

MEMPHIS FIGHT PROMOTER FINDS GOING TOO FAST

Billy Haack Gives Up When Fighters and Their Managers Try to Steal Everything in Sight.

By RINGSIDER. Chicago, Oct. 12.—Billy Haack veteran referee and promoter of boxing shows, has quit.

For several years Haack has run boxing shows in Memphis, and he declares that but for the sustaining properties of a prosperous printing business that he operated he would have starved to death so long ago that only the old-timers would remember him.

What finally pried Haack out of the game, he asserts, was the senseless kicks and constant bickerings of boxers' managers, who seem to think rubbing it into the promoters to be the surest indication of their own managerial abilities.

Refuse To Weigh In. Down in Memphis they give decisions in eight-round bouts and Haack declares this proved the sticking point in many matches.

To illustrate the way most boxers feel about the question of weight, Haack cites a battle in which Charley White was matched with Joe Mandot.

"Fight fans make funny kicks," said Haack. "One chronic deadbeat complained to me one time that he didn't see me before a certain fight and had to plunk down \$3 to get in.

Boost for Welsh. Haack has a nice boost for Fred Welsh and his manager, Harry Pollok, as being among the squaresmen in the business.

"Welsh boxed Benny Palmer here and I guaranteed the champion \$800," Haack says. "He proved a bad night, and the first one I only drew about \$700.

Haack tried to match Mike Gibbons with Ben Rowlands and declares this is the message he got back from the St. Paul phantom:

"I will box for a guarantee of \$1,500 if you will allow me to pick my opponent, or I will send my brother Tom for \$1,000 guarantee, there to be no decision."

These and a few other things drove Haack out of the game. The path of the promoter, he says, certainly is paved with cobblestones.

Calls Downey Freak. Packey McFarland, erstwhile pride of the stockyards, thinks Bryan Downey, the Ohio product, is a much underrated scrapper.

"It may I. all right to call Downey a freak, in that he isn't much of a boxer," said Packey, after seeing Downey in action against Matt Wells, the veteran Englishman.

Winter Base Ball League To Be Formed in Oakland. As soon as the Pacific Coast league season closes a "winter league" will be started in Oakland.

Hank O'Day Says Pirates Will Be Flag Contenders. Umpire Hank O'Day thinks well of the Pittsburgh team as now made up.

JIM BARNES IS STAR OF PROS IN TOURNEY PLAYS

Philadelphia Wizard Third at Shawnee, First in Western Open and Second at Kilkare.

By International News Service. New York, Oct. 13.—Now that the professional golfers in the North have had their last fling at the open tournament game, a glance back over the records of the leaders reveals the fact that most of those who were prominent in 1916 have again accounted for the major portion of the gold and glory this year.

This year there was no national open, no metropolitan open, while the affair under the auspices of the professionals' association was so changed as to be combined with a series of so-called international team matches, in which combinations representing amateurs, home-bred professionals, Scotch and English took part.

So far as actual winnings are concerned big Jim Barnes, the White-marsh "pro," unquestionably deserves to be placed at the head of the list. He didn't do much in the spring in the south, nor in the patriotic tournament over his home course, but he got third money at Shawnee, won the Western open with a fine score of 283, got second at Kilkare, and only recently won the Philadelphia open title.

Boston Pro. Stars. Possibly Mike Brady, the Boston home-bred, deserves almost as much notice as Barnes, for let it be said that the Oakley "pro," began the season in fine style by winning the North and South title at Pinehurst. On that occasion he led a strong field. At Shawnee Brady got second money, finishing behind Adams of Beverly for tenth and eleventh moneys, and the following week won the Kilkare tournament. Further than this Brady has shown in his exhibition matches, some of which have been with Francis Ouimet, that he is playing in old-time form.

It is probably unfortunate for Jock Hutchison that there was no national open title at stake this year. When Brae Burn called off the national open and Whitmarsh decided to run a substitute in the form of a patriotic event the majority of the leading "pros" were on hand. There was no money at stake for the winners, though they all played the best they knew how, and Hutchison led the field by a wide margin. He was also third in the Western span. In a way, Walter Hagen, the Rochester and western open titles in 1916, has shown a slight falling off this year.

Hagen, however, made a great try to retain his western laurels, finishing only two strokes behind Barnes. At Shawnee Hagen got fifth money and he also figured on the winning side of a number of exhibition matches.

Nicholls Slips. By the way G. Nicholls started in the spring looking as if the Great Neck "pro," might eclipse all others throughout the 1917 season, for he won five tournaments in the south. Thereafter, however, Nicholls showed less steadiness. He got seventh money at Shawnee and tied for sixth, seventh and eighth places with P. O'Hara and James Donaldson in the western open.

It has been suggested that a caddie championship, open to boys throughout the United States, would be an ideal way to find those youngsters who have the qualifications of first class players. When it is remembered that practically three-fourths of the leading professionals began their golfing careers as bag-toters a little encouragement given to the caddies in the way of playing opportunities would not be amiss.

There are many clubs which hold inter-club matches for their boys, but, on the other hand, some organizations frown on such contests.

The suggestion is for a tournament to be held on the plan of the Professional Golfers' association event last year at Siwanoy. Each individual club could hold a caddie championship solely for the boys of that district.

The event could be at thirty-six hole medal play, scratch conditions, so that the best caddie in the club would be certain to win. Following this a championship could be played on a course to be selected, and only those players who had won their club events would be eligible to compete.

Little Expense. The expense of such a competition would not necessarily be very great, as it would be sufficient to give prizes to the winner and runner-up. The event could be held under the direction of the club professional or the caddie master, and it might be amusing for the members to act as caddies for the boys on such an occasion. Or, if such an affair were considered too difficult to handle, why not have the boys from each state take part in a championship, and the ultimate winners meet in northern, southern, eastern and western sections, with the four victors coming together in the finals?

Fair Sex Progresses in Sport



MISS MOLLA BJURSTEDT



MISS RUTH LAW



MISS W.A. CAVIN

Are women the equal of men in sports? It begins to appear that they not only are, but that many of them are superior. Mrs. W. A. Cavin, the well-known woman amateur golf player, recently demonstrated the fact that women are the equal of men in that particular sport by defeating Jerome D. Travers, one of the most remarkable link artists the game has

ever produced. Miss Lucy Freeman, a 19-year-old Brooklyn girl, recently accomplished what a score of men had attempted and failed at—the swim from Spuyten Duyvil to the Battery in the Hudson river. Miss Freeman covered fifteen miles in 3:59:22.4. Little need be said about Miss Molla Bjurstedt,

the marvelous Norwegian tennis champion, who has swept all before her on American tennis courts. Miss Ruth Law, the famous little aviatrix, is another who holds a record no man has yet been able to equal. She flew from Chicago to New York in an obsolete type of airplane, making the longest nonstop flight ever made in the United States.

Nearly all the clubs hold banquets for the caddies at Christmas or some other holiday and award prizes for the year's efficiency and good conduct. This is an excellent custom and one that on the whole is thoroughly enjoyed by the boys, but could not part of the money expended on these entertainments be spent on prizes for a caddie tournament? Surely the competitive spirit is worth while fostering, and who knows but that some day one of these boys will be proudly pointed to as a national title-holder, who was encouraged to keep up his game through the efforts of some of the club members?

Consider Meek and Lowly When Passing Out Praise. Too much attention is being paid these days to the White Sox and the Giants. Nothing is being said about the Athletics and the Pirates down at the other end of the parade. Think of the heartbreaks and the gall and wormwood in their cup! Picture, if you can, the disappointed athletes, forced to return to their several homes at the close of the season with nothing but 4,000 or 5,000 bones to tide them over the winter! Think of them sorrowfully hooting pool and rabbits and mournfully hoisting an occasional scuttle of suds, now that there is no danger of being fined for breaking training! Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives.

White Sox Scout Demands Some of the Winners' Glory. While a lot of credit is being given to Comiskey's pocketbook, Rowland's mesmerism and all that, Danny Long steps in to have a say about who had a hand in winning the championship of the American league for the White Sox. Danny, who has acted as scout for Commy in the California region for several years, points to the fact that he sent Buck Weaver, Fred McMullin, Swede Risberg, Claude Williams and Byrd Lynn to the Chicago team. That evidence in his behalf is submitted without comment.

Dreyfuss Convinced That Money Won't Buy Winner. Money doesn't always make a ball team. President Dreyfuss says he spent \$63,000 for players for his Pirates and they finished with a record worse than any made in nearly thirty years. It was in 1890 or thereabouts that the Pirates won but twenty-three games and lost 113.

Former Card Shows Speed in Independent Circles. Eitcher Ray Gardiner, who may get another trial with the St. Louis Cardinals in the spring, is pitching for an independent team at his home in Rochester, N. Y., and one of his recent performances was a one-hit game.

What Ho! Athlete Wants To Be a State Senator. Virgil (Red) Day, who pitched for Atlanta in the Southern league the last season, aspires to something higher. He has announced himself as a candidate for state senator from the Arkansas district in which he lives. Day, at his home in Harmony, Ark., is a school teacher and lawyer and he thinks he can use his talents in the legislature to the advantage of his constituents.

BRITTON TO BOX BENNY LEONARD. Lightweight Champion to Tackle Welterweight Star, But Weights Will Be About Even.

Jack Britton will meet Benny Leonard on October 19. Britton never carries much extra weight and is in good condition. He grew out of the lightweight class, but has always been able to fight at the welter limit, 142 pounds. Britton had an eye on the lightweight championship when Packey McFarland was flirting with that title. Packey was more inclined to take on weight. When he fought Britton in Madison Square garden he was actually a middleweight, while Britton scaled a little under the welterweight class limit. So Britton has some excuse for being outboxed by the cleverest glove tosser in the world.

Britton has been defending the welterweight title and making the weight for many bouts. He is bigger than when he first became champion, but in spite of his long career in the ring should be able to take off a few pounds even now and fight at 139 without weakening himself. Britton never dissipated, so he has always been in very fair condition. If Leonard can beat Jack Britton at 139 pounds he will be doing a good piece of work. Britton has had a world of experience, and he is one of the cleverest boxers in the welter class. The dozen or so of fights in which he at least held clever Kid Lewis level prove he is the man to make Benny Leonard extend himself.

Britton always fights. He plans to make a fresh start toward recovering his welter crown by using Benny as a stepladder.

The trend of events indicates that Charley White will be Leonard's first opponent in a bout where the lightweight championship will be attached. Negotiations have been opened for a bout between White and Leonard, to be held in Connecticut during the Christmas holiday, with the title at stake.

Oakland Outfielder Has His Bad Luck in Bunches. Billy Lane, Oakland outfielder, has been having a lot of hard luck. The Boston Braves drafted him and then canceled his chance to get in the big show, and on top of that he was taken ill with malaria. Lane is regarded as about the fastest man in the Coast League, but his hitting has been light this season, about .240 being his mark.

Detroit Hurler Confined To Hospital on the Coast. Johnny Couch, former San Francisco pitcher and later with Detroit, is in a hospital at Palo Alto, Cal., suffering from appendicitis. He believes his illness is due to an injury suffered while with Detroit.

Jack Corbett Puts in Bid For Job of Boss at Mobile. Among the applicants for manager of the Mobile team of the Southern league is Jack Corbett, who this last season led the pennant-winning Columbia team of the South Atlantic league.

PENNANT WINNERS IN MINOR LEAGUES

Twenty-two Circuits Start Season in Spring and Just Half of That Number Finish.

Twenty-two minor leagues started the base ball season in this year of war and one-half of them finished, but not even all of this one-half presented an unbroken front at the finish. Hints in circuit, split seasons and reduced membership indicated how hard was the going. Of the twenty-two to originally face the barrier the blows began to fall early.

The Virginia league disbanded May 15. Two weeks later the North Carolina gave up the ghost and three days later the Georgia-Alabama surrendered. June 6 saw the end of the Central Texas, and the Fourth of July saw two more—the Dixie league and the Northern association in the discard. The Three-I lasted until July 8 and the Northwestern kept going a week longer than that. The Central association managed to hold on until August 7.

The Western league split its season in July and thus was able to stir some new interest and kept going. Even the strong Texas league found it necessary to drop two of its eight clubs. Only five leagues, in fact, finished the season with the club membership as lined up at the start. They were the Pacific Coast, which does not close until October 28, The American association, the International league, the Southern association and the Eastern league.

Pennant winners in the twenty-two leagues that started the season and ran their courses, brief or to the end of the arranged schedules, follow:

Table with 2 columns: League Name and Winner. Includes entries like 1917 Winner, 1916 Winner, American Ass'n Indianapolis, Louisville, etc.

JESS WILLARD IN CLASS BY HIMSELF

Heavyweight Division of Fisticiana is Composed Exclusively of One Man—the Champion.

The heavyweight class in Fisticiana may be said to consist of one man, Jess Willard, the champion. He reigns supreme. He is without a peer, much less a superior. The more one sees of Willard's "rivals" in action the more emphatic becomes the conviction that the championship crown is worn not only by the man most worthy of bearing it, but that he is practically without serious competition for the honor. In weight only do Willard's "rivals" qualify for the distinction of membership in his division.

In "class"—that indescribable but still very concrete factor—and ability Jess stands alone.

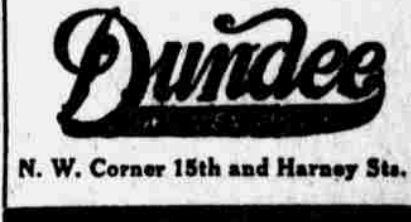
The heavyweight brigade may be divided into three or more classes, three anyway. First and foremost is Champion Willard. Next comes Fred Fulton. After that may be grouped in one heterogeneous mass the Carl Morriszes, Frank Morans, Gunboat Smiths, Jim Coffeys, Bill Brennans, Bearcat McMahons and the rest of them.

Willard outclasses—providing, of course, he can still get in the shape he was in when he fought Jack Johnson and Moran—Fulton as far as Fulton outclasses Morris, Moran, Smith and the others. In spite of his victory over Morris, which at best was anything but a mastery triumph, but which victory was to determine Willard's next opponent, Fulton does not measure up to the champion's standard. He will have to improve greatly over his past performances before he can be classed or rated a formidable foe.

Yet while Fulton may not be Willard's equal he is superior to the other men in his class. He may not be good enough to determine the championship, but he certainly seems to be the master of any other man that might be named.

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