

FIGHT GAME HAS POOR YEAR BASE BALL CANNOT RETURN

Ringside Takes Hammer to Champs Who Combine to Make 1915 Poor Year for Boxing.

WELSH AND KILBANE ON FIRE OTHER SPORTS CUTTING IN

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Greetings! Here's hoping the New Year will prove more beneficial for the boxing game than the last one. But for Jess Williams' victory over Jack Johnson back in April the year of 1915 would have been the most disastrous in the history of fistiana.

Several circumstances combined to make 1915 a poor boxing year. These circumstances were Freddy Welsh and Johnny Kilbane, Mike Gibbons, the crafty, and Al McCoy might also be added to the list.

For champions Welsh and Kilbane performed miserably all year. Welsh did not put up one commendable fight, while Kilbane showed championship form in only one battle, that with Kid Williams.

These eighteen minutes were the sum total of his fighting energies for 1915. In all his other bouts he stalled and otherwise betrayed the confidence of fight devotees.

What aggravates the feeling against Kilbane is the fact that he can fight, but won't. In Welsh's case it is a matter of mind that the lightweight champion can't do much better.

Mike Gibbons' showing in his match with Paddy McFarland left a stench that is not readily forgotten. Since that fiasco there has been little or no demand for Gibbons' services in this country.

Which leaves Al McCoy to pick on. We think it advisable to leave Al McCoy just where he is, refuse to disturb him. For a supposed champion he is awful!

Now, all the circumstances mentioned retarded the progress of boxing during the year of 1915. Only such a feat as accomplished by Willard in winning the heavyweight championship from Johnson could have saved the situation.

So here's hoping that 1916 will find boxing on the high plane it deserves.

Frank Moran and Jim Coffey, the super-drainage, the two of course will continue to fight at Madison Square Garden next Friday night, January 7.

In their previous meeting several weeks ago Moran scored a technical knockout over Coffey in three rounds. Moran hopes to do better this time; he promises to batter Jim into a comatose state before the fifth round is reached.

Coffey, quite naturally, thinks otherwise. He contends that he was in full possession of his faculties when he was last sent to the hospital.

However, here is Coffey's chance. He starts again on an even basis with Moran and only by flattening blind Frank for the doleful "ten" can Coffey re-establish himself as a contender for Willard's laurels.

The experience gained in the first fight with Moran should be of material assist to Coffey. It is quite unlikely that Jim will stop Moran. He may outbox Frank in the ten rounds. Coffey has been training with clever heavyweights and this would seem to indicate that he is planning to outpoint Moran.

Wagner last season, in his forty-first year, played through 156 games, not missing a battle. He led the shortstops in fielding and ranked second among the shortstops in hitting in batting.

He was well into the Wagner of ten years ago, but he still was far from being through. Three more seasons will put him over the 3,000-game mark, but there is little chance that he ever will make the 3,500-base hit necessary to complete a 4,000-hit total.

Yale Rowing Squad Starts Work Soon

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Yale rowing squad will take up spring practice under the supervision of Assistant Coach Wiman on February 15.

The gymnasium will be used until Coach Nichols returns from England about March 1, when the crew will probably get out on the river.

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Three Leading Auto Race Drivers of Year



GIL ANDERSON EARL COOPER. DARIO RESTA AND HIS MECHANICIAN.

Happenings in Auto Racing in 1915

January 4, Bakersfield, Cal.—Bob Burman broke American 25 and 30-mile records over one-mile circular dirt track. Times, 4.92, 20.28% and 40.28, respectively.

Aggies Bid High For Coast Coach

Coach E. J. Stewart of the Oregon Aggies has received an offer of \$4,000 a year to coach the Michigan Aggies next year.

Huntley Expects to Cop Pinehurst Trap Shoot Again

Sam Huntley, Omaha's crack amateur trap shot, has already entered the annual mid-winter tournament at Pinehurst, N. C., which will be staged January 17 to 21.

Minneapolis After National Open Golf Tourney This Year

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The executive committee of the United States Golf association can do a great deal toward awarding the national championship tournaments to places desired.

Sullivan Tips Ira Thomas Off to Some Swell Infield Men

Ira Thomas, former Athletic catcher, acted as scout for Connie Mack this last summer. On one of his trips he happened to strike Minneapolis. After the game he got hold of Billy Sullivan, the Miller catcher.

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GIBSON TIRES OF THE FARM AND MOVES BACK TO TOWN

Catcher George Gibson of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has tired of a farmer's life, and it is again the big city for him.

The Hypodermic Needle

By FRED S. HUNTER. Our Travelogue No. 9. Philadelphia, Penn., is often referred to as the unconscious city.

When visiting Philadelphia always go there on Sunday. They call it the Sabbath in Philly and they are right. Philadelphia is the home of liveliness on Sunday.

Philadelphia is owned by John Wanamaker. Mr. Wanamaker is proprietor of a large mercantile establishment, street cars stop in the middle of the block on all four sides of the store and the conductor yells "Wanamaker's."

The widest street in the world is in Philadelphia. That is Broad street. The narrowest street in the world is also in Philadelphia. That is Vine street.

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Biggest Sport Event of Year INTERNATIONAL Tug-'o-War AT THE AUDITORIUM January 3 to 9 INCLUSIVE Admission, 50 Cents

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WAGNER'S 413 South 16th Street Sale Starts Monday Morning, January 3.