

CHAMPIONS DON'T BACK AFTER BEING FLAUNTED

Only One Notable Exception to Old Rule Was Stanley Ketchel, Who Reversed Knockout by Billy Papke—McGovern, Lavigne, Fitz and Nelson All Dropped Out After Being Downed Once for Fatal Count.

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The history of the ring builds just one example of a knockout out champion who fought his way right back to the title he had lost. The one exception to the rule was the dauntless Stanley Ketchel, middleweight, who wouldn't have known indecision or fear of defeat at the muzzle of a machine gun.

Stanley Ketchel was caught by one of Thunderbolt Billy Papke's tremendous right-handers in the first round of their battle in Los Angeles, was knocked down and nearly out, came up again and again to show almost superhuman courage and endurance, and was at last knocked out. The event aroused such tremendous interest that the men were matched over and over again, to fight up San Francisco way. Ketchel, un- at a furious pace that was too much

daunted by his former defeat, fought for Papke's nerve, and won back his title.

Another champion who came near a sensational come-back was Bob Fitzsimmons, knocked out by young Jim Jeffries in eleven rounds. He fought Jeffries again three years later, and made a heroic effort to turn the tables. He gave Jeffries a fearful hemming until his hands were smashed and splintered, when he was knocked out a second time. He did all that was humanly possible. Jeffries was then in his prime and the most powerful man who ever held the heavyweight title.

But see how others failed, no matter how great the "class" they showed while listed among the champions. Featherweight champion Terry McGovern was invincible until he met Young Corbett and was knocked out. After that one defeat Terry fought in sensational style until he met Corbett again, in San Francisco. McGovern hadn't trained for the first fight—this time he was trained to the minute of entering the ring.

Corbett was an ice-cold proposition. He knew that McGovern was likely to knock him out. His best chance lay in making Terry lose his head, for Young Corbett was a heavy wallop in a mix-up. In the fight he talked to Terry for round after round, but Terry seemed talk-proof. He had been schooled to pay no attention to Corbett's vile abuse. He grinned and said: "I'll whip you now, and I'll lick you for that later." He was having the better of the fight. Corbett was weakening. And then Corbett uttered the ultimate insult—the foulest insult that his imagination could invent. With blazing eyes and furiously swinging fists, utterly regardless of everything but the desire for immediate revenge, Terry rushed wildly in. And Corbett crossed him and knocked him out.

Young Corbett in turn never "came back" when he had been outgamed and outfought by Jimmy Britt. Britt was a wonderfully game fellow. He upset the dope a little when he came back from a knockout by Battling Nelson, whipped Nelson and hurt him over the ropes at the end of a desperate twenty-round fight. But Britt wasn't champion. The fight he didn't "come back" from was the fight in which he lost to Joe Gans.

Lavigne Dropped Out Quickly After Defeat. Going back along the lightweight list, Kid Lavigne never came back from the beating given him by welterweight champion Billy Smith. Frank Erne met Lavigne soon afterward and won the lightweight title from him, and that was the last of Lavigne as a great fighter.

Erne in turn came to the end of his fighting days when he made an impossible weight for McGovern, sapped his stamina beyond all reason, and was stopped in a couple of rounds. Later he tried for the welter crown and was stopped by Rube Ferns, and still later was knocked out in one round by Joe Gans.

Gans was a marvel in the ring. He

Fitzsimmons Left No Hope for Dempsey. Jack Dempsey was through after being beaten by Fitzsimmons. Fitzsimmons dropped the middleweight crown when he became heavyweight champion and never offered to defend it again. Tomory Ilyan retired when he was knocked out by "through" Kid McCoy turned heavyweight. Joe Thomas claimed and defended the title until he lost to Stanley Ketchel in a desperate fight. He tried to defend it to win it back, but failed in an up-and-down battle. A third time he was knocked out by Ketchel rather easily, and that ended his "come-back" effort.

Ketchel was shut when he was still champion. Billy Papke claimed the title as he was the last holder before Ketchel. He lost it to Frank Klana. Papke became fat and slow and lost fighting ambition. He became a successful farmer and left the ring far good. Klana was knocked out by George Berger, who was a very good fighter and was knocked out again. Fitz was dropped with a wild swing by Al McCoy. Fitz had kindly consented to let Al "stay six or seven rounds," and was a little careless. But he never worked up to the title again. Al McCoy "lost it" in a bout with Mike O'Dowd—a bout that looked as queer then as the ones said about it better. Both O'Dowd and McCoy can

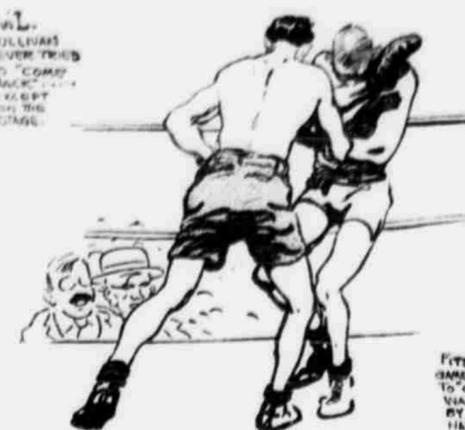
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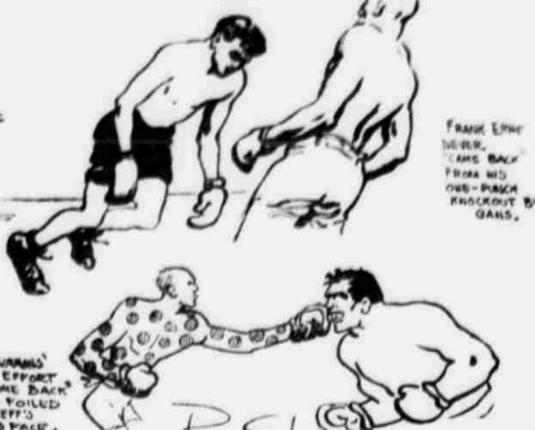
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BATTING NELSON 'CAME BACK' ATTEMPTING TO REVERSE HIS ONLY TRIUMPH OF HIS ABILITY TO TAKE BEATINGS.



WELSH'S ATTEMPTS TO WIN BACK THE TITLE PUT HIM IN A SWIFTER.

Baseball Owners Are Shifting Cargoes, Now That 1918 Season Looks Like Flock of Pancakes

By Arthur ("Bugs") Baer.

THE David Harms of baseball are swamping players faster than the Kentucky Colonels swap stories. Some who bird has seen the geography on the wall and interpreted it to mean that the 1918 baseball season will be flatter than a flock of pancakes. Therefore, the owners are converting their star players into cash, preparatory to taking it on the run for the suburbs.

President Baker of the Phils was the first to clamber into the lifeboats when he sold Grover Cleveland Alexander to the Cubs in return for a group of Uncle Sam's VISITING CARDS. The transaction is subject to the war, earthquakes, bombs and the draft. If Alex is conscripted by the Government the deal is off like a straw hat. THE CUBS FIGURE THAT THERE ISN'T ANY USE OF BUYING A PLAYER FOR \$25,000 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT CAN BUY HIM FOR THIRTY DOLLARS.

Now Clark Griffith and Connie Mack are also hollering wolf. Clark has traded Galtra to the Browns for \$15,000 and a couple of exempt Browns. Connie has sold Bush, Richmond and Strunk to the Red Sox for \$80,000 and three or four neat ballplayers.

This is only the start. Wait until the other magnates catch the epidemic, and ballplayers will be flying through the air like snowflakes. A blizzard of traded ballplayers is liable to blanket your town any minute. When a magnate gets the trading fever even the bat bag isn't safe.

Caddock Scores Fall in His Debut Here Over Roller

Earl Caddock made good upon his debut in the international championship catch-as-can tourney at the Lexington Theatre, throwing Dr. Roller in 40 minutes and 42 seconds with a crotch and head scissors, the same hold with which he conquered Joe Stecher.

Dr. Roller made a speech after the match in which he extolled Caddock as a most gentlemanly opponent, one of the best wrestlers he had ever met, and ended by declaring that Caddock well deserved the high honors that were heaped upon him in the West. Stranger Lewis then came on with Pierre Le Bliege. The stranger threw Le Bliege in 2 minutes, 20 seconds, with a head lock.

Wladek Zyzosko and Yusoff Hussain wrestled twenty minutes to a draw in the first match of the evening. Hussain tried desperately to secure a winning hold early in the match, but Zyzosko gave him on the defense, and for the greater part of the match Yusoff was pretty busy trying to keep out of range.

Harold Christianson, "Champion of Sweden," gained a victory over Leonard Manich with a forearm and body scissors in 15 minutes and 42 seconds. The programme for to-night is as follows: FIFTEEN MINUTE LIMIT MATCHES. Yusoff Hussain vs. John Power; Wladek Zyzosko vs. Yusoff Hussain; Pierre Le Bliege vs. Earl Caddock; George Berger vs. John Power; George Berger vs. John Power.

For the English welterweight, has again been exempted from service in the army on account of a floating cartilage on his right leg. Fred Drew has tried several times to make his way to the States, but has been rejected. Dyer went to France upon receipt of his discharge, but as soon as the conscripts get a look at his leg they let him go.

Now that Mike Gibbons is engaged as civilian boxing instructor for the police at the Mount Pleasant gym, his brother is being prepared to take over the post. The programme for the evening is as follows: Eddie Kane, manager of the Gibson brothers, is now trying to arrange a ten-fight series to be held with Mike O'Dowd for the middleweight championship title.

Frank "Doc" Fager of this city and his string of fighters, namely, Harry Madison, Bill Jackson, Benzy Vague and all others under his management, have been barred from boxing again in New Jersey. A. A. of Boston is now trying to get boxing out for his own benefit. The Chicago fight club, the Battling Levinsky Madison fight club, has declared the Battling Levinsky Madison fight club as the only one in the city. The Chicago fight club, the Battling Levinsky Madison fight club, has declared the Battling Levinsky Madison fight club as the only one in the city.

HOOKS AND SLICES

By William Abbott.

John M. Ward, champion of the Garden City Club, does not warm up to the idea of standardizing golf balls. He can't exactly see the need for it. "One of the beauties of the game," declared the veteran golfer, "is the wide range of selection of clubs and balls. To rule that a golfer can only use a certain type of ball is like asking a short man to play with a long-shaft club. Anyway, how could the use of standardized balls be enforced? "There's really nothing startling in this talk about getting unfair distance from the modern high speed balls. You get what your hit deserves. If the ball rolls unusually far from a poorly played shot that's the fault of a course not sufficiently fringed.

If there are professionals who claim the lively balls give the amateurs undue advantage, I know a number of amateurs who will drive as far as any of the pros. Jesse Guilford, Evans, Gardiner—there are any number of amateurs who'll get as much distance in their drives as the pros. "If there is any criticism that golf balls are being made too lively, it is only because the players want them. And I personally believe that they have nearly reached the limit of their flying power. Would those in favor of standardizing balls want to put a handicap on distance, for which every golfer so earnestly tries. "And how would standardized balls be adjusted to the various playing conditions? During a season I use at least a dozen different types of balls. What would happen in this case, which is practically the same for every golfer? "I fail to see where any good would come of the proposed change," concluded the Garden City title holder.

Just at a time when Dave Honeyman, the club professional, was speedily making plans for a rearrangement of the Forest Hill Field Club course the unfriendly snowstorm had to break out and slow up the works. The club recently acquired property across the road to the north of the present second tee. The idea is to have four new holes, which may be ready in the spring. This will mean a complete change in the layout of the links. What is now the long ninth will probably be the new tenth. The proposed changes will bring the length of the new course to 6,000 yards.

RACING SELECTIONS.

NEW ORLEANS.

First Race—Royal Interest. Miss Gull, Cambridge. Second Race—Refugee, Swift Fox, Brighton. Third Race—Egmont, Ingula, Bryan Barr. Fourth Race—Wormaw, Woodward, Fifth Race—Bertodone, Irregular, Waltham. Sixth Race—Redland, Goldenrod, Boy, Oloquo.

ROBERTSON'S AUTO Q'S AND A'S.

Observe Carefully the Three Rules to Prolong the Life of Tires and Thus Help to Reduce the Cost of Upkeep for a Car.

AUTOMOBILE owners, checking up their cost of upkeep this season and probably figuring their running expenses for next year, no doubt name their greatest item of expense as the tires, and are quite inclined to arraign the makers of tires for this condition. These statements are an individual expression of opinion based on more or less experience and doubtless justified in part by the records of bills paid by those who have to buy them.

There are three prime factors responsible for short tire life. First, excessive speed, especially during the warm months; second, changes of direction at a high rate of speed, and third, excessive and unnecessary use of mechanical brakes. It is the rule that, punctures excepted, the life of tires is enormously prolonged by avoiding the above three chief enemies to the pneumatic tire.

Heed these rules and keep down your tire bills.

What is the cause of backfire and engine missing when I let my car stand for an hour or so and then try to start it.

Due to the motor getting cold. Start with a rich mixture and it will not backfire.

I am going to purchase an automobile very shortly and would like to ask your advice which car to buy from the following three, an O—, M— or a H— (four cylinder). Which one would give me the best service provided I kept it in good condition.

I would prefer the B—.

I have a model 90 T Overland which has run about 3,500 miles. It lacks power when negotiating long grades of not very steep nature. If it is due to an excessive amount of carbon deposits and the necessity of grinding of the valves will you kindly inform me as to how this should be done. Please advise me how to adjust the valves after grinding them, what grade of lubricating oil should be used for the engine?

I would not advise you to attempt this work yourself as I am sure that, due to your lack of mechanical knowledge, the results would be unsatisfactory. It would be best to take the car to a good shop or the Overland Service Station. Use medium grade oil in summer and a light grade in winter.

I am considering buying a car shortly after the first of the year. I would like your advice on what to read, so as to get a little knowledge of the machine parts before going into further details.

State your wants clearly in a letter to publishers given below: Horseless Age, 96 Madison Avenue, Automobile Topics, 1736 Broadway, The Class Journal Company, 239 West 57th Street.

May a boy of fourteen drive his father's car provided he is accompanied by his father, who is a licensed driver?

Although the transmission on our Overland is thoroughly greased, it shifts very hard. What is the cause of this trouble? I am extremely short and find it very hard to use the clutch and brakes properly. Outside of extension of raised pedals, do you know of anything that will bring the pedals within my reach?

Yes, provided he is at all times accompanied by a duly licensed chauffeur or the owner of the car being operated. The 1917 meet scheduled for Deat was postponed, but there is growing sentiment across the river to have the championship played in 1918 under modified conditions.

Will you kindly answer the following question: I have a new battery in my Ford car and I had my differential fixed as it was noisy; since then there has been a grinding in the transmission. When I put my foot on the brake the grind is very distinct, and the car moves forward every morning.

Attention to the grind when I took the car out and they told me that it was the high ends of the bands. I cleaned out all the old oil from the transmission and still it grinds. I use the light oil (Mobile Oil). I jacked up the car and put the battery away in a warm place where it could not freeze.

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AMERICANS SELL HIGH OF STARS FOR \$50,000

Red Sox Buy Pitcher Bush, Catcher Schang and Outfielder Strunk.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Comie Mack, manager of the Athletics, said "I'll let Joe" Bush, the pitcher; Willie Schang, the catcher, and Alonzo Strunk, an outfielder, to Harry Frazon, chief owner of the Boston Red Sox, for a price said to be \$50,000, and three players, Vean Gregg, pitcher; Chester Thomas, catcher, and Kopf, outfielder. This is the third time in the last three or four years that Comie Mack has cut deep into his team. The first surprise came when he let the three stars of his pitching staff, Hender, Plank, and Combs, slip away. The second came when he sold Eddie Collins to the Chicago White Sox for \$50,000, turned over "Home Run" Baker and Bob Shawkey to the Yankees, and Jack Barry to the Boston Red Sox.

"Stuffy" McInnis, at first base, is now the only player left of his world's championship team of a few short years ago. Comie Mack has been rated one of the really great managers in the game, but the fans in Philadelphia are beginning to think that he is money mad, and that he has used a pruning knife to a point where any hope of developing a pennant-winning contender in the next four or five years is hopelessly gone.

There will be no curtailment of the playing season, no slashing of the payroll limit, no limitation of the training season in the major leagues next year. The club owners of the National and American leagues decided at their joint meeting that there was no cause for alarm about baseball at present. They agreed that if the war continues to trench, it will be time enough to adopt a war policy when they actually face starvation conditions. The two leagues decided to open the season on the Federal Holiday, a week later than last year, and to play a 154-game schedule, which has been the programme for years. The last start of the Federal Holiday was decided at their joint meeting that there was no cause for alarm about baseball at present. They agreed that if the war continues to trench, it will be time enough to adopt a war policy when they actually face starvation conditions. 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