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Matt Wells Loses Lightweight Championship of England and Lonsdale Belt to Hugh Mehegan of Australia.

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MATT WELLS lost the lightweight championship of England and the Lonsdale belt to Hughie Mehegan of Australia in London last night. This news will surprise American fight fans, for Wells did some very good fighting here, and it was supposed that he'd take care of the British lightweights without much trouble. Australia, however, has a trick of sending out great fighting men once in a decade or so. Writers of ring history will never forget the Murphys, and Creedon and Fitzsimmons and Peter Jackson and the once marvellous Young Griffo.

I've been watching Mehegan's career through the Australian papers. Australians consider him the best lightweight ever turned out in the Antipodes. He has whipped a number of Australian and American fighters. One of the latter was Rudie Unholz, who was a welterweight when he fought Mehegan, who at that time was a featherweight. Mehegan is said to be very clever, and a rushing fighter of the Kid Lavigne style.

According to cable accounts, Mehegan's fight with Wells was "fast and furious" until the fourteenth, when Wells was disqualified for knocking Mehegan down after the bell had rung at the end of the round.

Mehegan is coming to America, where he expects to meet Wolgast.

AFTER seeing the bouts at Madison Square Garden last night Sheriff Harburger again announced his satisfaction with the way boxing is being conducted in New York. "The continuance of boxing as I have seen it conducted now under the Frawley law will be of benefit to the coming generations in this country," he said. The Sheriff announced his intention of seeing all of the good bouts held in New York in the future.

"It's my duty," he said, with a twinkling eye. Egad, I suspect that the Sheriff is becoming a "fight fan." He was particularly enthusiastic when "Kid" Williams of Baltimore boxed Mr. Fitzsimmons of Yonkers. "No Greek ever had a finer physique than that boy," exclaimed the official. "If boxing can develop a torso like that I wish I knew a little more about boxing."

Williams made his usual swift, McGovern-like fight, leaping constantly at Fitzsimmons, who met his rushes with good determination. Although outclassed in strength and speed and hitting power, Fitzy occasionally sent Williams back on his heels with well-placed left jolts on the jaw. In the eighth round, however, Williams redoubled the fury of his rushes, and carried the fighting to his man so hotly that Referee Joh jumped in to save Fitz from a knockout and stopped the bout. The Sheriff commended Joh for his "humane action," and Williams and Fitzsimmons shook hands and hiked for the dressing rooms. There the Sheriff had both examined carefully by two doctors, as each preliminary boy had already been examined before and after his bout. The doctors reported no injuries as a result of the bouts, and said that if any thing the boys left the ring in better shape than they entered it.

George Kirkwood boxed Benny Kaufman of Philadelphia. Benny was tough as oak, but he didn't love his act. Instead of standing up and boxing, like Kirkwood, he contented himself with trying to "sneak one over" now and then, spending nine-tenths of his time bending double and trying to spear Kirkwood's flats with his elbows, which were well educated in that peculiar mode of defense. It went ten, and Kirkwood had it all his own way.

After this bout Joe Humphreys introduced two or three dozen unknown boxers from the ring, and ended up with the famous Mike Gibbons. According to Joe's anouncement, Mike is to pick another lemon in our midst. He can't get over the habit, although all the really good men of his weight are anxious to give him a chance to reform. Mike loves the soft ones, as I gather from the width and warmth of his smile when he was introduced "side by each" with Tommy Maloney, who will take the count and add another name on to Mike's record list in a few weeks.

After Mike, grinning at Maloney hungrily, had been ceremoniously ushered to the ropes, Humphreys announced that "Mike's brother, Tom Gibbons, is anxious to meet any middleweight," which seems to be a blame sight more than Mike is anxious to do himself.

THE last event on the bill of fare was a ten-round tornado between Louis de Ponthieu, Frank Erne's French champion, and Tommy O'Keefe of Philadelphia. Tommy O'Keefe is a shadowy, swift, lean little Irishman, and he can fight. He didn't back up, and at times, especially in the last couple of rounds, he went tearing into the Frenchman with a vim, but all through De Ponthieu had a little the best of it. He did some terrific hitting in every round. Apparently disdainful of the Irish lad's hitting powers, De Ponthieu kept as close as he could all the time, walking in rapidly and letting his punches go the instant he was within range. He is a great little two-handed fighter, who hasn't been given half credit enough for his performances since he began fighting in America. The two blows that disturbed O'Keefe most were a heavy left hook for the chin and a straight drive into the body with the right. De Ponthieu came through without a scratch, while O'Keefe showed the prints of the Frenchman's gloves in several places when the last round was over.

ON THE DIAMOND AND IN THE RING.

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Big English Heavyweight Coming to This Country

George McDonald to Bring Tom Cowler Here on 16th of Next Month.

BY JOHN POLLOCK

WHEN George McDonald returns to this country from England in November he will have with him Tom Cowler, an English heavyweight, whom he thinks will make good in this country. Cowler stands 6 feet 3 inches, is twenty years old and weighs 210 pounds. McDonald sent word to the writer to-day that he will sail from England for America on Nov. 16 with Matt Wells and Cowler.

Luther McCarty, who had an easy time in defeating Jim Barry of Chicago in a six-round bout in Pittsburgh on Saturday night, will be matched in a few days to meet Jim Flynn, the heavyweight of Pueblo, Col., in a limited round bout in the same city. Billy McCarney, manager of McCarty, has already signed articles of agreement for his man. McCarty is also matched to fight Dan Daly for twelve rounds in Cleveland on Sept. 23.

Gunner Moir, the ex-heavyweight champion of England, who has probably been defeated more times than any other fighter in that country, suffered another quick knockout over there a few days ago. This scrapper was knocked out by Policy Officer Curran, who did the trick in the first round with a right hand swing on the jaw. Curran has issued a challenge to fight Bombardier Wells for the heavyweight championship of England.

Charlie Murray, the fight promoter of Buffalo, N. Y., was thinking seriously of arranging a match between Leach Cross and Jimmy Duffy to be decided at Convention Hall in that city, but when he learned that Cross had been suspended for sixty days by the State Athletic Commission for violating the rules in using the kidney punch on Duffy he promptly called off the negotiations.

Billy Papke, who is to fight Leo Houck of Lancaster, Pa., a six round bout before the Olympic A. C. of Philadelphia on September 27, will sail for Paris on the steamship Mauretania on October 2 with his wife and his manager, Al. Lippe. Papke is matched to meet George Carpentier, the French champion, for twenty rounds at the Cirque de Paris on October 22, for which he is guaranteed $5,000. Jeff Smith, the middleweight of Orange, N. J., is also going to Paris on the same steamer.

Jack Britton, the Chicago lightweight, who caused a sensation in Boston a few weeks ago by knocking out Eddie Murphy in eleven rounds, will take part in another battle in that city to-night. His opponent will be Young Sailor, the named lightweight of Indianapolis, who has a good record. Britton and Sailor will meet for twelve rounds before the Pilgrim A. A.

With the hope of getting the State Athletic Commission to reconsider the case of his brother, Leach Cross, and reduce his suspension from sixty days to three weeks, Sam Wallach got up a petition and is getting all the prominent sporting men to sign it so that he can present it to the commission at their meeting to-morrow and thereby secure clemency for his brother.

Frankie Burns, the bantamweight fighter of Jersey City, who was signed up for two bouts in this city, has been compelled to call them off on account of an injury to his foot which prevents him from doing any training. Frankie turned his foot while boxing with his trainer and despite the fact that he has used liniment and hot applications on it, the foot has failed to get better.

Marvin Hart, the old time heavyweight fighter to whom Jim Jeffries presented the heavyweight championship when he first retired from the ring many years ago, is ill from typhoid fever at his home in Louisville and is not expected to live. Hart tried to "come back" a few years ago, but failed completely.

A match will probably be arranged to-day between Freddie Welsh, the ex-lightweight champion of England, and Hughie Mehegan, the lightweight champion of Australia, who also won the English lightweight title by winning on a foul from Matt Wells in that city in London last night. Welsh was matched to fight the winner of the Mehegan-Wells fight and the chances are that the winner will take place at the National Sporting Club of London on Nov. 11.

CRANDALL RELIEVED MARQUARD AFTER CUBS HAD BIG LEAD

Chance's Men Took Kindly to Rube's Curves in Second and Third Innings.

BATTING ORDER.

New York.	Chicago.
Devore, lf.	Sheckard, lf.
Doyle, 2b.	Miller, rf.
Snodgrass, cf.	Tinker, ss.
Murray, rf.	Zimmerman, 2b.
Merkle, 1b.	Saier, 1b.
Herzog, 3b.	Evers, 2b.
Meyers, c.	Williams, cf.
Fletcher, ss.	Archer, c.
Marquard, p.	Cheney, p.

Umpires—Brennan and Owen.

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The farewell game between the Giants and Cubs was witnessed by a crowd of 12,000. Marquard did the pitching for the Giants and was opposed by Cheney for Chicago.

In the first Sheckard flied to Snodgrass. Miller was thrown out by Marquard and Tinker lifted to Murray. NO RUNS.

Devore died on a grounder to Tinker, who made a great play. Doyle lined out to Miller. Snodgrass fanned. NO RUNS.

In the second Zimmerman opened with a single to left field and went to third as Saier smashed a double into centre. Doyle threw out Evers as Zimmerman scored, and Saier took third. Williams struck out. Archer singled to centre field, scoring Saier. Cheney struck out. TWO RUNS.

Murray opened with a single to right field. Merkle flied to Williams. Herzog [illegible] a double play. NO RUNS.

Third Inning—Sheckard drove a single into right. Miller was safe on Marquard's bad throw of a bunt and Sheckard took third. Tinker singled to centerfield and Sheckard scored. Zimmerman sacrificed, advancing both runners. Saier drew a pass. Every walked and forced in Miller. Marquard was taken out of the box and Crandall took his place. Williams was called out on strikes. Meyers made a bad throw trying to catch Evers at first and Tinker scored. On an attempted double steal Saier was out at the plate. THREE RUNS.

MARQUARD UNWED, HE SAYS.

Southpaw Denies That He Will Become a Benedict Soon.

There is just the possibility that a press agent was responsible for the rumor out of Cleveland to-day that Rube Marquard, brilliant southpaw of the Giants, either already was married or soon to be married to Miss Shirley Kellogg, leading woman of "The Passing Show of 1912."

The rumor bases itself on the statement that "from Mrs. Fred Marquard of No. 250 West Forty-sixth street in Cleveland comes the news."

The only comment Rube himself would make upon the soft impeachment to-day was this:

"My mother's been dead nine years. I'm not and, what's more, I'm not going to."

HAVRE DE GRACE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE.—Mares and geldings, two-year-olds; five furlongs—Carousal, 105 (Schultinger), 2 to 1, 3 to 5 and 1 to 4, first; Insurance Man, 101 (Moore), 20 to 1, 4 to 1 and 6 to 5, second; Smash, 111 (Glass), 6 to 5, 9 to 20 and out, third. Time, 1.00 3-5. Lawsuit, Capt. Jinks, Montressor.

SECOND RACE.—Three-year-olds; selling; mile and seventy yards—Blue Thistle, 106 (Shilling), 3 to 2, 3 to 5 and 1 to 4, first; Breaker Boy, 103 (Ferguson), 7 to 2, even and 2 to 5, second; Kate K., 102 (Higgins), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and 7 to 10, third. Time, 1.45 3-5. Concurran, Parkner, Hempstead also ran.

THIRD RACE.—Three-year-olds and up; selling; six furlongs.—Ilma, 112 (Shilling), 6 to 5, 3 to 5 and 1 to 3, first; Coming Coon, 101 (Glass), 18 to 5, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5, second; Chilton Queen, 107, Moody, 40 to 1, 15 to 1 and 8 to 1, third. Time, 1.14. Fond, Omager, Clem Beachy, Hallock, Surfeit, Sir Giles, Dr. R. L. Swaringer, Patrick S. and Adolante also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Four-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile and seventy yards.—Mudsell, 103 (Turner), 5 to 1, even and 2 to 5, first; Hoffman, 112 (Gloss), 5 to 1, 6 to 5 and 2 to 5, second; Supervisor, 101 (Dunn), 4 to 1, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time—1.44. Cubon, Pretend and Col. Ashmeade also ran.

Baseball, Polo Grounds. To-day, 3.30 P.M. Giants vs. Chicago. Reserved Seats and Boxes at Club's office, 5th Ave. Bldg., 9 to 12 A. M.*

RUCKER GOES AGAINST PIRATES IN FINAL MEETING OF SEASON

Fred Clarke's Men, Out of Second Place, Fight Hard for Game.

BATTING ORDER.

Brooklyn.	Pittsburgh.
Moran, rf.	Byrne, 3b.
Stengel, cf.	Carey, lf.
Cutshaw, 2b.	Donlin, rf.
Daubert, 1b.	Wagner, ss.
Wheat, lf.	J. Miller, 1b.
Kirkpatrick, 3b.	Wilson, cf.
Fisher, ss.	Butler, 2b.
O. Miller, c.	Simon, c.
Rucker, p.	Hendrix, p.

Umpires—Klem and Orth.

Fred Clark and his hustling band of Pirates, who have been making life miserable for the Dodgers during the past few days bid farewell to Brooklyn this afternoon when they meet the Dodgers in the final game of the series. The Clark aggregation was more than anxious to take the last game, for they hoped to creep closer to the Cubs, who are fighting like grim death to retain second place. Ideal weather again ruled and as a result the dyed in the wool fans turned out to see the Superbas attempt to sidetrack Clark and company.

Manager Dahlen selected southpaw Nap Rucker to do the trick, while Fred Clark depended on Hendrix to win the last game.

First Inning—Byrne doubled to left. Carey fanned. Donlin went out, Rucker to Daubert, and Byrne went to third. Byrne scored on a wild pitch. Wagner singled to left and went to third when Wheat let the ball get away from him. J. Miller flied to Moran. ONE RUN.

Moran walked. Stengel made his old League debut by singling to centre, sending Moran to second. Cutshaw singled to short left, filling the bases. Daubert struck out. Wheat's infield hit to Wagner scored Moran, Stengel taking third and Cutshaw second. Kirkpatrick hit to J. Miller, who got Stengel at the plate. Cutshaw went to third and Wheat to second. Fisher popped to Byrne. ONE RUN.

Second Inning—Rucker fanned Wilson on three pitched balls. Butler rolled to Kirkpatrick and was out at first. Simon doubled to left. O. Miller missed Hendrix's third strike and the ball rolled to the stand, the batter going to second, but Simon was out at the plate, Cutshaw to O. Miller. NO RUNS.

O. Miller popped to Byrne. Rucker singled to centre. Moran strolled on four bad ones. Stengel again made good with a single off Wagner's foot, which bounded to right field, scoring Rucker, but Moran was caught when he overran third, Donlin to Hendrix, to Byrne. Stengel was caught off first and out, Hendrix to J. Miller, to Wagner. ONE RUN.

Third Inning—Byrne struck out. Carey sent the ball to the clubhouse for a home run. Donlin popped to Kirkpatrick. Wagner flied to Wheat. ONE RUN.

Cutshaw was thrown out by Butler. Daubert tripled to centre. Carey muffed Wheat's fly after a hard run, scoring Daubert, and the batter took second. Wheat out stealing third, Simon to Byrne. Kirkpatrick fouled to Byrne. ONE RUN.

LOUISVILLE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE.—Five furlongs—Huvoco, 112 (Loftus), won; Prince Hermis, 112 (Henry), second; Gold Color, 109 (Johnson), third. Time—1.02. Luthes, Steppa General, Ma Salaame Black Fish, Earl of Savoy, Black Eyed Susan, Dr. Jackson and Rockbar also ran. Mutuels paid—Huvoco, $8.30, $4.00 place, $3.50 show; Prince Hermis, place $4.10, show $3.10; Gold Color, show, $5.30.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club.	W.	L.	PC.	Club.	W.	L.	PC.
Toronto	88	59	.599	Buffalo	68	75	.476
Rochester	81	64	.559	Montreal	68	79	.463
Newark	77	70	.524	Jersey City	68	80	.459
Baltimore	73	74	.497	Providence	61	86	.415

Results of Yesterday's Games.

Jersey City, 6; Providence, 1.
Baltimore, 9; Newark, 6.
Rochester, 2; Montreal, 0.
Toronto, 9; Buffalo, 3.

Games Scheduled for To-Day.

Jersey City at Providence.
Baltimore at Newark.
Rochester at Montreal.
Buffalo at Toronto.

Calhoun to Manage Club.

John C. Calhoun has released his release from the Kansas State League team and has today signed to act as manager of the Binghamton State League team. A new baseball park is now regarded as a certainty.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club.	W.	L.	PC.	Club.	W.	L.	PC.
New York	95	41	.690	Philadelphia	63	72	.467
Chicago	84	51	.622	St. Louis	57	81	.413
Pittsburgh	82	53	.610	Brooklyn	50	86	.368
Cincinnati	70	68	.507	Boston	45	93	.326

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club.	W.	L.	PC.	Club.	W.	L.	PC.
Boston	97	39	.713	Detroit	64	75	.465
Philadelphia	82	56	.594	Cleveland	62	76	.449
Washington	82	57	.590	New York	48	88	.353
Chicago	67	69	.493	St. Louis	47	90	.346

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Chicago, 4; New York, 2.
Pittsburgh, 2; Brooklyn, 1.
Cincinnati, 6; Philadelphia, 0. First game.
Cincinnati, 1; Philadelphia, 0. Second game.
Boston, 8; St. Louis, 4.

Philadelphia, 8; Cleveland, 0.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY

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