

WINTER SPORTING DOPE FROM EVERYWHERE

McFarland-Britton Go Fine Financial Affair.

Since the managers of Packey McFarland and Jack Britton got together and, in an unguarded moment, matched their men to meet in a Milwaukee ring, we may expect all sorts of stories regarding the impending clash. The bill must be well press-agented, and Emil Thiry and Dan Morgan are artists at spreading the publicity stuff.

The latest yarn is that other promoters regard the tussle with suspicion. They point out that Thiry and Morgan could not get together on the weight question, and then failed to agree on a cut of the gate receipts. The haste with which articles were signed as soon as the two managers met in New York is held up as a questionable proceeding.

It is argued that Britton has lost prestige since being licked by McFarland, and that he figures a draw with Packey will regain for him his lost ground. So, argue these dreamers, Thiry, rather than let the money that the fight will surely draw escape, will instruct his man to work under a pull.

In consideration of this Britton agreed to sign at catch weights and allow McFarland to take the lion's share of the gate.

Which is the veriest bunk, from where we sit. McFarland can lick Britton sitting in an arm chair, and everybody knows it, no matter what the outcome of the next battle may be. And Britton's share of the coin will not be small. It will be worth taking a licking for.

Britton, by a victory, would not gain prestige as a lightweight, as he is too heavy for the division. He declines to fight the middle or welter. He and McFarland are in a division all by themselves,

Rain May Affect Scores of the Big Football Games.

Wipe off the dope sheet and be prepared for anything in this afternoon's two big football games, Chicago vs. Wisconsin and Harvard vs. Yale.

The heavy downpour which started here this morning has upset the calculations of Maroon adherents, who counted heavily on the dashing runs of Gray, Norgren and Russell to smash the oval down the field and over the Badger goal line with pleasing frequency.

Stagg Field will be heavy, and the fast footwork of the trio of Maroon scorers will be greatly checked.

There will also be a handicap imposed on the kicking of Norgren and Russell. With a wet ball, bound to increase in weight, the Maroon quarter will find it difficult to boot the leather over the cross bars on a drop kick, and the distance of Norgren's punts will be cut down.

One satisfaction is gained from the fact that the heavy ball will also prove a burden to Quarterback Belows of Wisconsin, touted as a grand punter and a better drop-kicker than Russell.

So far as the heavy field will affect the speed of the two elevens as a whole, considered from a standpoint of weight, there will be little to choose. Both teams average a trifle over 176 pounds. Chicago's backfield outweighs the Badgers two pounds to the man.

But the Badgers rely on line-piercing and smashing cross bucks more than spectacular open-field work. The muck will not prove as great a drawback to this style of play as the Maroon end swings.

Chicago remains the favorite, however, though the score will be smaller than on a dry field.

Weather conditions in Cambridge were reported to be unfavorable this