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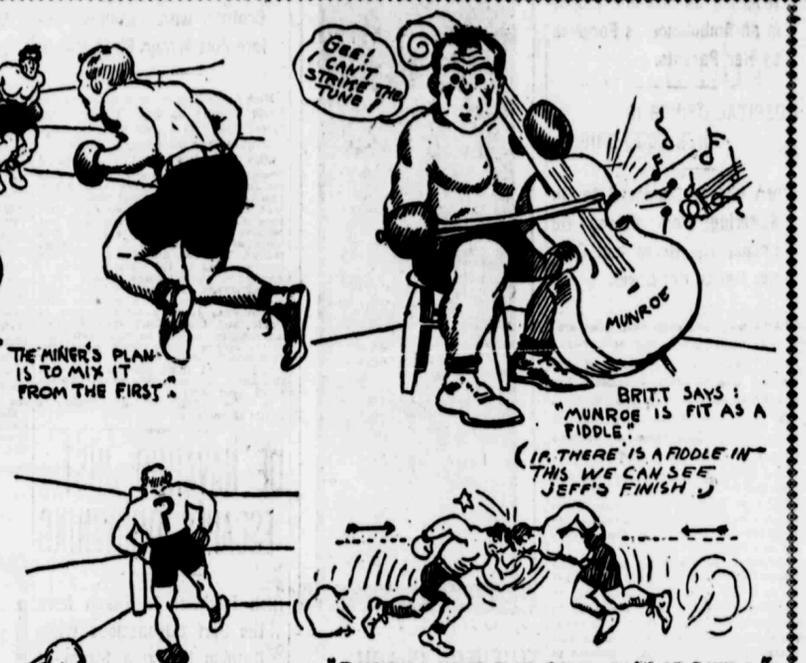
BRITT SIZES UP BIG FIGHTERS.

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CHAMPION JIMMY BRITT SIZING UP MINER MUNROE'S CHANCES WITH JEFFRIES



JEFF PICKED TO WIN BY CHAMPION BRITT

"Young Corbett's" Conqueror Thinks It Will Take the Boilermaker Ten Rounds to Get the Miner's Measure.

BY JIMMY BRITT,

Champion Feather-Weight of the World. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—With the big championship battle less than a week away, the entire sporting world is asking, not the usual question as to who will be victor, Jeff or Munroe, but "Has Munroe a chance to win?"

Most every one you meet here seems to think that Jeff is a copper-colored cinder, and it is a rare thing to meet any one who will venture to say that the unexpected will happen, and that on Friday evening instead of one James Jeffries there will reign as champion of all pugdom one Jack Munroe, erstwhile miner.

To me it looks as though the miner is handicapped too much at the start to win, but I feel that Jack Munroe will give the champion the hardest fight in his career. From the way they will fight a short battle is probable, but it will be a hard, determined fight as long as Munroe lasts.

I saw Munroe win the heavy-weight amateur championship here in the Olympic Club tournament several years ago, and have watched him day after day at his training quarters at the beach preparing for his coming fight.

He is to-day as hardy and well-developed an athlete as can be found in the country, and in every way fit to battle for a championship.

Munroe's improvement in speed, defensive work and accuracy in

MUNROE'S GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

placing his punches has been nothing short of wonderful, and added to this his firm belief that he not only has a chance, but a good one at that. This conviction of his ability to cope successfully with the champion will carry Munroe a long way in the coming battle, and in summing up his chances all this should be considered. Munroe's confidence and his reasons for it are best told in his own words to me to-day:

"Over a year ago I boxed Jeff in Butte, and while I did not punish him any extent, still I took all he could give me and came back for more. At that time I had not pulled on a glove in two years, and was comparatively green in the fine points of the game. While Jeff probably was not in his best form, neither was I, so in that respect we were even.

"If a year ago I could stand him off, I feel that with my improvement in condition, experience and general fighting knowledge I cannot only hold my own at all times, but will be able to give him as good as he sends, and perhaps a little better.

"Shaykey, who was a lighter man than I, stood him off for twenty-five rounds, and I feel that in my present form I could have stopped Tom in half that number on the best day Shaykey ever saw.

"Just say for me," continued Munroe, "that win or lose the public will have to admit that I gave the champion all he could attend to."

Now, when a fighter enters the ring with this spirit, he is always a hard man to beat, and will never be defeated until the fatal ten is counted. From now on Jack will taper off in his work, and under the watchful eye of McCoy and McGrath will enter the ring as fit as the proverbial fiddle. This time is now taken up with only such work as will tend to improve his speed and plenty of secret glove work with the wily McCoy kid.

MINER IN GREAT SHAPE.

After these sessions Jack seems more assured of success, and now goes about his work as only one who enjoys it can. His smiling good humor speaks volumes for his condition.

Summed up briefly, the Jeff-Munroe fight will be a slugging match from the going until the finish. Both men have mapped out the same plan of battle beforehand, and some one will necessarily be disappointed.

Munroe's plan is to mix it from the first, and Jeff will have the novel experience of having the pace cut out for him. Other ways have failed to beat Jeff, and most likely this plan will too, but then it will be a novelty, and sometimes novelties succeed.

To a man up a tree it looks as though Jeff must win, and all things considered he should win, but do not lose sight of the fact that he will be compelled to fight some, and win or lose, Jack Munroe, the miner, will be in the fight every second of it.

Most of the sporting element here look for Jeff to win inside of five rounds, but personally I do not look for him to win until at least half of the, and I opine that it will be well worth the price of admission. Both the allotted twenty rounds have been fought. Friday night will tell the men are physically perfect, and one or the other will accept defeat gracefully, and can offer no other excuse save that he met a better man.

The question of the referee has been decided, and Eddie Granby will officiate, much to the satisfaction of local sports, as they feel that he will discharge his duties honestly and fearlessly.

22-ROUND FIGHT ENDS IN DRAW

Bout Between Charlie Hoffman and "Young" Gardner Was Stopped When It Was Announced Police Were Coming.

Charlie Hoffman, the Canadian bantamweight and "Young" Gardner, of this city, fought a twenty-two-round draw in private last night. The bout was pulled off on the lower east side and was attended by about two hundred spectators.

The fight was to have been to a finish, but was stopped in the twenty-second round by the proprietor of the concert hall in which it was held, owing to a tip he received that the police were coming, having been apprised of the affair.

The spectators and principals got away safely before the arrival of the police, who found the place empty.

The fight was a good one, Gardner having it all his own way up to the nineteenth round, when the Canadian made a sport and was in the running when it was stopped. Owing to the reference the referee declared it a draw, much to the disgust of the spectators, who were of the opinion that Gardner should have been given the decision.

LIVELY PLAY ON HANDBALL COURTS

Lively play made several very interesting contests in the handball courts yesterday, although the great heat was somewhat of a handicap. Several new challenges were made and others accepted.

Arrangements are being made for a tournament, to be held at the Central Court, Fifty-ninth street and Third avenue, Sunday, Sept. 4, entries closing with Proprietor Cruick, Sept. 1. Gold and silver prizes will be given the winners.

John F. Maddock, of the Central Court, has challenged W. Gallagher, of Murphy's One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Court, or any member of the Police Department, and offers a side bet.

Games yesterday resulted as follows: Central Handball Court. J. T. Maddock..... 21 19 20 J. Cruick..... 9 21 20 P. Durkin and R. Gill..... 21 18 21 P. Lavelle and B. Nolan..... 19 21 15 F. Walker and P. Muller..... 21 17 21 P. C. and L. Nolan..... 21 21 12 M. Poy and J. King..... 21 19 21 J. Shanley and J. Johnston..... 15 21 11

Trotters at Parkway. Parkway Driving Club officials have arranged for an open meeting to be held on the Parkway course, Long Island, during the last week of September and following the Long Island circuit, which begins with the Suffolk County races at Riverhead, Sept. 12, and follows at Mineola. There will be three races each day, with 500 purses. Ten club members will provide a fund to guarantee the organization against financial loss, although it is expected that the meeting will prove a success.

Baseball To-Day. P. H. American League Park. N. Y. American at Chicago. 4-

MUNROE HAS GOOD CHANCE, SAYS M'COY

Declares that Even if the Miner is Defeated He Some Day Will Be the Champion Heavy-Weight.

(Special to the Evening World.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Kid McCoy is of the opinion that Jack Munroe will be champion heavy-weight boxer of the world. The astute Indiana boxer made this statement before a bunch of boxing devotees, and backs it up in this manner:

"Jeffries will soon have to take to the tail brush, because his increasing weight will force him there. When last I saw Jeff he looked like a mountain, and I know from experience that a man cannot continually take off flesh without losing his stamina. I do not know how much Jeff weighs at this time, but I'll wager he will not go into the ring weighing less than 200 pounds.

Munroe is Courageous. "I think Munroe will be champion for many reasons. First, and most important of all, is that he possesses true grit. I saw him in his battle with Sharkey, and it satisfied me he was courageous. I hit him as hard as I know how, and he has always come back for more. Secondly, he has a cool head and will listen to advice. If Jeffries makes any mistake Munroe will be there to 'cop' him. Munroe is a big, strong fellow.

"Jeff will not have an easy time with the miner. Munroe has learned how to block, and he will stop every left hook that Jeffries lets fly. Munroe is young and willing to learn. He has the proper material in him to be a champion, and even if Jeff beats him this will not stop him, for he will continue to improve. Jack will never be able to beat Munroe in five or ten rounds. Munroe will not run away from Jeff, as he is not afraid of him. He has tasted Jeff's punishment and knows that he can assimilate lots of it. That is why I think Munroe has a good chance to win, and that is why he will some day be champion."

Fighters Take It Easy. Munroe and Jeffries took things easy yesterday. Both had light road work in the morning, and idled away the afternoon entertaining friends. Jeff is now in Oakland, and will put in some heavy work at the Reliance Club. He was forced to come away from Harbin because of the intense heat. Munroe will box for the last time to-morrow.

Kid McCoy will put the miner through his paces and watch him spar with last man. Jack will then ease up in training as he is already in the pink of condition. The sale of seats opened Saturday, and hundreds were sold. The indication is the heavy-weight title will fall before a big house. The betting will be chiefly on rounds. Jeff is a 2-to-1 favorite. Munroe has many backers who believe he will stay a dozen rounds with the boilermaker.

DEVLIN FIRST HOME IN MILE HANDICAP

Members of the Mohawk A. C. and Mott Haven A. C. held their thirty-seventh annual meeting at Lincoln avenue yesterday. F. P. Devlin, of the Mott Haven A. C., who will represent his club in the Marathon twenty-five mile run at St. Louis next week, was a popular winner in the one-mile handicap, after a hard fight with J. J. Donovan, who gave Devlin twenty yards start in the event. Devlin won by a yard.

The summaries: Fifty Yard Dash, handicap—Won by George Kline, 41 seconds; C. A. Connor, 43 feet; second, William C. Kelly, 47 feet; third, Time—5 1-2 seconds. Putting 12-pound shot, handicap—Won by P. Faikie, (scratch), with an actual top of 39 feet 6 inches; F. Liphinger (1 foot 3 inches), second, with an actual top of 37 feet 2 inches; M. McDonald (3 feet 5 inches), third, with an actual top of 35 feet 6 inches.

220-Yard Dash, Novice—Won by J. Schacht, 5:15 seconds; E. Kirchner, third, Time—2:30 seconds. 100-Yard Low Hurdle, Handicap—Won by J. Oberhaus (8 yards); J. Cleary (3 yards), second; C. Hazard (1 yard), third, Time—1:25 seconds.

600-Yard Run, Handicap—Won by H. P. O'Neil (20 yards); F. P. Devlin (18 yards), second; J. Donovan (12 yards), third, Time—1:15 seconds. Running High Step and Jump, Handicap—Won by J. Donovan (4 feet), with an actual top of 37 feet 14 inches; E. Kirchner (2 feet 6 inches), second, with an actual top of 35 feet 8 inches; J. Cleary (2 feet), third, with an actual top of 34 feet 3 inches.

One-Mile Run, Handicap—Won by F. Devlin (68 yards); J. O'Neil (52 yards), second; J. Cleary (36 yards), third, Time—4:15 seconds.

Water Sports at Arverne. New York and Brooklyn athletes and swimmers carried off the honors at the all-around carnival of sports held at Arverne yesterday. The 100-yard swimming race was an easy victory for George M. Daniels, of the New York A. C., national champion and record holder, who outclassed all competitors.

KRAMER WINS BY TEAM WORK

Paced by the "Boy Wonder," He Captures the Half-Mile Handicap on the Vailsburg Board Track.

Team work was supposed to be barred from all races held at the Vailsburg board track yesterday, but in nearly every event there was more or less of it in evidence.

In the final of the half-mile handicap, professional, Kramer and Fenn qualified in their respective heats, the champion on scratch, while the "boy wonder" had an allowance of ten yards. Kramer quickly overtook Fenn at the start of the last heat and clung to his rear wheel. Fenn paced him around the field to the front. In the homestretch Kramer came out and was first at the tape. Fenn, McFarland and Cadwell following in the order named.

The most flagrant piece of team work was in the unknown-distance race for the amateurs.

The distance of this race was determined by the drawing of one out of a score of envelopes containing different distances after the field had started. The pistol was fired on the last lap, no one in the race being aware of when it was to be fired.

The slip drawn stated three and one-half miles. At three miles the Californians, Downing and Limberg, worked out to the front, and when the pistol was fired on the last lap Downing, with Limberg clinging close to his wheel, set a terrific pace. By mere good fortune Oscar Goerke caught on to the combination, and as they swung into the homestretch beat out Downing for second place. Limberg won the race.

The summaries: One-Half Mile Novice—East Orange (scratch); W. S. Fenn, Waterbury (10 yards); M. T. McFarland, third, Time, 5:15. One-Mile Handicap (Amateur)—Won by Clinton E. Ayres, Newark (140 yards); M. T. McFarland, second, Time, 5:15. Unknown Distance Race—Won by Tom Butler, John Devlin, second; Floyd Krueh, third, Time, 21:25.

MANAGER KELLEY CUTS OUT UMPIRES

CINCINNATI AUG. 22.—"In the future I shall not speak to an umpire on or off the field, and I shall instruct my players to follow the same plan," said Manager Joe Kelley, after a conference with President Harriman, in which the reports of umpires who have had trouble with the Reds were gone over and instances discovered where the honorable field marshals had allowed their imaginations to do business to the detriment of the playing strength and reputation of the Cincinnati team.

"A player has no show with an umpire," continued Kelley, "and for that reason absolute ignoring of the man that handles the indicator is the only thing that is left open for him. While I have decided to have nothing more to do with umpires in any way, I will not retire from the position. I have always taken—that umpires are as prone to exaggerate things as are players.

"I still maintain that the Cincinnati team has been grossly discriminated against by the members of Mr. Pulliam's staff. I still believe that I am the victim of a conspiracy."

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ASPIRANT WINS THE MOST RACES

The Hanan Sloop Victorious in Ten Events During the Cruise of the New York Yacht Club.

The Aspirant, belonging to H. W. and A. G. Hannan, is the most successful boat in the matter of winning prizes on the cruise of the N. Y. C. C. This fact has just been made public, most of the important competing yachts having been measured to establish their time allowance.

The Aspirant captured the Astor Cup, the Commodore's Cup for winning the most squadron runs on corrected time; the Naval Alumni Association Cup, Commodore Bourne's Cup for the run from New London to Newport; Rear-Commodore Vanderbilt's Cup for the run from Vineyard Haven to Newport, and five squadron runs in her class. She is a small boat, being only 40 feet on the water line, and consequently got time from most of the boats that raced. She was well handled, and except when it blew hard was always well within her time at the finish.

Arthur P. Luke's schooner Corona took the Astor Cup; the Vice-Commodore's Cup that was offered for the boat that finished first in most races without time allowance; Rear-Commodore Vanderbilt's Cup for schooners and four squadron runs in her class. One of these runs is protested, however.

John M. Richmond's little schooner Valmore won twice in the small class of schooners, and in addition to the cup prizes won Commodore Bourne's cup for an corrected time and the Naval Alumni Association Cup.

Vice-Commodore Walter's Cup for the sloop or yawl finishing first in the most runs was captured by W. Gould Brokaw's yawl Syrtaris. She had no competitor in her class, and was only racing for the special prizes. She is a fine boat, but needs a good breeze to make her sail fast. In ordinary weather the seventy and sixty footers hold her safe, and can sometimes beat her boat for boat.

The Navy challenge cups were won by the schooner Loyal and the sloop Neola.

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Tommy Murphy, who fights Frankie Neil for the championship of the world at 120 pounds for six rounds, before the National A. C., on Aug. 31, is fast getting in shape, under the eyes of Johnny Oliver, his manager; Casper Leon, the ex-bantam champion, and Paty Biederick, the feather-weight.

Three hundred members of the New Polo A. A. have chartered a special train, which will leave New York at 7 o'clock arriving in Philadelphia at 8, returning immediately after the fight.

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