

THE PACKY-MICHAEL FIGHT

Latest Eruption in Boxing World Does Not Appeal to Ringside, Who Can't See McFarland.

PURSE LOOKS QUITE SUSPICIOUS

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Patrick McFarland and Michael Gibbons are going to meet in the ring after all—maybe. At this late date we learn that Packey is to be dragged out of the seclusion of retirement and be offered up as a sacrifice to Mike Gibbons, the greatest fighter of the era (pretensions from earlier Bartfield notwithstanding). It may be explained that the referee holds a resolute decision over Mike.

The bout is scheduled to take place in the early part of next month, and the purse is said to be \$25,000, to be split \$12,500 for Packey and \$12,500 for Mike. How does that sound to you, gentle reader?

To be frank, it doesn't appeal to us at all. Reason No. 1 and sufficient, Packey has not emerged in a ring battle since he outboxed Kid Alberg up at Waterbury, Conn., in ten rounds back in 1912, November 20, to be exact.

We hasten to correct that statement. Packey had one fight after that. About a year ago, some six employes in his father-in-law's brewery became fractious and Packey fought the bunch of them. Again we are wrong. Even after that Packey had a fight. But it was a one-sided affair and ended after an ardent suffragist had slapped Packey's face and tweaked his nose. Gentleman that he is, McFarland did not retaliate.

That, we will say, was all the training Packey has had up to the time the match with Gibbons was clinched. The stipulated weight is to be 147 pounds ring-side, and both will have to do some tall hustling to attain that notch.

When Gibbons started work for the mill he tipped the beam at 152 pounds, his highest weight in years. Only goodness knows how much Packey scales at the present moment. However, he is said to have risen up as a weight forfeit, and Packey would surely hate to lose that little sum, although he has something like \$100,000 in cash on his own account.

The best thing we can say about the match is that it will be a fine piece to spend the evening, as the arena will be situated near the ocean. If they even should get together, Mike should experience little difficulty in making a show of Packey, regardless of the fact that Packey has been acclaimed the flattest boxer that ever drew on a glove. That was years ago. Packey has been out of the ring so long that it will take him more than ten rounds to gauge his distance as of yore. And as the bout is limited to ten rounds, Packey will probably be too exhausted to do his best work in the closing rounds.

Too Much Money. As to the purse of \$25,000, we very much doubt it. For it is unlikely that the bout will draw more than half that sum. No championship is at stake, and the outcome will have little bearing on either the welterweight or middleweight situation, and the weight is an intermediate one. It will just be settling a question of individual supremacy, and Gibbons has the call as he has been active in ring matters while Packey has been content to read about ring affairs in the papers.

A Gibbon Joke. Billy Gibbon, owner of the Fairmont Athletic club, is responsible for the following: "A novice was appearing at Billy's club the other night in a ten-round bout. It was his first fight and he colluded with an experienced rival. The no-mercer was being severely trounced, but did not have common sense to call a truce. He was floored at least once in each round up to the seventh, when Gibbon rushed down the aisle and shouted at the lad: "Hey, kid, haven't you had enough?"

The "kid" peered at Gibbon through a pair of puffed eyes, and blurted: "Why didn't you ask me that six rounds ago?"

Corbett Loses Eggs. Jim Corbett, former heavyweight champion, simply cannot keep out of print. Just when we thought that we were to lose sight of the old man as a result of Tom Cowley's defeat by Gusboat Smith, along came "Mysterious Billy" Smith, one-time welterweight champion, and accuses Jim Corbett of some things. Corbett doesn't know as much as this boy. Jim took him from me in Portland, after I had developed him for Jimmy McManhan, who placed him up in the mines at Neenah. There is no use Corbett feeling the public that he found him. Beede McManhan has a contract with Cowley and I was double crossed. With best wishes, I am, yours "MYSTERIOUS BILLY SMITH."

Junior City Tennis Tournament at Field Club Starts Monday

Entries for the Junior City Tennis tournament, which starts Monday on the Field club courts and the girls' city tourney, close today at 4 o'clock. Entries for the tourney must be sent to the Field club or Ralph Powell, who is managing the event, and to Miss Dorothy Balback for the girls' tourney.

Two weeks will be given to the staging of the two tournaments. It is intended to have the championship matches in the various events play on September 4.

Will Adams is the junior singles champion and he will defend his title against the winner of the tournament. Miss Claire Daugherty is the girls' champ and also will defend her title. The boys' singles last year were captured by Will Nicholson and the junior doubles by Russell Larson and Ralph Powell.

CHICK EVANS IS USING PUTTER MADE BY OMAHA

While there, professional at the Country club, has patented a new putter which is proving to be an innovation to the advantage of golfers. The patent is a design which places all the weight of the putter on the top, not at the bottom, thus giving the ball the over-spin when hit and not the under-spin. Chick Evans, former amateur champion, is using Evans' patented putter and has written to me that he is having great success with it and finds it superior to any other kind.

Cute Crag Staff. As a measure of economy, President Harrison of the Texas League, has decided to have his team of four umpires and Umpire Pat Wright has been selected.

CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE BIG BASE BALL DEAL OF THE WEEK—Joe Jackson, the hard-hitting outfielder, just sold by the Cleveland team to the White Sox.

Charley Somers does not say how much he got, but Comiskey says it was \$15,000, which just about establishes a price for outfielders.



Western League Averages

Table with columns for Club, Batting, and Pitching. Lists teams like Denver, St. Joseph, and Omaha with their respective statistics.

Individual Batting

Table listing individual players and their batting statistics across various clubs.

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The Hypodermic Needle

By FRED S. HUNTER. GOWDY TENDER SAYS THAT ROWDY CONDUCT MUST BE ELIMINATED IN THE NATIONAL LOOP FRONT.

Of all the foolish filberts, I give you credit, gov. I've H. Knut Thaw and Bryan beaten three acts loved.

What thinks you, that base ball is a game or a snake tea, That athletes wear wrist watches, Or are sport shirt guru, market

Tennis stuff. For a Headache, Perhaps. Max Carey, it is reported, has gone to take treatment from Bonessier Touss.

Of course, it is wrong to gloat over the misfortunes of others, but there has been considerable rejoicing among National League slugers since Al Mamaux was committed to the hospital.

We see that that California man has changed his mind about buying the Cincy ball club. Sometimes even a native son will listen to reason.

Speaking of Louisa. A Minneap-clever stuff-sheet says Minnesota and Illinois will, perhaps, fight it out for the foot ball championship of the west when they meet at Urbana in the fall. Perhaps he right.

AND IT DOESN'T TAKE SO MUCH EFFORT. Some guys who like to gamble Prefer to shoot at traps, But for losing money quickly, Give us a shot at crops.

St. Louis Browns report that they were paid \$15,000 by the Detroit Tigers for Pitcher Bill James, leading one to suspect that there are loopholes in the Harmon law.

It is proposed to start a school for um-

Table with columns for City, W, L, T, R, P, B, A, S, P, C, T. Lists various cities and their statistics.

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BIG LOOP TIMBER SCARCE

Joe Kelly of Yanks Declares There is Little Promising Ivory in Bushes This Year.

THE FATE OF HARRY HOWELL

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Some of our very best little experts attribute the closeness of the National league race to the twenty-one player rule. This racial move in the old league has made the teams more evenly balanced than in other years because it has prevented the wealthier clubs from getting a big edge in the poorer ones by purchasing a swarm of valuable reserves.

Charley Ebbets, owner of the Dodgers, fathered the twenty-one player rule. When he proposed it last winter he met considerable opposition, but he pointed out its good qualities and finally was able to put it through.

Stars Scarce in Minors. Joe Kelly, chief of the Yankee scouts, has just returned from a two months' sojourn in the bushes and begs to report that classy players in the minors are scarcer this year than last Russians in Germany.

And the worst of it, claims Josephus, "is that the minor league owners now are demanding more for mediocre players than they used to ask for real stars. Not so long ago one could get a real ball player in the bushes for \$2,000 or \$3,000. Now the minor league owners want about \$10,000 for a player who looks anything like a real major league prospect.

Fate Unkind to Howell. Harry Howell's ambition to become a grand opera star seems to have jinked him. Howell was a pitcher with many years of major league usefulness before him when someone told him that if he had his voice trained he could out-warble Caruso. Howell believed it and quit pitching. That's where his misfortune began.

He wasted several years before he learned that Caruso was a better singer than he was. It was too late then for Howell to resume pitching—he was too old and his arm was out of shape. So he became a scout for the Browns—and soon lost his job.

Howell then became an umpire in the American league. He umpired that game in St. Louis in 1910 when Larry Lajoie got almost enough hits to tie Ty Cobb for the leadership of the league. A near-scandal resulted—and Howell lost his job, serving as the "goat" for that occasion.

Howell then took to umpiring in the Texas league and got along very well until one day he umpired a game in a way that didn't suit the Waco club, whereupon Howell was fired.

He remained jobless until the Feds came into being. Then he got a job of umpiring. He injured until Fielder Jones raised a howl of such size it would have drowned the roar of a forty-two centimeter gun. Prexy Gilmore, of course, heard the howl—and now Howell is jobless once again.

Bender Shooting the Clatter. Chief Bender is slipping. Once the most feared and most marvelous pitcher in base ball—now only an uncertainty on the mound. That's Bender—and there is real pathos in his decline.

Bender battled for nearly thirteen years under the Mookan standard and rarely during all those years he ever driven from the mound. Oftentimes

Johnston Makes Good. "Doc" Johnston of the Pirates, has developed into the best first baseman the Pittsburgh club has had since Kitty Bransford's time.

Wish to Coach Yale. Ed Walsh, the famous White Sox pitcher, is to return to Yale university next season as coach of the 231 pitchers.

Best Treatment for Catarrh S. S. S. Removes the Cause

Specialists in Catarrh troubles have agreed that it is an infection of the blood. The laboratories of the S. S. S. Co., at Atlanta, have proven it. Once you get your blood free from impurities—cleansed of the Catarrhal poisons, which it is now a prey to because of its unhealthy state—then you will be relieved of Catarrh—the dripping in the throat, hawking and spitting, raw sores in the nostrils, and the disagreeable bad breath. It was caused, in the first place, because your impoverished blood was easily infected. Possibly a slight cold or contact with someone who had a cold. But the point is—don't suffer with Catarrh—it is not necessary. The remedy S. S. S., discovered over fifty years ago, tested, true and tried, is always obtainable at any drug store. It has proven its value in thousands of cases. It will do so in your case. Get S. S. S. at once and begin treatment. If you are a long standing case, be sure and write the S. S. S. Co., Atlanta, Ga., for free expert medical advice. They will tell you how this purely vegetable blood tonic cleanses the impurities from the blood by literally washing it clean. They will prove to you that thousands of sufferers from Catarrh, after consistent treatment with S. S. S., have been freed from their trouble—and all its disagreeable features and restored to perfect health and vigor. Don't delay the treatment. Take S. S. S. at once.

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