CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

McINTOSH AND CORBETT HAVE FAITH IN BILL LANG.

Former is Hurrying Back From England to See Australia's Heavyweight Champion Lock Horns With Stanley Ketchel—Regarding Smith-Ross Bout

Peter McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, is hurrying across the Atlantic Ocean in order to be on hand when his champion man, Bill Lang, meets Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion, at the Vernon A. C. next Friday night. McIntosh left Lang from the Antipodes to see the Johnson scrap at Reno, at the same time announcing that the Australian heavyweight champion was open to box anyone in the world. McIntosh did not anticipate a long wait before Ketchel responded with an acceptance and as a result a match was quickly made. McIntosh then hurried to London, where he has made arrangements, it is said, for a twenty round fight between Langford and Tommy Burns in Sydney. McIntosh left England last Saturday after sending a cablegram to Lang that he was coming over to act as his second.

It is said that McIntosh thinks Lang a cinch to beat, although very few sporting men in this country had a similar opinion. McIntosh confided in Jim Corbett, however, and together they developed a sensational future for the Australian slugger. Corbett would teach Lang a few tricks of boxing, after which Lang would run up Ketchel, Langford, Kauffman and others until he would be in a position to force Jack Johnson into a fight. Of course the negro would lose his title and the race would again triumph. It was a recently drawn picture and Corbett proceeded to announce that he had an Australian who would beat Johnson in due time.

To carry out the plan, therefore, Corbett has had numerous visits to Stratford, Conn., where Lang is training, and they have indulged in many brisk encounters. Corbett, after finding that Lang could hit hard and was a willing person, enthused over the idea of a few friends that Lang might prove the biggest kind of a surprise if he fought with Ketchel. In fact Corbett believes Lang will win and thereby will take the first step in the direction of a match with Johnson.

Lang is a well built, powerful looking man. Ketchel is inches tall and weighing about 185 pounds in condition. Burns knocked him out in six rounds at Sydney more than years ago, but last winter Lang came back in improved form and stood Burns off for twenty rounds. Johnson also put the Australian away in nine rounds, but that affair took place when Lang was just beginning to learn the ropes. Six months ago the ancient Fitzsimmons was squelched by Lang in a picture scrap at Sydney, but that was nothing to boast of.

Ketchel is probably the hardest hitter Lang has ever faced barring Johnson. He is also the most aggressive rusher that the Australian has ever seen. If Lang lacks speed and quick witedness, therefore, it may find his head in a whirl as a result of several or even a couple of well directed punches. Ketchel's style is not unknown. He loves an opening, punishment without flinching an inch of ground, and tries to end a swing with either hand on the jaw. His tremendous hitting power enables him to drop a man with one punch of the required vital spot. A peculiar shifting of the feet permits him to hit from almost any angle and to follow his punches with great ease.

McIntosh and Corbett say that Lang can punch as hard as Ketchel and that the latter with his open style of fighting will be ripe for the foreigner. Lang will land most Ketchel's blows with left and hands which will be intended to knock all the fight out of the middleweight champion in the first round. Lang and McIntosh regards Lang as a vital horse shoe to the Australian left and will try to get over a clean cut uppercut before the bout reaches the tenth and last round. Ketchel will scale at ten pounds, taken five less than Lang, who is two inches taller.

Tom O'Rourke has arranged a bout between Tony Ross of Pittsburg and Jim Smith of The Bronx to be decided next Tuesday night at the National Sporting Club in West Forty-fourth street. Ross served ten rounds with Kaufman here last week and also boxed six rounds with Johnson on the Smoky City. He is an Italian, a giant in physique and a hard person to make an impression upon. Smith, who has come to the front rapidly, has enjoyed a rest and is as strong as an ox. The men are so well matched that the bout is expected to attract a large crowd of members to the inside.

A special train will leave here at 8 o'clock next Wednesday evening over the Pennsylvania Railroad for Philadelphia, where Langford and Kaufman will box six rounds at the Park. The train will return immediately after the bout. Billy Delaney has agreed to act as Kaufman's chief second in this affair. The veteran trainer after handling Johnson at Reno came East in search of a needed vacation. When he heard that Kaufman and Langford had been matched he declared that he would enjoy it as a spectator. But there is so much fun out in a prospective Langford victory that Delaney has finally agreed to pull off his coat and get busy with sponge and bottle. That means much to Kaufman who has wonderful confidence in Delaney's judgment and probably will be in a receptive mood as soon as the scrap begins.

Delaney knows Langford like a book and that is why he is of value to the big Californian. Kaufman, therefore, will receive the best of advice and handling possible. Delaney will tell him just how to offset Langford's hustling rushes and heavy punches, for that is the way the Boston lad intends to fight from the first clang of the bell.

Langford will find Kaufman the toughest kind of a nut, said Delaney yesterday. He can hit and if the negro comes horsing around there will be something doing. It wouldn't surprise me a bit if Kaufman stood his fellow off and won a mile on points. Langford can put a solid glove on my man in six rounds he'll be going some and I'll bet it. But don't take Kaufman for a cinch at any time. He knows the game and will surprise people. Langford better look out for himself. He isn't going to give a knockout. He can't. That's why."

Enoch Wishard, who has trained many horses for John A. Drake both in this country and in England, has just sold his residence at Sheepshead Bay and intends to go to France in a few weeks. Wishard says he've killed racing over here at last and I've got to leave my native land to follow my profession. I've been on the turf all my life and can do nothing else. France offers a chance, and I shall embrace it. I prefer to go there and have something to do than remain here in idleness thinking of the prosperous past."

When racing in this State ends on August 31 horsemen will find plenty of action in Canada and Kentucky, unless they decide to visit the new Marlboro track in Maryland, which will open about September 20 for twenty days, it is planned. After that Pimlico will race from October 15 to October 31, with Jamestown running under Jockey Club sanction from November 1 to November 25, when Jacksonville opens for a hundred days. Juarez will begin operations about that time, while Oakland has decided on November 12 as the inaugural day.

First Call for Harvard Football Candidates.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 7.—Present arrangements call for the first call of the Harvard football candidates on September 18. The men individually have followed out a course of training laid down for them by Head Coach Haughton during the summer. Haughton is well pleased with the individuals drafted into the rules and expects that much that is harmful and objectionable in the game of the past will be eliminated. The Crimson will have an extensive coaching corps of coaches on hand. Besides Haughton will be Charley Daly, Eddie Campbell, Crawford Blagden, Francis Burr, Hamilton Fish, Leon Leary and Earl Ewing.

Gould's Horse Wins Caen Prix.

(Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.)

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The Caen Prix was won by Jacques Gould's Jarrebere, Aumont's Ecu second, with Rothschild's Ecu third. The jockeys were Reiff, Leblanc and Jennings respectively. The winner Jarrebere was 6 to 10.

NEW RECORD FOR 900 YARDS.

Sheppard Clips 4 Seconds Off Old Mark at Cavan Games.

M. W. Sheppard made a new record for 900 yards at the annual games of the Cavan Men's Association at Celtic Park yesterday. He ran the distance in 1 minute 57 1-5 seconds, knocking 4 seconds off the old mark made by Andrew Garner of the Olympic Club of San Francisco a couple of years ago.

Sheppard's most dangerous opponent was Abel Kiviat, a clubmate, and though he was a scant two yards behind the record holder Kiviat took a most remarkable race otherwise.

The event was a special one, put on to give Sheppard a chance at a new mark. Other competitors figured on the starting line besides the pair named. As the pistol cracked Kiviat was first to show in front and he made the pace a clipper. Sheppard never allowed him to get very far away, although he had plenty to do to keep within hailing distance.

Kiviat went by the quarter mile post in 54 seconds. Those who were watching said it was too fast. At the half mile post Kiviat was still in the van and pegging away as his best. An unofficial timer made his figures 1 minute 54 1-5 seconds, which was great going.

A little further on Sheppard pulled up to Kiviat and for a few strides they fought it out, after which Sheppard gradually drew out and won by about two yards. Kiviat easily beat the old record.

TO-DAY'S CARD FOR SARATOGA.

Kentucky Stakes for Two-year-old Fillies the Leading Feature.

SARATOGA, Aug. 7.—Large fields are the rule for to-morrow's races. The Kentucky Stakes, for two-year-old fillies, five and a half furlongs, is the leading feature, for which Horizon, Golden Agnes and Imprint may be dangerous factors. A handicap for two-year olds, five and a half furlongs, is the opening event, with the Hildreth entry—Novelty and Kormak in probable favor over Zeus, Miss Neil, Gauntlet and others. For the steeplechase, which is exclusively for maidens, Gold Plate, Liberty Lass and Result may go well. Platers will run in the fourth race, at a mile and a quarter, with Dallette, Bonnie Boko and Montgomery figuring well. In the fifth race, for three-year-olds, at seven furlongs, Rosemary, Hampton Court and Candleberry may be worth considering. In the last race, a selling affair at a mile, Woodcraft, Wander and Far West may fight it out.

The entries follow:

First Race. Handicap, for two-year-olds; $500 added; five and a half furlongs.

*Novelty	111 Garrison 104
Special Brew	118 Gabel 104
Jack Wall	114 Alexander 102
Gauntlet	112 Hedgepeth 102
Zeus	99 Thilsen 100
Ginger	102 Fischer 98
Eagle Bird	98 Dessauer 98
*Kormak	97 Helene 97
Miss Neil	106

*Hildreth entry.

Second Race. Steeplechase for maiden three-year-olds and upward; $500 added; about two miles.

Bannock Bob	142 Result 142
Mystic Light	142 Gold Plate 142
Diebold	140 Jim 140
Dr. Dickson	140 Liberty Lass 130
Indian	

Third Race. Sweepstakes of $1,500 for two-year-old fillies; five and a half furlongs.

Horizon	91 The Hague 91
Golden Agnes	106 Leah 94
Imprint	91 Miss Chimney 91
Blue Mouse	91 Zeus 91
Wisp	91 Sweet Briar 91
Sophronia	91 Belle of Fields 91

Fourth Race. Selling, for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and a quarter.

Rosemary	101 Pretense 101
Montgomery	104 Lord of Death 107
Chess	96 Jim Johnson 96
Dallette	96 Judge Lacombe 96
Ty	96 Wing Foot 96

Fifth Race. For three-year-olds; $500 added; seven furlongs.

Candleberry	113 Ben Brush 113
Hampton Court	107 Jerkwater 107
Hon. Jim Brown	104 Hildreth 104
Ben Ali	104 Lamplighter 104
Ben Brown	104 Ben Stanford 104
Ben Davis	104 Ben Strowder 104
Ben Hur	104 Ben Tillman 104
Ben Ledbetter	104 Ben Tillman 104
Ben Lomond	104 Ben Tillman 104
Ben Ryan	104 Ben Tillman 104
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