

Yankee Fighters Proved Their Mettle in London Ring--Britons Still Are Amazed Over Wilde's Defeat

MIKE O'DOWD HERO OF LONDON BOXING

English Sporting Critic Gives American High Praise for Gameness.

ED MCGOORTY COMES BACK Decision for Pal Moore Over Jimmy Wilde Brings Out True British Spirit.

Won Bouts for American Service Teams in Tourney With Britons in London Last Week

Experienced boxers, men who had battled in the ring for years, were the chief point winners in the international bouts in London. Had it not been for the valiant efforts of Mike O'Dowd, Pal Moore, Eddie Coulon, Augie Ratner and Eddie McGoorty, all of whom are practical boxers, the United States team would have made a sorry showing.



PRIVATE MIKE O'DOWD



PRIVATE EDDIE MCGOORTY

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London, Dec. 14.—The Times special sporting correspondent thus describes the American bouts in Albert Hall:

The boxing this afternoon, indeed with its ding-dong struggles which only ponderous fellows can put up, a sampan, Harry Grab, U. S. N., who had an easy task of the previous day, answered Sergeant W. Ring, the Royal Marine. Into three rounds in the light heavyweight section, the men put enough power to blow a crowd's breath out of the water. There was an entire absence of skill, but the house rocked with excitement as the big fellows fought.

Grab took a great deal of punishment. He swung so wildly in the second round that the air lamps above his head were in greater danger than Ring, but he never finished and in the third round he gave Ring plenty to think about. The award went to Ring and he deserved it.

High Praise for Mike O'Dowd.

One of the finest contests was seen when Private Mike O'Dowd, middleweight champion of America, met Sergeant Ralph of Canada. This was in the heavy section. O'Dowd was waving away one stone, but it was no handicap for the little man showed he had not won the championship by fluke. He is built for fighting and although Ralph made him work hard in the first two rounds, he had the Canadian boxed to a standstill at the finish. O'Dowd will take some beating.

Sergeant Eddie McGoorty, U. S. A., had Private C. Horrocks of South Africa for his opponent. McGoorty was giving away weight, but he has a string of victories to his credit, for he seems to be having boxing ever since the game commenced. Always he had the measure of Horrocks, who took his thrashing with a gameness that delights the house with his performance. We shall hear more of him in the ring.

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Throttle Tricky Managers if Boxing Is to Flourish

Unsportsman Tactics of Handlers Ofttimes Discredit Sport—Lippe's Claims for Attel Are Unfounded—Ring Notes.

By CROSS COUNTER.

A large proportion of the ills that afflict boxing can be traced to the peculiar tactics of the interesting personages known as managers. Under the terms of agreement between the fighter and the manager the former is required to follow the instructions of his handler with military obedience, and the result is that many boxers with intelligence and a sense of fair play are guilty of acts they would otherwise avoid.

While a few boxers decline to be dictated to by their so-called managers, whose duties are confined to counting tickets, the majority of American boxers, who own the Providence baseball park and lease it to the Providence club, as the final payment for player Walter Mayer.

Moulton says the Providence club sold Mayer to Boston and that when the Providence club needed money he took over this note and the money should have been paid to him and not to the owners of the ball park.

It is in the matter of weight that the manager asserts his cunning to the utmost, and various are the schemes worked to gain an unfair advantage.

Managerial Shifflings. In explaining his action in taking refuge from Joe Welling because the sailor was over weight in a recent contest with Dundee, Sooty Monteth, manager of the Italian fighter, said: "We took Welling's forfeit for the reason that he was a pound over weight, which was perfectly proper. Welling had agreed to make 158 pounds five and he scaled 161 pounds, which was a big advantage to him. Had he come in at the stipulated weight I'm sure he would have been weak and knocked out in the fifth round."

Monteth's statement is a clear exposition of the motives that actuate a manager in such a case. It is a triumph of managerial strategy rather than an unsportsmanlike trick.

In fact, managers have resorted to all kinds of unscrupulous tricks, including the putting of oil of mustard and other liquids dangerous to the eyes on the gloves of their boxers. They have put plaster of paris on the bandages of their men and they had the boxer soak his hands in water to harden the plaster to rock like substance. Managers heckle and badger opposing boxers all during a fight and resort to the most unfair methods.

Misrepresentation, either through ignorance or intent, is also a favorite scheme of the average manager. At Lippe, who once managed Abe Attel,

recently gave circulation to this statement: "Abe Attel was the greatest little fighter, in my opinion, that ever lived. He probably made more money in the ring than any other boxer and saved his life in the process. He was the champion of the featherweights for ten long years and during that time he fought in almost every State of the Union. He fought so often he seldom had time to train for any of his battles, but he always was in shape. He never disappointed a club and fought whether he felt like it or not, but Abe always won until he met Johnny Kilbane in 1912."

Although Lippe had but to look at the records to learn how hopelessly erroneous his assertions were, he seems to have been content to let them stand.

Four Years, Not Ten. Attel lost his featherweight crown to Kilbane in 1912, and thus held title for a trifle more than four years, instead of ten. Attel was outpointed in 1909 by Jim Driscoll in a ten round decision bout in this city, showing that the American was not the greatest fighter of all time.

As to never disappointing a club, Attel was matched with Joe Bowker of England in 1904 to fight in the National Sporting Club of London. Attel signed articles for his traveling expenses, named the ship on which he would sail and then took a train for San Francisco. Perhaps Lippe never heard of these facts.

BOUTS IN JERSEY CITY. Johnny Drumme will box Dave Medar and Sailor (Kid) Regan will swap swats with Charley Beecher in eight round bouts to-morrow night at the Armory A. A. Jersey City.

WRESTLING IN BROOKLYN. In the wrestling contests to be held at the Crescent Theatre in Brooklyn on Tuesday night Chief Bowser, former Jack Harris will meet Joe Ruess. Alex Haggis will meet Hoeser Vaneck, of the U. S. Army Pioneers.

MOORE'S DEFEAT OF WILDE BIG UPSET

Pal Outpointed Little Man Whom John Bull Thought Invincible.

O'DOWD EARNS PRAISE



SEAMAN PAL MOORE.

White Mike O'Dowd, Augie Ratner, Eddie McGoorty, Harry Grab, F. C. Laney, and other boxers in the service of Uncle Sam performed admirably against the British military representatives and rolled up many points, yet it fell to Pal Moore, the Memphis bantam, to create a sensation by outpointing the great Jimmy Wilde.

The decision against the pugilist Mol of England really caused the greatest consternation, and even those who were at the ringside were unable to restrain their chagrin.

Although the bout was but three rounds in duration the worshippers of the diminutive Wilde were thoroughly upset by the result and so far forgot themselves as to hiss the referee for a decision that Wilde's trainer declared to be fair.

There is no special reason for the Englishmen to get excited over the decision, for Pal Moore is quite apt to outpoint any bantam in the world in a short bout. Among the bantams that Moore has outpointed are Johnny Kirtle, Peter Herman, now the bantam champion, Kid Williams, former champion; Battling Reddy, Frankie Burns, Jack Sharkey and others.

Short Bout Artist. Moore is essentially a short bout artist. He is speedy as a deer, a good boxer and can take a punch. But he is not a hitter, and in a long bout with a heavy hitter like Wilde, he is likely to be worn out. There is no much doubt that the punishing Briton would be returned the winner. It is questionable, however, if Wilde can stop Moore much inside of twenty rounds.

There is not the slightest doubt that Wilde and his supporters will demand a match at a longer distance. Wilde in getting a decision over the marvelous Welsh boxer, no doubt has a tendency to make Pete Herman, the bantam champion of the world, feel much dissatisfied with himself. He had the opportunity of going across the water and meeting Wilde, but declined, probably because he did not care to have his title tarnished by a possible defeat at the hands of Wilde.

Mike Ratner 'Em. By his remarkable showing in the tournament Mike O'Dowd has assured himself of a warm greeting when he returns to this country. Not only did O'Dowd beat three opponents, including Dick Smith, the heavyweight champion of England, but the middleweight champion of the world went out of his class in order to help out the American team.

Augie Ratner, whose clever boxing caught the eye of the English patrons of the sport, also performed creditably. So far as the heavyweight class is concerned there was not a capable man in the service of Uncle Sam. Joe Cox and Eddie McGoorty were not equal to the occasion.

Where the American team was supposed to be strongest was in the lightweight division. Richie Mitchell was expected to vanquish the heavyweights, but he was beaten in the preliminary round by an unknown named Miller. Eddie Shannon, the other lightweight, was easily disposed of by the English.

Eddie Coulon and F. C. Laney of the featherweight division were particularly effective and scored many points.

HARVARD ROWING PROSPECTS ROSEATE

Most Crew Members in Service, but Expect Discharges.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 14.—Harvard rowing, the first sport at the university to be given up when the war seemed imminent, will be the forerunner of other college athletic activities the coming year. Prospects for a crew appear excellent and a large squad of candidates will be at work by the time the shells are ready to be taken on the river.

Williams Haines, the professional coach, who assisted Head Coach Robert F. Herrick in 1916 and acted as his own boss last year, is expected to return to the university. He is expected to be back with the crew. He already has attended to the preliminary work this fall.

The Crimson will have its 1918 captain, R. S. Emmet, back again. The Harvard stroke was Unit for service, but has been doing Red Cross work in London up to the past week, when he left England with the intention of re-entering Harvard on January 2. Emmet is spoken of as one of the best stroke men ever turned out at Cambridge.

J. S. Coleman, No. 2 last spring, is still in college, but the remainder of the eight, with the exception of D. L. Withington, who died after an attack of influenza, are in service and with one or two possible exceptions may be returned to their collegiate team.

There probably will be no wrestling, fencing or gymnastics at Harvard this winter, but a hockey team is among the probabilities. If such a seven is organized it will practice and play at the Boston Arena. George Percy, who was officer in the Marine Corps, and it is not known whether he can return to college.

MOTOR RACE DATE MAY 31

Memorial Day Held Sacred by Indianapolis Track Men. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—The 500 mile Speedway Sweepstakes at the Indianapolis Motor track will be run on Saturday, May 31, instead of Decoration Day, May 30. Theodore E. Myers, business manager of the speedway, this afternoon received a message from Carl G. Fisher, one of the track owners, announcing the change.

Fisher, with James A. Allison and Arthur C. Newby, the other owners, are in Miami, Fla. Recently there has been criticism on the selection of Decoration Day for the automobile race.

Eleven Hunters Killed in Maine. AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 14.—Eleven lives have been lost in connection with the hunting season, which ends at midnight to-night. Four persons were shot, having been mistaken for deer; one was accidentally killed by a companion, two others accidentally shot themselves and four were drowned. There were seven fatalities last year.

CLARK HOUSE RUN

On Tuesday night C. De Stefano of the Mohawk A. C. will meet some of the best long distance men in the city in the Clark House weekly invitation run over the course of four and a half miles through the East Side streets. The race will start at 8:30 P. M. from the house, at 288 Livingston street.

CROSS JOINS K. O. C.

Phil J. Cross, swimmer and ball player, is going overseas as a Knight of Columbus secretary. Cross was the first mile champion at Travers Island in 1902.

Cross is a noted athlete also and will be remembered as one of the best first basemen on the Fordham team in 1902.

Interallied Boxing Champions of Service

The divisional championship winners in the interallied boxing tournament in London last Wednesday and Thursday night were as follows: Featherweight—Pal Moore, United States army. Lightweight—F. Chaney, United States navy. Middleweight—F. Chaney, United States navy. Heavyweight—Miller, British army.

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