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OH, LOOK WHO'S HERE! GIANTS AND HILLTOPPERS

New York Ball Teams Gladden Hearts of Followers with Games at Polo Grounds and Jersey City.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

THE last of the wayward ball players wandered into New York today when the Giants, twenty-two strong, disembarked from a ferryboat and came in to claim their own.

Fans will have their first opportunity to see the Giants this afternoon, and they will have a double-barrelled shot at it at that.

Many of the Giants have come on ahead of the team on account of the game at Toledo being postponed, while the others were at Columbus hammering away at the minor leaguers.

Giants Full of Confidence. A pleasing indication of the absolute confidence each one of the players expresses in regard to the team's ability to win.

"I never saw a crowd of fellows in better condition," said Leggett, as I talked to him at Princeton yesterday while waiting in the rain for a train.

"Mathewson will have the crowning year of his career. He is in perfect condition for a long season and he has been extremely careful during the practice season not to exert himself in time of danger."

Trainer Leggett says that he has found a decided difference in the handling of professional athletes and college boys. "As a matter of fact," commented the new trainer, "the professional ball player takes care of himself. He knows what is best for him, and he knows that he has to shoulder the responsibility in case of accidents—that accidents or ill health that he is to blame for himself. These college athletes have to be watched much closer as they are young, and naturally full of mischief and funmaking."

Are Clouting Ball Hard. Bresnahan and Donlin both believe that the Giants stand an excellent chance of beating the Cubs out of first place.

"There is no doubting the fact," they say, "that the Giants are hitting 50 per cent. stronger than they have in the past two years. We have a number of men now who can hit left-handers as easily as they can right-handers, and you know that counts for a lot."

Though the Highlanders were the first of the teams to arrive, the Giants will have an opportunity to show the New York public their strong points first.

The Highlanders will not play in New York until Monday, and there seems to be some doubt as to whether they will play a game to which the public will be admitted.

Hilltoppers Look Good. I met the Hilltoppers at Princeton yesterday and they are looking very well indeed. They are a likely looking lot.

Scullers Prepare for First Real Practice on Open Water. EARLY indications broken the hard-earned kind of a race this year between the college crews in the intercollegiate regatta on the Hudson near Poughkeepsie.

The Nassau will have an eight and seven crew and the Columbia will have a nine and eight crew.

RUCKER TO PITCH IN OPENING GAME. (Special to The Evening World.) EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 11.—The Superbas will wind up their training trip with Sunday's game at Richmond.

Arrangements have been made to extend the time for closing entries on the dissolved bank.

The New York A. C. has been postponed to next week.

Baseball. The New York and Irish-American A. C. will be contested among open ball.



THE RETURN OF THE BIRDS. "HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL..."



Now for the Baseball Poets in All Their Glory

BURNS IS HOT FOR FIGHT WITH JOHNSON

Manager Billy Neill Posts a Forfeit of \$5,000 for a Match. R. Edgman Column

BILLY NEILL, who has been in England with Tommy Burns, is back in New York full of news from the champion's quarters on the other side.

Mr. Neill's first action was the posting of \$5,000 in cash to cover and double a side bet offered by Sam Fitzpatrick in behalf of Jack Johnson.

Johnson had already posted \$25,000 as a bet that Johnson would stop Burns in twenty rounds. Burns wants to get \$25,000 more on the same terms, and his money is now up.

Billy Neill brought a letter from Tommy Burns explaining things. Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead Heath, London, N. W., April 4, 1908.

Dear Billy Neill, I have come with the ready-made money for \$5,000 to go to you as a bet that Jack Johnson will not stop me within twenty rounds in the event of a match being made, and no match will be made unless I get for my \$5,000 bet that he will not stop me as I was offered over here in this country.

You know, Bob, that this fellow has the entry for a fight that he will stop me within twenty rounds. Now I'll raise him as much again and bet that he will stop me within twenty rounds, provided the promoters give me what I am asking.

If Johnson and his friends really want to get what I am asking, they will give me the money. I don't want to see the money go to the promoters. I want to see it go to me and I make no secret of the fact that that is the very money I want. It can't come too easy for me, but I'll get it.

That fellow wants to get a chance to win the championship on this white-belted man. He is a good fighter, but I am an easy mark as you say. I am let them come through with my \$5,000 bet. Neill leaves New York. All I want is to see the fight for five rounds or to a finish and I'll take the money. There can be no fight for five rounds. There can be no fight for five rounds. There can be no fight for five rounds.

Tommy Burns will stay in Europe a couple of months more," said Neill, pulling out a notebook and looking over a list of figures. "Up to date he has taken in exactly \$2,125, and it is coming easy. There's as much more in sight in the next two months. I don't think even Jim Fitzpatrick ever made money as fast as Burns is making it now."

"You have no idea what a lot of money there is in the fighting game in England and France this year. They're all working up over the game. Tommy has set a minimum of 20 pounds work for his theatrical engagements. That's about \$1,000, and he can get all he wants of it. Then a lot of big financial men have come in for sports, especially for boxing, and they're putting up money that would give a promoter in this country the shivers. When we tried to get Johnson over Burns had a genuine offer of \$25,000 for his side. They had never heard of Johnson, but we put him up until they wanted to see him."

"Talk about money! On the eighteenth of this month Tommy fights Jewey Smith of South Africa, in Paris, and Burns' side is to be fifty thousand francs, 30,000 francs, who is Jewey Smith? Did you ever hear of him? I never did. After that Tommy will return to England and fight Bill Squires, May 11. This fight will be pulled off under the auspices of a Mr. Burrell, a big millionaire in England. It will come off at the Chelsea football grounds, the biggest football park in all England. They're standing room there for 90,000 spectators and seats for 20,000. The prices

BRITT BATTLES WITH M'FARLAND AT COLMA

Fight Is of Great Interest, Though No Championship Title Is Involved. BY JOHN POLLOCK.

ANOTHER important fight will be fought in the open air at Jimmy Coffroth's arena at Colma, Cal., today. Mackey McFarland, the clever boxer of Chicago, who has created a sensation in the East by his great showing in battles during the last fourteen months, and Jimmy Britt, the California pugilist, who has fought Joe Gans, Battling Nelson and other good men in this class, are to be the principals.

The fight will meet in a two-round contest at 135 pounds weight in at 10 A. M. and will enter the ring at 1 o'clock. Although the battle will not be a championship affair, there is as much interest in it both in the East and West as if it were for the title. McFarland is the favorite in the betting, odds of 10 to 9 being offered on his chances.

Jeff Gets Unk Russell. According to a telegram received here last night from Los Angeles, Cal., Jim Jeffries has succeeded in securing Unk Russell, of Philadelphia, to meet Jimmie Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., in a boxing bout to show the club a few miles outside of that city, on April 12. The odds are 10 to 1 in favor of Jeffries.

Mango to Meet Sheppard. Willie Mango, the local featherweight, who improves in every fight, was matched last night to meet Lou Sheppard, of Philadelphia, in a boxing bout to show the club a few miles outside of that city, on April 12. The odds are 10 to 1 in favor of Mango.

Murphy Fights in Phillis. Tommy Murphy, the Harlem fighter, who showed up so well in his second fight with "Kid" Goodman of Boston at the Starkey A. C. stage on last Wednesday, will journey to Philadelphia to-day, where he will meet Young "Tom" Quaker, city lightweight, in a six-round bout before the National A. C. to-night. Murphy is in good shape, and expects to take the fight, outpointing the bulky Quaker City pugilist.

Sharkey A. C. Stag Card Fixed. All details for the six-round bout between Billy "Honey" Melroy and Tommie "Kid" Murphy at the Starkey A. C. stage on Wednesday night have been finally arranged. After the Murphy-Goodman fight on Wednesday night the managers of Melroy and Murphy have agreed to have a six-round bout before the National A. C. to-night. Murphy is in good shape, and expects to take the fight, outpointing the bulky Quaker City pugilist.

Coulton's Father Answers Contest. A letter was received at this office last night from E. E. Coulton, father of Johnny Coulton, who is the 100-pound champion of the West, in which he stated that he decided to give Willie Schumacher, the only legitimate 100-pounder, the money to fight Johnny. He would have to make 100 pounds at the ringside, and also a side bet of \$500 on the result.

Berry Made a Great Mistake. Jim Barry, the Chicago heavy-weight, made the mistake of his life when he consented to fight Sam Langford, the money fighter, at the Armory A. C. of Boston. Barry had already beaten Langford in ten rounds but at Los Angeles, Cal., and could not have gained much by beating Langford. Barry was badly hurt and made easily \$1,000, which he would have received out of his fight with Jack Johnson at Milwaukee, on April 11.

Local Yachting Season Has a Backward Opening. ONLY a genuine Corinthian could find much over which to enthuse in the racing outlook for the season, for so far as an actual inspection of the shipyards, builders' yards and yacht offices is an indication, there is very little doing toward a busy season in yachting. The new boats have not been added to the racing fleets on the Sound or harbor, and it is not certain that all of last season's will be put into commission. Scores are offered for sale, and the outfitters and mechanics say it's the most backward season in years in the matter of refitting.

It is known that a majority of the big sloops and schooners of last season will again be in commission, and the owners of the small craft, which are just now the popular fancy, anticipate lots of good sport. The big racing events of the season will draw an average list of entries, particularly the Bermuda, Cape May, Indian Harbor to New London and the Frederic Thompson America Cup race off Sandy Hook events.

Gossip of the Local Athletes. The athletic adjuncts at the Military Athletic League meeting last Wednesday night were excellent. The weighted curtain set to stop the sprinters should be adopted for use at all indoor games.

Demarest and Conklin in Championship Tourney. The formal entries of Captain Demarest and Charles P. Conklin in the International Amateur Billiard Championship, Demarest is the present holder of the American championship and Conklin is the present holder of the English championship. These are the first entries with the exception of that of London to the French Amateur Federation, that have been received by the Secretary, Lincoln Hamm, of the coming tournament at 124 Broadway in the concert hall of the Lederer & Co. building, Tuesday, April 28.

ST. GEORGE'S A. C. MEET HAS GOOD ENTRY LIST. The St. George's Athletic Club will hold an athletic carnival in the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory on Monday evening, April 27. Six open A. U. events will make up one of the finest cards seen indoors this winter. They are: 100-yard dash, 200-yard dash, 400-yard dash, 800-yard dash, 1,600-yard dash, 3,200-yard dash, 6,400-yard dash, 12,800-yard dash, 25,600-yard dash, 51,200-yard dash, 102,400-yard dash, 204,800-yard dash, 409,600-yard dash, 819,200-yard dash, 1,638,400-yard dash, 3,276,800-yard dash, 6,553,600-yard dash, 13,107,200-yard dash, 26,214,400-yard dash, 52,428,800-yard dash, 104,857,600-yard dash, 209,715,200-yard dash, 419,430,400-yard dash, 838,860,800-yard dash, 1,677,721,600-yard dash, 3,355,443,200-yard dash, 6,710,886,400-yard dash, 13,421,772,800-yard dash, 26,843,545,600-yard dash, 53,687,091,200-yard dash, 107,374,182,400-yard dash, 214,748,364,800-yard dash, 429,496,729,600-yard dash, 858,993,459,200-yard dash, 1,717,986,918,400-yard dash, 3,435,973,836,800-yard dash, 6,871,947,673,600-yard dash, 13,743,895,347,200-yard dash, 27,487,790,694,400-yard dash, 54,975,581,388,800-yard dash, 109,951,162,777,600-yard dash, 219,902,325,555,200-yard dash, 439,804,651,110,400-yard 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