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PLACKE A BABY IN M'COY'S HANDS; OUT IN THE SECOND

"Man Mountain" Landed Just One Blow, and After That Was Completely at the Mercy of the "Kid," Who Administered Terrible Beating.

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PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Although the first blow in the second round knocked out Herr Henri John Joseph Placke, the giant from Holland will carry back to the Old Country some of the respect of the spectators. He was no Mike Morrissey or Con Coughlan. He died game.

Considered as a fight the affair was a farce from start to finish. There was only one moment of real excitement during the three minutes and fifteen seconds that it lasted; that was at the start. Placke came from his corner on the run, lumbered fiercely at McCoy and lunged out with a wild left swing. By some strange freak it happened to land on the side of McCoy's jaw, and the "Kid" staggered back, thrown off his balance.

The giant followed ponderously, and, heaving a huge fist forward, bumped it against McCoy's chest. The "Kid" fell against the ropes and nearly went through them. He looked pale and as nearly rattled as he ever becomes. When he scrambled up it was to back away, with the Hollander in awkward pursuit.

Crowd Gets Excited.

The crowd was on its feet howling advice to McCoy and whooping gleefully at Placke. For a single instant it seemed that beef and strength were to overwhelm skill and cunning. McCoy, sliding quickly away before the lumbering advance of the man mountain, looked like some small frightened wild animal attacked by a hippopotamus. He quickly recovered from his scare, and in the three minutes that followed—cool, sneering, vicious—he took a fearful revenge for the fright that he had endured.

There were four preliminaries, two hotly contested, to usher in the main event. Then came a flood of challenges from Ruhlin; Black Bill, of Merchantville, and a host of others; Charlie Mitchell made a cheerful, muffled speech, and Cripps, of Australia, and Jewey Cook, of England and Africa, bowed and swaggered off.

There was a wait while McCoy and Placke counted the money in the box-office.

Placke Arrived First.

The man mountain came in first. As he wobbled through the ropes the platform shook and the crowd buzzed with comment. Placke's friend, Carl Schurz, of Holland, who came across with him to see the giant whip Jeffries, stood up proudly and described to the men around the Dutchman's corner just how quick and strong and wonderful he was. Placke smilingly nodded his head in confirmation. The giant sat down carefully on the stool in his corner and wrapped himself in his bath robe.

McCoy waited for about ten minutes before he came into the ring. He looked nervous. At last the Kid parted the ropes and walked across the canvas to Placke's corner. The Hollander stood up and grinned down at the Kid.

Placke pulled off his bath robe and left his sloop. "Good-by, Kid," yelled a voice from the gallery and the ring side laughed. The Kid returned to his corner, stood up and shook the ropes, looking across at the giant and sneering spitefully.

Placke Was Nervous.

Placke seemed a little nervous. McCoy was making an impression. Then the men were called to the middle of the ring to take the referee's instructions. McCoy seized the man mountain roughly by the shoulders and pulled him around, illustrating some point about clinches. Placke thought the fight was beginning and tried to wrestle away. When he was sent back to his corner there was a puzzled look on his broad face.

Then the bell rang and the first hippopotamus rush of Placke opened the ball. He evidently thought he was a real fighter, but in a few seconds he and his backer from Holland got a painful surprise. When McCoy recovered from that preliminary scare the butcher started.

The first thing he did was to hook his left fist over spitefully against Placke's chin. He followed that with a smashing left on the Hollander's nose, making the blood spurt out. Placke staggered away, shaking his head with an air that plainly showed he was expecting an apology. McCoy wasn't in an apologetic humor. He followed swiftly and hooked a terrible right across to Placke's chin.

Giant Gets Dizzy.

The giant's legs bent under him and he almost sat down. He waved his extended left arm like a half-paralyzed tentacle and the Kid sneered in his face. Placke swung his right hand and

M'COY NOW CHAMPION OF HOLLAND—WON BY BEATING PLACKE.



HANDICAP HORSES OUT AT THE ISLAND TRACKS

GRAVESEND, April 6.—The Gravesend course was sunlit in every direction this morning. The track was fast and many races were sent to the wire. As Owner Mattie Corbett was present Trainer Jack Odom sent several of his string to good workouts. Dazzling, the Metropolitan candidate from this stable, was allowed a half mile in 0:53 on the bit all the way. Dabman, Hurst Park and Coppell, going in Indian file, reeled off four furlongs in 0:53-1/2. Out of Reach was sent a half in 0:56 handily. Trainer Smith had Counterpoise, Bob Murphy and John F. going together five furlongs in 1:11. Cochrane's Sonoma Belle breezed seven-eighths in 1:37-1/2. Wotan, of the Hampton Stable's string, was sent the distance in 1:35. Trouville worked three-quarters in 1:22. Auf Weidersehn stepped a half in 0:52-1/2. The McGuinness pair, Auto Hood and Black Cat, went a four-furlong breather in 0:51-1/2. Jack Ross and Two Step worked the distance in 0:53, and Monet and Brooklyne galloped three-quarters in 1:20. Trainer Graves had Mamie Worth and Ella Snyder, going together, step a neat five furlongs in 1:06. Along about 10 o'clock Trainer Dick Miller ushered Africander, of the Hampton Stable's string, to the course, and, after a preliminary gallop twice around the track, he was sent a half-mile gallop in 0:53. Trainer Burlow had Beldame and Hello work together five-eighths in 1:06. Charlie Elwood, of this string, reeled off three-quarters in 1:19-1/2. The fastest of this race has been asked to go this season. Astarita breezed the six-furlong route in 1:20-1/2.

M'COY AND JACK O'BRIEN TO FIGHT IN 'FRISCO

"Kid" McCoy, who made such short work of Placke, the Holland heavy-weight champion, last night, is practically matched to fight Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in a twenty-round bout in San Francisco some time in July for the middle-weight championship of the world. Matchmaker Coffroth, of the Yosemite A. C. of 'Frisco, has been anxious for some time to bring these two clever men together, and has practically succeeded.

"JEFF" LEAVES FOR COAST TO-MORROW

Jim Jeffries, who had intended to leave to-day for San Francisco to get into shape for his championship battle with Jack Munroe, the Butte miner, before the Yosemite A. C. on May 30, has postponed his departure until to-morrow. The big champion was unable to complete his arrangements in time for his departure to-day, and as a result is compelled to wait until to-morrow before leaving town.

ST. LOUIS COLLEGE TEAM.

The St. Louis College Baseball Club will have one of the strongest semi-professional baseball teams this year. It was found in Greater New York. It has been greatly strengthened by the addition of several minor league players and Manager Walsh is now arranging his schedule with semi-professional teams.

CRIPPS MATCHED TO FIGHT WILLIAMS

Sam Fitzpatrick announced yesterday that he had made a match for Arthur Cripps, the middleweight champion of Australia, who arrived in this country from England a few weeks ago. Cripps has signed to meet Jack Williams at Philadelphia in a six-round bout next Friday night. This was the first appearance in the ring in America, and if he comes up to the mark in point of skill he has shown in his private bouts while training he will make an impression. If Cripps whips Williams by the way is a good man. Sam will try and pit him against Tommy Ryan or Jack O'Brien.

SURE TO RUN THE AMERICAN DERBY

CHICAGO, April 6.—"The American Derby will surely be run. The quarrel over dates does not affect us." This statement was made to-day by Lawrence A. Young, President of the Washington Park Jockey Club. The sentiment among the Western Jockey Club leaders was that the prospects of a turf war coming from Worth Jockey Club sources were slight and not to be feared. The Pacific Coast Jockey Club formed an obstacle which cut short all possible combinations to combat the local organization.

ATHLETE IS HURT IN ARMORY GAMES

Crowding on the backstretch during one of the heats of the 600-yard run for novices at the games of Company D, of the Eighth Regiment, at the armory last night resulted in painful injuries to one of the contestants. Five runners fell. Charles C. Warrall, of Temple Forum, was the first to be thrown, and others fell on top of him. Warrall's head struck the floor, rendering him unconscious. He soon recovered, but was found to be badly bruised about the head.

DINEEN SIGNS WITH BOSTON AMERICANS

BOSTON, Mass., April 6.—Manager Jimmy Collins, of the champion Boston American League team, to-day signed Pitcher Billy Dineen to a contract for this season. Dineen held out for more money than he received last year. After a long consultation between Collins and Dineen the big twirler was granted an increase.

222'S BIG GAMES.

The Twenty-second Regiment Athletic Association's annual spring games will be held at the Armory, Sixty-eighth street and Broadway, on April 18. A long list of events has been arranged, divided into three classes. For members of the regiment, for members of the Military Athletic League and for scholars enrolled in the Public Schools Athletic League. There are a number of special events that are sure to make interesting contests. Entries close to-morrow with Sergeants Phil A. Sayles, Company I; Melville J. Wheeler, Company A, or G. G. Hollander, Company K, at the armory.

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FIGHT HAS BEGUN ON GAMBLING AT BENNING'S

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The first gun was fired yesterday on the Benning racetrack in the papers were served on the officials of the association to compel the ending of "race-track gambling." The International Bureau of Reform has instigated the movement, and its intention is to suppress betting on the racetrack or in pool-rooms. Two warrants to to-day several of the Washington Jockey Club officials will be called before the local courts to make answer to charges preferred by the District-Attorney. The litigation will extend through the best part of the summer, as both the racetrack interests and the reformers are bent upon making a determined stand. Yesterday the Department of Justice instructed District-Attorney Beane to proceed against the Washington Jockey Club at once, which accounts for the sudden action on the part of that officer of the law.

MUNROE'S MANAGER WON'T HAVE GRANEY

A. C. of San Francisco, selects Eddie Graneay as the referee of the Jeffries-Munroe championship fight the bout between the 'big fellows' will be declared off. Munroe's manager has announced that he would not accept Graneay as the referee of the bout owing to the decision the latter gave in the recent battle between "Young Corbett" and Britt. Another change has been made in the date of the fight. Instead of May 30, as originally proposed, it will be held on June 1.

BENNING'S ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, BENNING, April 6. —The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows: First Race—Selling, for three-year-olds and up; seven furlongs. Pretorius, 102 Bar Le Duc, 100-100, 97. Princelot, 102 Tol San, 100-80. Second Race—For two-year-olds; one-half mile. Flyback, 110 Allen Avon, 110-112. Modredlaw, 115. Third Race—For the entries for which will close at 6 o'clock to-night. Fourth Race—Selling, for three-year-olds and up; five furlongs. Ascension, 112 Elsie L., 100-100. Little Aisle, 106. Fifth Race—Selling, for four-year-olds and up; five and one-half furlongs. Springbrook, 102 Andrius, 104-104. Calgary, 104 Typhon, 107-107. Hillarity, 104 Monte Carlo, 102-102. Danville, 106. Sixth Race—Selling, for three-year-olds and up; one mile and 40 yards. McWilliams, 110 Lily Brock, 110-110. Benette McCarthy, 107 Briarrose, 105-105. Punctual, 107 Attie, 100-100.

TRAVIS MAKES NEW RECORD FOR GOLF

PINEHURST, N. C., April 6.—Walter J. Travis, playing in a best-ball four-some yesterday, completed the course himself in the brilliant figure of 69. This is two strokes better than the best previous record of Mr. Travis, and is a record for the club. Travis and his partners, Mr. C. B. Corey, of Boston, and their opponents were the two professionals, Bernard Nichols and "Jack" Hobbs.

CORBETT GOING ABROAD.

"Young Corbett" and his manager will leave this country next week for England to attend the wrestling match between Tom Jenkins and Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion." The men are to meet for a purse of \$5,000.

RUHLIN-JEFFORDS GO TO-NIGHT WILL BE FAST

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Gus Ruhlin and Jim Jeffords fight to-night in the National A. C. In their last meeting, a couple of weeks ago, Jeffords gave Ruhlin a bad beating, landing a knockdown blow on his chin early in the fight from which he did not recover until the six rounds were nearly over. Ruhlin will try to patch up his reputation by knocking Jeffords out. The "Angels' Camp" fighter is filled with confidence after his victory over the Akron Giant. If he succeeds in beating him again it will be the end of Ruhlin as a star among the heavyweights, for Jeffords at the best is a third-rater.

SUNDAY WORLD WANTS WORK MONDAY WONDERS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—The Giants play their final exhibition game in the South to-day with the local Southern League team, and leave for the great metropolis to-night to meet the Philadelphia Athletics. If nothing happens to delay them on their trip back to the real Broadway town they will land home Friday morning. Up to date they have played thirteen games in the South, and have won all of them easily. In two of these contests they had but one run to spare in the final score, but on both occasions the side was not retired in the final effort when the winning run was scored. At no time have the Giants apparently taken the enemy seriously for the full nine innings of their Southern tour. For five innings yesterday's game checked up like a mid-season big league contest, but the sixth inning was a mere formality. The most ardent local fans feel that McGraw and his disciples were only toying with them. Southpaw Wittee didn't want to work because he has been suffering with ulcers sore throat for several days. McGraw told him to go in and take things easy, and he agreed to have some one run for him on the bases if he made a safe hit at last, so as to give him a complete rest between the acts. Wittee kept him busy on this proposition. The first time he came to bat he singled, and Dunn went to first to run for him. In the sixth inning, when the Giants scored seven runs, he singled, and this time McGraw ran for him. Thirteen men went to bat in the ninth, and McGraw again ran for him. The big lanky southpaw ran for him. The big lanky southpaw figured in the score. The youngsters struck out six batters in the six innings he pitched, and he fielded his position better than his share of the game. The pitcher's record by any of the pitching staff.

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