

SPORTS

San Francisco Receives the Marathon



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, DORANDO, HENRY ST. YVES, JOHN J. HAYES.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—January will see the most important Marathon racing in the history of the west, when Dorando, who is now in San Francisco, meets Johnny Hayes in a special dual race.

Excellent inducements to make the trip were received by Dorando and it is rumored he may meet Henry St. Yves in Portland or Seattle in case of a victory over Hayes. Hayes since

his slump last year has been working faithfully. It is claimed by those who have watched him at work that he is in as good condition as when he won the Olympic Marathon race and a great battle is looked for.

forget something of the great Johnny. If it hadn't been for Archer the plaster would have been tumbling around Murphy's ears in slathers, for not coming to terms with the great backstop. But Archer got away with it and splendidly.

What makes Archer's rise the more remarkable is the fact that he had previously turned back to the minors, by no less a judge than Hughie Jennings of the Detroit Tigers.

Dame Fortune has used Archer hard, but she made him a success. About five years ago Jimmy was an outfielder for Atlanta in the Southern league. He covered ground and fielded well but with the bat Jimmy was a joke. Atlanta tried to peddle him. There was nothing doing. One day Archer was brought in from the outfield and told to catch. "I never caught a game of my life," said Archer. "Try it," was his manager's answer. He did and made good.

Finally he landed in the big leagues as a backstop but was turned back to the Southern outfit. Hughie Jennings looked Archer over. He could catch and he could throw, but he threw



Catcher Archer

flatfooted. Jennings tried to have him take the usual catcher's step, then peg to the bases. But not for Jimmy—he couldn't get the ball to the base that way. Back he went to the Eastern for the season of 1908, to be drafted by the Cubs in the fall. He made good from the start last spring. Chance let him throw naturally, so Archer took to pegging out National league runners while squatting behind the bat. He could throw better this way than standing up, and Chance was satisfied.

Next spring will see Archer looked upon as one of the greatest catchers in the game. Rather different than one year before.

MICHIGAN'S CAPTAIN.



ALBERT BENBROOK.

Ann Arbor, Jan. 29.—Michigan's athletic middle is beginning to clear up. The election of Albert Benbrook practically closed one of the chapters in athletics, history will not be looked back to with pride. Joy Miller, who was to have been captain of the eleven has been displaced by the faculty for his failure to enroll in classes last fall. Benbrook, the captain-elect, was named for all-American honors by Walter Camp last fall and declared to be one of the greatest guards that ever played. He is a junior and his home is in Chicago.

Saved at Deaths Door.

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "It was in a dreadful condition," he writes; "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c at Missoula Drug Co.

for five years. That position has been maintained by this department; ever since the defeat of Tommy Burns by Johnson. Of course all may be wrong and Jeffries may wallop the daylight out of Johnson. But it would be a big surprise if he pulled off anything like that.

Young Corbett could not come back; Terry McGovern failed to come back; so did Jimmy Britt, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Young Griffo, George Dixon and a host of others. Perhaps there is some difference in the makeup of those mentioned when compared with Jeffries. Most of them lived a pretty fast life and the same is not attributed to the man who retired with the championship. Just the same, Jeffries has been out of the ring for five years, during which time he did no active work. Students of athletics who have spent a life time training and conditioning men for athletic events, declare that Jeffries will find his arms pretty heavy when he has them in the air for ten three-minute rounds. His legs, too, they say, will be weary, and he will find it difficult to do the hop and step act quick enough to get away from Johnson's leads. Another point in which trainers declare Jeffries will be found wanting is his wind. The big fellow is expected to be puffing hard after fighting 10 or 15 minutes, especially if Johnson cuts out a fast pace at the start, which he is likely to do, unless he thinks too much of the picture money.

And how about Johnson? Most of those who pick the black to win don't put any argument in his behalf. They pick flaws with Jeffries and let it go at that. They agree that Johnson has done nothing wonderful in the ring and don't give him much credit for whipping Tommy Burns or Ed Martin or Stanley Ketchel. But in the same breath they say he is clever, has a hard wallop, and can stand much punishment. Billy Madden says Johnson is the cleverest heavyweight he has ever seen and that counts for something as Madden nursed Sullivan to the championship, and saw the world's greatest heavyweight in action.

There is one point upon which not a great deal has been said of Johnson, is he game? That is an important topic in connection with pugilists. There is some doubt as to Johnson's gameness. Experts hold that if he does not show any yellow he will go through as a winner. On the other hand 'tis said that if Johnson should be hurt he will be ready to quit. But how about the knock down that he received from Ketchel not long ago. Jack was put down and looked like a gone goose. When he got to his feet, instead of quitting, he walloped with right and left and won his fight when and there.

That Jeffries is a hard hitter is not denied. Ask Sharkey or Fitzsimmons or Rhulin or Corbett. But can he hit as hard today as he did when in his prime? Hardly.

After Jeffries and Johnson have been in active training for a month, and after they have fleeced the public by their acts behind the footlights it may be easier to get some "dope" in the two men and for the present fans will be satisfied to know that each fighter is coining the money and not giving a great deal of attention to the fight scheduled to take place on Independence day.

DEVELOPS INTO A STAR

Chicago, Jan. 29.—One of the most interesting figures in the baseball world today is Jimmy Archer, the star catcher of the Chicago Nationals. Last spring there weren't many fans who would have picked Archer to become recognized as one of the best in the big leagues, being ranked second to George Gibson of the Pirates. But the season of 1909 was Archer's opportunity, with Johnny Kling out of the game and Jimmy took it, catching an article of ball that made Cub followers

Champions of Two Colors



JOHNSON AND JEFFRIES FROM THEIR LATEST PHOTOGRAPHS.

(By Oscar H. Morris.)

When a man has been in the boxing game for 20 years and has turned out champions he is in a position to know something about the men and the game. Billy Madden belongs to that class. Recently the former trainer and manager of John L. Sullivan, when the latter was champion, in a signed article predicted that Jack Johnson would defeat Jim Jeffries when the two clashed on July 4.

To the younger generation in the boxing world Billy Madden's talk may not amount to much, but those who for years have followed pugilism and made a study of it, there is much to think about in the remarks of the old timer.

Of course Madden is not alone in the belief that the colored man will win. There are thousands of others who also believe that Jeffries will be defeated. On the other hand Jeffries, too, has his admirers who do not believe Johnson can whip the big brawler, Jim Corbett is one of them. That brings to mind that the former champion heavyweight who lost the title to Bob Fitzsimmons has seldom picked the winner in a big contest. It appears that pugilists, as a rule, can't pick the

winners in the prize ring better than they can on the race track.

The chances are, however, that if a list of fighters was made up and each asked to pick the winner of the Johnson-Jeffries fight, the colored man would have the largest following. Right here in Milwaukee two weeks ago Battling Nelson expressed the belief that Johnson would beat Jeffries. "I would hate to see it that way," he declared, "but I don't believe Jeffries can come back. No other fighter did." At that time Nelson, for business reasons, didn't care about standing on a house top and shouting his words to the public. But he made the statement to the writer and a party of friends he was entertaining.

Stanley Ketchel is another pugilist who looks for Jeffries to be defeated. Stanley should know something about it because he had a ring argument with Johnson which he will never forget. Joe Gans, in his days, one of the greatest fighters ever produced, is another who says the colored champion will whip Jim Jeffries.

Pugilists, managers and trainers—and they are in a position to know something about it—declare that Jeffries cannot come back after laying off

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