

ALL THE NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD.

JOCKEY O'BRIEN NOT COMING EAST.

UNDER CONTRACT TO FIZER & CO FOR TWO YEARS.

Sevov's Record-Breaking Race Was Another Strange Reversal of Form.

It is now settled that Tommy O'Brien, the best jockey at this track, will not ride in the East next year unless some firm succeeds in purchasing his contract from the firm of Fizer & Co. to whom he is under contract for the next two years.

O'Brien has not been seen in the saddle in over two weeks, owing to an injury he received when Free State fell with him. O'Brien has been anxious to go East, and when the offer was made him he tried to free himself from Fizer on the ground that Fizer broke his contract.

It is said that all O'Brien receives from Fizer is \$100 a month, with \$15 for winning mounts and nothing for losing mounts, while the contract in that it is said, called for a retaining fee of \$10,000, with \$25 for winning mounts and \$15 for losing mounts. O'Brien and Fizer have been at war ever since the offer was made. O'Brien saying that he would quit if Fizer did not let him go. Fizer informed him that under no circumstances would he permit him to depart. As neither owner nor jockey was in the matter, Capt. Hess, the presiding steward here, was named as arbitrator, and the matter was settled yesterday, although it was not given out for publication.

O'Brien's Costly Suspension.

The suspension of O'Brien for his bad ride on Tommorrow on Monday is going to prove rather costly to the rider, for it has just been learned that Starter Fitzgerald had been asked by a stable in the East to watch the boy's work, and if it was satisfactory to sign him. Now that O'Brien is suspended for a bad ride it is not very likely he will be wanted.

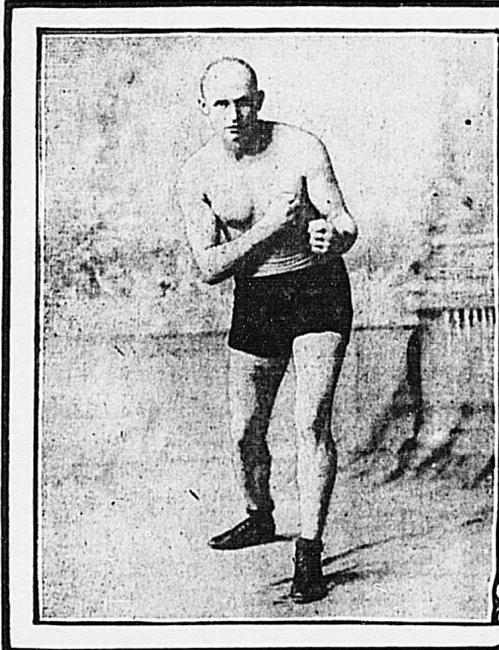
Capt. Hess seems to be inconsistent. At times he allows reversals of form to go unnoticed, and at other times he believes that some one is going to get into trouble. E. Trotter, the trainer of the horse, stands suspended, and the owner of the horse, Steve L'Honnemelle, the well-known plunger, will be called to account, and may find himself under ban by the officials.

Joe Walcott, who did most of the light-weight riding in the East, and who arrived here a few days ago, had his first mounts yesterday. He rode Red Signal in the first race and Maggie Davis in the fourth.

Jockey Club's Dates Pleas.

Senator T. D. Sullivan is expected here to-day from Hot Springs, and it will probably be his first appearance. The Jockey Club did not give any dates for the track on Long Island. The Eastern horsemen who have been coming in the way the dates were distributed, but they cannot understand why Sullivan's track was left out.

YEAR OF 1901 MAKES A RECORD FOR PRIZE RING; FOUR CHAMPIONS WERE SENT DOWN TO DEFEAT.



Terry McGovern, Matty Matthews, Danny Dougherty and "Rube" Ferns Are the Deposed Titleholders.

When the remaining days of 1901 have passed away there are four pugilists who will wish the year was never born. It has been an unfortunate one for them, for the men alluded to were champions of their classes, but were deposed.

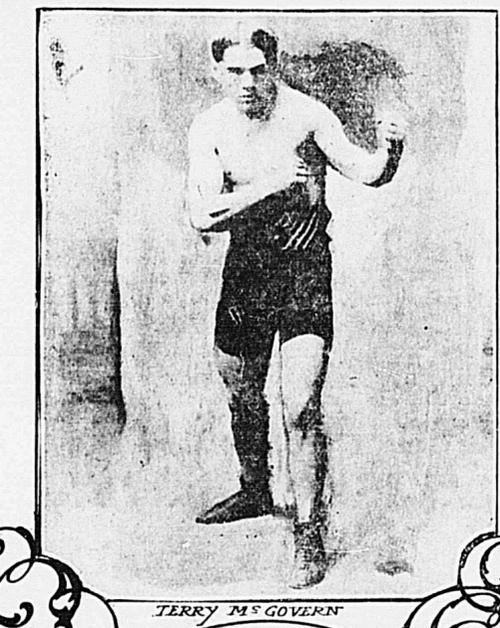
Terry McGovern was one of those. For a period nigh onto two years the little Brooklyn whirlwind held the title of feather-weight champion. He seemed invincible, for in many fights he made his opponents look ridiculous, wanting from them in jig time. But he met his Waterloo, as have other champions in days gone by, and it was a youth from out of the West known by the sobriquet of "Young Corbett" who was his Wellington.

That victory was Terry's greatest surprise. The winner was deposed by 999 out of every 1,000 sporting men. None could see where he even had a chance. But the result told the sad, sad story—and to Terry and his followers.

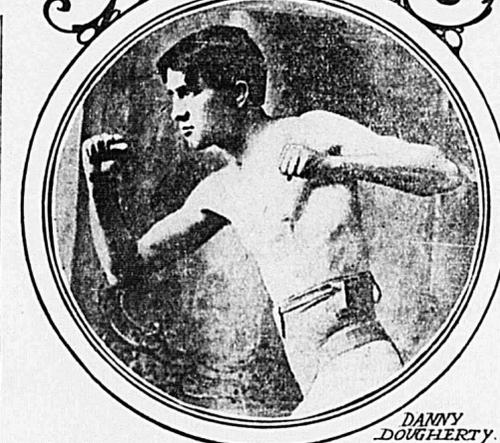
But that is only one of the year's four champions who tasted of the bitter cup of defeat.

MATTHEWS LOST TO FERNS.

Earlier in the year Matty Matthews, the clever New Yorker, coveted the title of welter-weight champion. He fought for it successfully on many occasions, but from out of the West—in Kansas, to be exact—came a man who was thought so little of that he was alluded to as "Rube." Jim Ferns was the man. He worked hard, fought many good men and finally sought

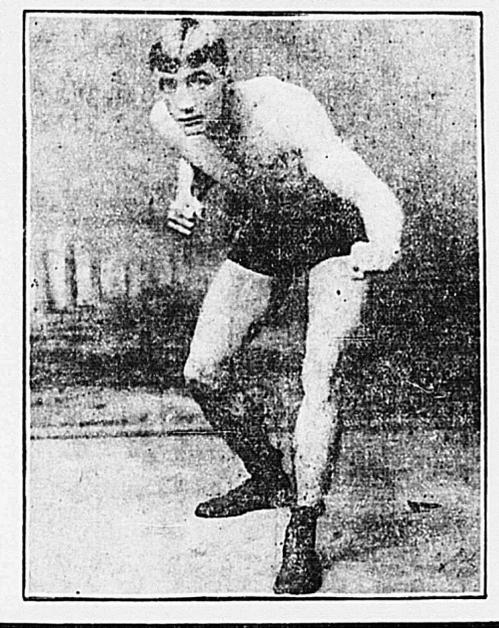


TERRY MCGOVERN



MATTY MATTHEWS

the championship. Matthews, or rather his manager, Johnny Dunn, granted him his desire for a match and the bout was decided. Ten rounds was as



MATTY MATTHEWS

The Brooklyn Whirlwind's Defeat by "Young Corbett" Was the Greatest Surprise of the Year.

long as hostilities lasted, and in that time Matty was laid prone on his back, unostentatiously by a knockout.

FERN'S WATERLOO.

"Rube" Ferns was the champion then, and he defended the title well on a couple of occasions. He was not a world-beater, though, as he had supposed, for he consented to meeting the big, ebony-hued wonder of the prize-ring, Joe Walcott. When the latter wants to fight none in his class can beat him, and when he tackled Ferns he was in his good mood.

That event occurred only about a week ago, and Walcott was returned the victor and holder of the championship after five rounds of fighting. So there are three champions who suffered defeat.

FORBES WON BANTAM TITLE.

The fourth to meet defeat was Danny Dougherty, holder of the bantam-weight title bestowed on him by Terry McGovern. He stacked his prowess against that of Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and after a session of but two rounds was deposed.

So, after all, 1901 is indeed a bad year for champions. The defeat of four is probably a record, and one which is not likely to be equalled in many a day.

Jim Jeffries is the only one who successfully defended his title. Tommy Ryan, the middle-weight champion, and Frank Erne, the light-weight champion, were the only ones who did not fight with their titles at stake. Erne met defeat in one bout—a narrow affair—at the hands of "Rube" Ferns, but he still holds the title for 133 pounds.

It is easy betting that the New Year will be welcomed in by the defeated ones.

BROAD AFTER TERRY MCGOVERN.

EX-CHAMPION HAS HAD FIVE OFFERS TO FIGHT.

Chicago Promoters Are Anxious to Get the Next Battle Between Little Fella.

Despite his defeat by Young Corbett, Terry McGovern appears to be very much in demand. During the past few days McGovern has received no less than five offers to meet lads in his class, including one from the Fort Dearborn Club of Chicago. This organization wants to bring off a six-round contest between McGovern and Kil Broad, to be decided on Jan. 21 of next year. Of course, McGovern has been compelled to decline, as he is now scheduled to box Dave Sullivan on Jan. 30 before the organization hanging up the best inducement.

SHARKEY TRAINING AGAIN.

Thomas Sharkey is losing no time in getting into shape for his coming encounter with Peter Maher at Philadelphia next month. The Sailor is doing his training in the city, and he has started outdoor work by running around Central Park.

HOCKEY SEASON STARTS.

Kennington A. C. Defeated Bedford Team in Brooklyn.

The first hockey match of the intermediate league series was played last night between the Kennington A. C. and the Bedford A. C. teams in the Clermont Avenue rink, Brooklyn. The former team won by three goals to one.

Vardon Not Coming Here.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Harry Vardon, the golf player, denies the report that he intends to make a tour of California and Florida or that he will return to the United States at all.

Golf Secretary Kerr Summoned to Europe.

In consequence of the sudden death of his brother-in-law, Robert Ross Kerr, secretary of the United States Golf Association, has been summoned to Europe.

SULLIVAN SURE HE WILL GET DATES.

If Jockey Club Ignores His Track, Something May Happen in the Legislature.

Tim Sullivan's new race track at Jamaica, Long Island, was not allotted racing dates by the Jockey Club because application was made for them. But still the Jockey Club has come in for a considerable amount of uncompromising comment by racing men for its hasty action in making known the various organizations' racing days. It is considered by many as a very clever excuse to offer in case the new organization should apply later, when the plea could be made that all the time was filled up.

Tim Sullivan said that no application was put in because the improvements on the grounds were not far enough advanced to determine when the club could open to the public. When it was certain that everything would be in readiness, then the club would ask for dates. He did not anticipate any trouble in securing them.

None directly interested in the new club appears in the least concerned in the matter. All assert that in spite of the fact that the Jockey Club has published its list of dates none could be considered final until each racing association in the State had received its license for 1902 from the State Racing Commission.

"You may rest assured," said Senator Timothy D. Sullivan, "that our track will be ready for racing purposes by the first of next April. All the buildings will be up and ready for occupancy, the course itself will be completed, the grand stand and betting ring will be perfectly equipped for the opening of the gates.

"When everything is ready, we will be in a position to apply for dates, and not before. Then the Jockey Club will be asked to make room for us. We do not see why the Washington Jockey Club, which is outside the State and continues holding its New York track, is favored and our club left out in the cold. That is the main point with us. We are here to do business on the same basis as the other New York tracks, and there is no good reason why the Washington track should be favored and our club excluded.

"Eddie Burke, the well-known bookmaker, is another interested in the new racing association, and what he says is very significant, considering 'Big Tim' is a State Senator.

"We don't anticipate any trouble from the Jockey Club stewards," says Burke. "They will probably give us our share of the business. If not, there is a Legislature to appeal to."

"The Metropolitan Jockey Club is a reality, even though its grounds and buildings are not completed yet. When we ask for racing dates we expect to get them. There are seven months allowed by law to race in this State. Each county has to race forty days if they wish, but not more than thirty are utilized. We want some of the spare days and mean to get them."

The resumption of athletic interests in all branches of Pennsylvania is being discussed by the Yale authorities. Capt. Chadwick, of the football team, Capt. Guernsey, of the baseball team, Capt. Hargrave, of the track team, and Capt. Kunkin, of the crew, all say that they would certainly like to see contests arranged with Pennsylvania in their particular branch of sport. Each night in contests were just arranged for the match between Yale, of Hartford, and London, of Worcester, in which London twice beat the Yale team in his companion and rendered him unconscious.

Capt. of Police John J. Worcester, Mass., has issued an order that in future the strange bill would be barred in all wrestling contests taking place in that city. This is the result of the fight between Peter J. Warren, of London, of Worcester, in which London twice beat the Yale team in his companion and rendered him unconscious.

The six-day race will begin on Monday night with twelve teams.

The longing to see the old folks at home came over him, and a few weeks ago he decided to sell out.

The Road to Success is via Sunday World Wants.

MAY KAARLUS DID NOT PLAY BARUTEL RIGHT-HANDED MAN WON THE FIGHT.

FRENCH CUEIST DID NOT LIKE THE CONDITIONS. BOSSERT NOW ONE-ARMED HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION.

Girl's Father Insisted on Selecting the Shots, So the Match Fell Through.

MISS MAY KAARLUS, the girl billiardist, and Louis Barutel, of Paris, did not meet last night in their expected match for \$250 a side at fancy shots at Daly's. Although arrangements had been completed, yet the shots selected by the girl's father did not meet the approval of the Frenchman.

Barutel was anxious to play under what he considered fair conditions, but he did not think it fair that Prof. Kaarlus should select seven of the girl's twenty shots, out of which each could make them right-handed. Prof. Kaarlus refused to concede, under plea that he desired to show what he considered his daughter's great superiority at fancy shots.

BERNARD, Ill., Dec. 25.—The much-talked-of title encounter for the continental championship of the world, between George Bossert and Charley Owens, both of this city, took place here last night in the presence of a large crowd of sporting men, and was won by Bossert, who knocked out Owens in the third round with his deadly right hand.

Considerable money changed hands on the result of the fight. The bout was pulled off in a hastily constructed ring, light being supplied by torches and kerosene lamps.

Ed Geers, who is the most successful feller of the year, won \$50,000 the past season, toward silver heads the tax, with \$15,475, having won six state and two second. The Abbott comes second, with \$10,000, with one second. Lou Derby, with three firsts and a second, won \$11,875, while Shadow Collins won \$9,645, two Dec. 23, 1901, and Walter Kain.

A meeting has been called for next week to complete the organization of a roller polo league of Richmond, Ind. The teams certain to belong are Richmond, Anderson and Muncie. Other teams will probably be Warren, Ellettsport and Nashville. Playing will begin the first week in January.

Coach Stagg of the University of Chicago, has expressed himself as much gratified over the result of his conference with Charles M. Heston, of Michigan, on Saturday, and declared that perfect harmony was now established between the athletic departments of the two universities. Arrangements are now partially completed for numerous athletic events between the two schools during the winter and spring.

Manager P. E. Wurflein and Frank McCullough, of the Trenton American League Baseball team, met with Secretary Reber and President Coward in Philadelphia and effected an amicable settlement. Trenton will continue in the league.

"Rube" Waddell, Chicago's southpaw pitcher, has signed a contract with Manager James M. Ferry, of the Los Angeles team, to pitch three next month's season, beginning the first week next April.

Harvey Parker, of Buffalo, known as the "Little Drummer" in wrestling circles, is meeting all comers on the mat at a theatre in Chicago. A prominent fight manager has taken Parker during the winter and spring.

DE LANCEY NICOLL ON BASEBALL WAR.

Advices Freedman's Party Not to Reply to Spalding's Letter.

Before leaving for a Southern trip on Saturday last A. G. Spalding, who was recently elected President of the National Baseball League, addressed a letter to the clubs forming the league, relating the facts of his election as President and the steps taken to prevent him from acting in that capacity.

De Lancey Nicoll, who is counsel for Andrew Freedman and others associated with him, who obtained the injunction restraining Mr. Spalding from exercising his office, has given out a letter which he addressed to the Boston Baseball Association, Cincinnati Baseball Club, National Exhibition Company and American Baseball and Athletic Exhibition Company of St. Louis. The letter is as follows:

"You have called my attention to a letter received this day by you from Mr. A. G. Spalding, and have asked me what effect, if any, it has upon the present controversy. It seems to me that the letter amounts to a withdrawal on Mr. Spalding's part from the office of President-Secretary-Treasurer of the National League. He informs you that he 'must refuse to act further as President-Secretary-Treasurer of the National League' and goes on to say that it is up to each club to determine whether or not they will accept of his resignation. Mr. Spalding's resignation, in my opinion, may seem best for its own interest. The National League is a club to shift for themselves. Mr. Spalding was never elected President-Secretary-Treasurer of the National League. His pretended election, was entirely without authority. The courts have taken this view of it by issuing the injunction, and Mr. Spalding seems to have come to the same conclusion himself. Every act of a part of the National League by which it undertook to elect a President, director or other officer, in the absence of a majority of that body, was illegal, and any proceeds which they received in office by such authority are open to the charge of embezzlement. It is necessary that you should make any reply to the letter in the affirmative. A few days later he came in court, and by not opposing the injunction, admitted that it was impossible for him to defend his title to the office. Under these circumstances it does not seem to me necessary that you should make any reply to Mr. Spalding's communication of this morning. The status of the National League remains the same as it was before the pretended election of Mr. Spalding as President-Secretary-Treasurer. DE LANCEY NICOLL.

WALTER SPALDING EXPECTED TO-DAY.

J. Walter Spalding, brother of A. G. Spalding, is expected in the city to-day from Chicago. While in the Windy City Spalding had a conference with Ban Johnson, of the American League, presumably on matters connected with the present baseball tangle.

As the plans of Ban Johnson may have an important bearing on the situation, baseball men are interested in what Spalding may have to say.

HOW GOLFERS WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS

GARDEN CITY PLAYERS HAVE CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT.

A Christmas frolic cross-country cup has been presented by Bruce Price for a nine-hole cross-country handicap to be played to-day at the Garden City Golf Club links.

This will be the first event of its nature that has ever been played over the links. A card can be obtained from the superintendent, and special rules will govern.

There will be three holes of between 200 and 300 yards in length, two of between 400 and 500 yards, three of between 600 and 800 yards, and one of a triple over 1,000.

Youngs to Box Gans. Joe Youngs, the Buffalo boxer, is matched to box Joe Gans before the new Washington Sporting Club of Philadelphia on Monday night. They will handicap for the members.

Youngs will prepare for the battle in the club's new gymnasium. The winner of this bout will be pitted against either Joe Walcott or George McFadden.

RYAN NOW SEEKS SHARKEY'S SCALP.

SYRACUSE HANKERS FOR A MATCH WITH THE SAILOR.

Says Tom Would Be Easy for Him and Wishes He Would Answer Quickly.

Tommy Ryan, the middle-weight, who has refused to fight Joe Walcott, is now anxious to tackle Tom Sharkey in the roped arena. Ryan looks upon Sharkey as the easiest kind of a mark for him and is willing to accept any suitable purse that is offered him and the ex-sailor.

In speaking of the matter recently Ryan said: "I would like to fight Sharkey, because I think he is easy for me. I see that Sharkey is after a match with Jim Jeffries. He ought to leave the champion alone. I am surprised that Jeffries even notices him, in view of the fact that he has already whipped him twice. If Sharkey consents to take me on, I feel confident that we will not have much trouble in bringing about a match, as I am contemplating a trip to England next year. I have received an offer to box Kid McCoy and Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, before the National Sporting Club, London, and if I get what I want I would like to have a rather quick clash with Sharkey. Just to show him that I am his master."

The wrestling match for the championship of the world between John Piening, the strong and scientific "butcher boy" wrestler of this city, and Nuchad, the Turk, which is to be decided at the Grand Central Palace on Jan. 2, promises to be a big bottoming affair.

WILL BET \$500 PIENING WINS.

JOHNNY DUNN ASKS ODDS OF 10 TO 8.

Nuchad and "Butcher Boy" Begin Training for Their Wrestling Bout.

Johnny Dunn, manager of Piening, is so confident that his man will upset the Turk and win the contest that he is ready now to bet \$500 on Piening, provided he gets odds of 10 to 8 on his money.

The Turk, on account of his size and great record, will, no doubt, be installed the favorite in the betting. He has an unlimited number of followers who think they are his chances that they intend betting on him.

Both men are working hard and faithfully, and are expected to take charge for the contest, and is also teaching him many new tricks of the trade.

Golfer Peter Blair Going to Tampa.

Peter Blair, professional of the Long Beach Golf Club, is going to Tampa to take charge for the season at the Tampa Bay Golf Club.

Ex-Starter Caldwell Is Ill.

SARATOGA, Dec. 25.—James F. Caldwell, former starter of the Saratoga race track, is seriously ill with sciatica, which has affected him for five weeks.

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