebraska side is recommended for passage at the present session of the legislature. Under the present laws the Missouri river is entirely exempt from any regulation of the game and fish laws, excepting within 100 feet of the mouth of tributary streams.

Along other parts of the stream hundreds of nets and seines are used, and a great many times dynamite is employed to secure large quantities of fish for the market. Under the present laws the department is absolutely helpless in preventing this slaughter.

According to Mr. Miller's report, the bag limit on game birds has some opposition by the sportsmen. He recommends that the legislature change this law slightly, leaving the limit of chickens or grouse shot in any one calendar day ten, and number for a person to have in their possession twenty, instead of ten as the law now stands.

Tommy Burns Has Trouble with Busy Calgary Minister

CALGARY, Canada, Feb. 22.—Tommy Burns, erstwhile holder of the world's heavy-weight championship, is having a great controversy these days with a minister of Calgary. Burns conducted a boxing club and the Rev. Dr. Marshall is attempting to close it up.

Marshall has been conducting his campaign for the pulpit, and Tommy has been "firing" back through the newspapers. Marshall stigmatized the boxing bouts at Tommy's club as brutal prize fights, whereupon Burns returned to the attack by declaring that those bouts were not nearly so brutal as the bouts between the youngsters in the gymnasium of the church of which the Rev. Mr. Marshall is pastor. "I came to Calgary with a reputation, while Mr. Marshall appears to be trying to get one at my expense, but I don't propose to let him do it."

Burns agrees to publish all the important events in his past life if the Rev. Mr. Marshall will publish his. It is a great battle of wits and at the present time the populace seems to be with the former champion.

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