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SAYERS-HOSEY FIGHT GIVES NEW START TO GAME

National Club Crowded With Old-Time Fight Fans Who Saw the Lad From Milwaukee Easily Best 'Willie' of Albany.



R. Edgren's COLUMN

At the end of the eight-round fight between Willie Hosey, of Albany, and Maurice Sayers, of Milwaukee, held last night in the opening show of Tom O'Rourke's National Sporting Club, Referee Johnny White dropped his hand lightly on Sayers's shoulder.

No decisions are given in New York boxing bouts. Perhaps Johnny White didn't mean to announce Sayers as the winner. But it was Sayers's fight. He was too clever for the boy from the lawmaking district. Just too clever—that's all. As a fight this affair lacked the thrilling interest of the old Horton law days. The two boys tapped and blocked and fiddled, but neither managed to do much damage.

It was a regular Horton law crowd that filed into the National Club early in the evening—just as it was a Horton law crowd in everything but size. There were some three or four hundred members present when the first gong rang—bona fide members who had joined the club in advance and paid their \$10 monthly dues.

An old follower of the game might have picked out scores of old-timers who came to see the veteran manager, Tom O'Rourke, make his law start in the fast game. Diamond Jim Brady sat near the ring. And in the next row was ex-Sheriff Butting of Brooklyn, an old fight fan.

'Gene Wood, Teddy Marks, with his famous wide-winged collar and his silk hat (only one in the house), sat on a raised platform. Foxall Keene, John W. Gates, Davy Johnson, Floren Ziegfeld, Fred Walter, Jesse and Oscar Lewissohn, George Considine, Billy Burke, Sam Schiff, Peter Whitnew and scores of others who had seen Johnny White officiate in a ring before.

It was a fine, orderly crowd. No cheering was allowed. And even the seconds, who usually annoy every spectator within hearing of the ring by their vociferous coaching, were cautioned by White and told that if they made a sound they would be thrown out of the building. If O'Rourke does nothing else for the boxing game in New York, this new rule restricting noisy seconds will make him popular with the fight fans.

There were five good preliminaries before the main event came on. Then Hosey, in white trunks, and Sayers, in green, clambered through the ropes and took seats in corners of the ring. Without any fuss or delay the men were prepared, and the first bell rang. Behind the fighters the crowd was all eyes, which were close to one side of the ring. Both of the boys shaped up well. Hosey looked heavier, and he was the stronger man. For nearly a round they fought in a foot-fight, with Sayers leading with a left, though Sayers fairly on the jaw and threw him up against the ropes. The Milwaukee boy was badly dazed and very weak, but he came back gamely and fought at close quarters until the bell rang.

Then came several rounds without much action. Sayers was cautious and carefully blocked everything. His arms were weak. He didn't seem to be able to hit a blow. He had one trick. He led lightly with his left and then threw the first across in the same track. But there wasn't a steam raised in his punches. Sayers couldn't hurt Hosey.

The Albany lad was willing enough, but the blows he could land were few and far between. Toward the end of the fight Sayers punched oftener, and landed many good, hard smashes in Hosey's midriff. They mixed continually, but the Milwaukee boy was the damage done, and both were fresh when the bell rang for the end of the eighth round.

ALL THE OLD HORTON LAW SPORTS WERE AT O'ROURKE'S OPENING SHOW



DIAMOND JIM BRADY LOOKED LIKE A LIGHTHOUSE. MANTELL DEFEATS EDDIE HANEY. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 2—Eddie Haney, of this city, who was substituted for Terry Martin on account of the latter's illness, lost to Frank Mantell last night in the wind-up at the Spring Garden A. C. Mantell was the aggressor all through the bout and had Haney nearly out in the third round when he sent him to the floor with a short right swing to the jaw. Haney managed to stay the limit.

HERE'S THE FORM OF ALL THE HORSES IN TO-MORROW'S RACES AT BENNING'S

Past Races, Latest Training Gallops, All Recorded Here.

Here is the form complete of all the horses entered to run to-morrow at Benning's. This is the latest racing feature. It gives at a glance a good idea of the fitness of every horse and should be invaluable to those desiring to pick winners.

Table listing horse names, owners, and race details for Benning's races.

Table listing horse names, owners, and race details for various other races.

Table listing horse names, owners, and race details for New Orleans entries.

CHASE WIRES GRIFFITH HE'LL JOIN TEAM

Without Chase the entire club felt shaky. The players were not confident. One of the wheels to the machine had gone. Everybody was blue and without hopes of final success.

The news of Chase's change of mind came upon the camp without warning and the doors leading into the hotel so as to be the first to break it to their comrades. It was a joyful occasion all around and for the first time in two weeks Griffith's face broke into radiant smiles at the least provocation.

Yes, it was a great opportunity of making myself famous, said Mory, but you know a creepy feeling kind sneaks up a young player's spine when he thinks about getting up on Washington Heights and trying to fill the chase's shoes before a crowd of 10,000.

All of this came through a little yellow slip of paper which bore these words: "Clark Griffith, Manager New York Ball Club, Atlanta, Ga. Am sick; will be unable to start for two or three days. Hal Chase."

Walls at first glanced that didn't mean anything, but he soon recognized that the haggard over-terms had been dropped. It meant that Hal Chase would be with the Hilllanders to play first base in the opening game of the season, to be played at Washington on April 11.

EVENING WORLD'S SYSTEM GIVES FORM AT A GLANCE.

The Evening World inaugurates a form system that should be invaluable to racegoers. Each day, in conjunction with the entries, the form of every starter will be printed.

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