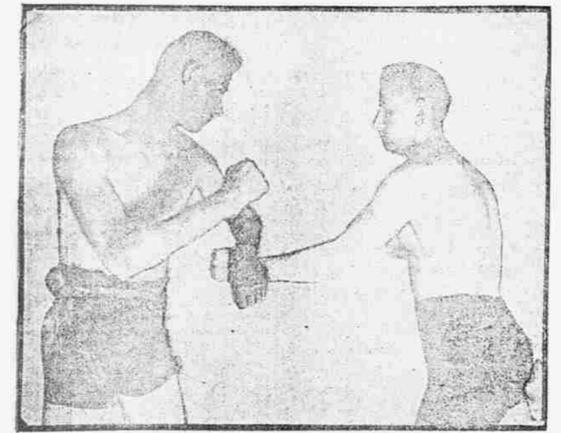


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YOUNG CORBETT-SULLIVAN BOUT PROMISES HIGH CLASS CONTEST.

Fight Is the Most Important Ever Scheduled for Decision in This City—More Local Interest Attaches to Fight in Which Attell Will Figure—They Are Guaranteed a \$5,000 Purse or Fifty Per Cent of Receipts—Ryan-Block Fight Down for Decision on at Business Men's Gymnasium To-Morrow Evening.



—By a Republic Photographer. GEORGE BLOCK AND JACK BULGER SPARRING. Block illustrating his right case, which proved effective in disposing of Jack Hanley.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. Young Corbett and Dave Sullivan will meet before the West End Club of this city the evening of July 3 in the most important pugilistic contest ever scheduled in this city. Three weeks later Abe Attell will meet the victor in a contest of equal importance, and to which probably even more local interest attaches. Both fights will be for the feather-weight championship title.

News that the fights had been arranged, published in yesterday's Republic, was easily the pugilistic feature of the week, and caused great comment among lovers of the game. From all standpoint the bouts are of interest, and they will afford an opportunity to witness fights for which every club in the country would be glad to offer big purses.

Five thousand dollars will be hung up in each battle, and at that a wide margin of profit will be left for the management of the West End Club. The location of these fights in St. Louis will make this city the center of pugilistic interest all over the country, and it is likely that the biggest business ever attempted at a fight in St. Louis will be arranged at the bout.

The Corbett and Sullivan fight was secured for this city here in the match and was rendered impossible in Denver owing to the attitude of the Fire and Police Board of that city. Widespread interest was felt in the fight, even though fights are limited to ten rounds in Denver. The champions' time taken in this city the bout can be a championship distance to a decisive ending.

That the Corbett-Attell fight is regarded as the more important of the two is evidenced from the fact that it is placed last. Difference in style between Corbett and Attell's methods of fighting was thought likely to afford a more scientific bout than could be furnished by Corbett and Sullivan, and so it was scheduled as the last attraction.

In the fight between Corbett and Sullivan there should certainly be no lack of action from start to finish, as it would be a slug-fight from the start. The question in that fight would resolve itself into a contest of hitting ability and endurance between the men, rather than a test of their science. Even admitting Corbett's cleverness, it is likely that Sullivan will keep after him so hard in their coming battle as to make the bout of the highest order from the start.

Sullivan's hitting ability was spoken of rather lightly when he met McGovern, but his ability due to contrast with McGovern's extreme punching powers. It is likely, therefore, that he will mix it up with

drawing card in a bout. Since James J. Corbett won the heavy-weight championship and proved that there was something more than mere punching power and strength requisite in a pugilist, it has been noticeable that the scientific fighter has always drawn the crowd over the man who depended entirely upon his strength for his position.

James J. Corbett, George Dixon and Kid McCoy all stirred up far more interest in bouts than could pugilists of the slugging order. McGovern and Fitzsimmons followed a style of fighting in which tremendous hitting powers were combined with science, but it was the latter quality, as much almost as their punching powers, which enabled them to land their knockout.

Attell always has been more of a problem, even to his admirers, however, on account of ignorance as to just what he could do when it came to a place where a

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—By a Republic Photographer. PHILADELPHIA TOMMY RYAN. Who will fight George Block to-morrow evening, sparring with Bob Douglas.

knockout was in his line. Certainly he never has shown any lack of ability in this respect, and it is safe to say that if he had a knockout power he would have used it with Block had it not been for the difference in weight, though tipped the scales at a higher figure than that he could have missed something in this. Certainly, Young's face is not so much battered at the close of his bout with Attell to show the effects of the latter's punch. Whether this same man can win Abe the championship remains to be seen.

Action by the Fire and Police Board of Denver in declaring the bout of cost Manager Gallagher of the amount of forfeit had posted for the contest. Hawthorne has probably met the amount, and the men are waiting to terms of agreement, the men are to weigh in at 127 pounds at 2 p. m. of the evening of July 2.

Some idea of the size of the house that is expected may be formed from the fact that the men will be guaranteed a purse of \$5,000, this last amount being posted as a guarantee. It is likely that the fight will be evenly contested, in which case it will prove a record-breaker. The McCoy-Sullivan fight three years ago drew 15,000 people, but this amount should be exceeded July 2.

George Block and Philadelphia Tommy Ryan will fight to-morrow night at the Business Men's Gymnasium. The bout is expected to draw a large crowd. As this will be Block's first real test against a man of ability, considerable interest is felt in the bout. Block beats Ryan, he will have an attraction in his class in Chicago or elsewhere, and the fight would be a success.

The showing made by Block in recent battles convinced many that his chances are excellent against Ryan. Block possesses considerable native skill and has a quick jab with which he is very disconcerting to an opponent. He knocked out several opponents last winter, and seems to have gained a tremendous advantage in his case, this being his extreme weight and rapid movement, and an almost weakened by his attenuation, and will lower far over Ryan in his bout to-morrow. Certainly the latter will be more than a head, while his reach will be proportionately longer.

Ryan is best known as Young Corbett's sparring partner, but has some good bouts to his credit. He was knocked out about two months ago by Otto Beckett in the fifth round of a fight, but has always claimed that he was getting the better of the argument up to that time. In this respect, press comments on the fight bear him out. He is a hard-hitter, and his style of fighting is very different from that of generally. This will afford a bout between two of the different styles of fighting, which always makes an interesting contest. As a preliminary, M. Michael and George Ester will go ten rounds at 125 pounds. Bob Douglas will receive both bouts of the evening.

Fitzsimmons and Jeffries are both reported in good shape and they should certainly have no excuse on the ground of condition when they step into the ring unless some accident happens between now and the date of their fight. Reports from the training quarters of both men contain accounts of their hunting and touring experiences, and they both seem to be following the same system, namely, a natural style of training in the open air.

Fitzsimmons always has been partial to outdoor work, and in only one respect has he departed from his former customs. This is in taking up hunting as a means of training, whereas he has taken a leaf from Jeffries's book. The champion probably was the first to specialize hunting as a feature of training.

Corbett scheduled to meet Jeffries in the fall and hopeful of a getting on with McGovern. He has taken a leaf from the Sullivan-Corbett fight with Attell and will meet the winner in both cases. Hard hitters are matched in the opening bouts of a scientific boxer ready for a bout with the winner.

Being contents in the Coronation tournament will open in England to-morrow evening. The bouts for Monday are competitions between the boxers of Oxford and Cambridge, and those who took it upon themselves to represent Yale, regardless of the prohibition of the faculty. Ben Jordan and Mal Doyle are the latter ones, who will meet for the 125-pound championship and will also meet for the 135-pound title. The up-to-morrow evening for the welter-weight championship.

Tommy Ryan and Pat Daly were originally scheduled to fight for the light-weight championship, but late developments have caused the latter one to be dropped. Tommy Ryan and Johnny Gorman are carried to meet the same night, however, and will have a very interesting contest. Wednesday night, Harry Harris and Jack Roberts will be up for the 135-pound title. Ryan is best known as Young Corbett's sparring partner, but has some good bouts to his credit.

Twenty weeks of the Eastern racing season shows the lowest profit shown in any single week was at Morris Park, May 12 to 17, when the profit was only 56. Several single weeks have shown a profit of over 100. The average profit per day is thus about \$12 and the average profit per race, \$2. The working of the system for a day at Morris Park is appended.

Morris Park, Monday, May 12, 1902.—First race, Morris Park, post favorite, Odds, 7 to 5. Ran second. Amount wanted in second race, \$20 (45 loss and \$25 for profit). Second race—Old Lady, post favorite, Odds 11 to 10. Ran second. (Here notice that player would have cashed \$11 instead of \$10. This will work both ways.) Third race—Total loss, 215. Amount wanted, \$30. Swifts, post favorite, Odds, 7 to 10. Bet made, \$1 to 150. Won. Profit, 36. End of series. Fourth race—Rogers, post favorite, Odds, 9 to 5. Won. Profit, 85. Fifth

race—Smoke, post favorite, Odds, 9 to 5. No bet. Won. Odds, 2 to 5. No bet. Won. "One of the worst runs of losing favorites encountered was when chasing from Benning to Aqueduct. This run was from the fourth race on the last day of Benning (Hazel) won at 11 to 20 to the third race on the second day at Aqueduct (Examiner) won at 9 to 5, ten losing favorites in all at very short prices and nearly \$1000 was needed to see it through.

"Another bad run occurred at Aqueduct on April 19, 21 and 22. Oom Paul, post favorite at 7 to 5, won the fourth race on Saturday. Eight losing favorites followed (Francisco) winning the second race on Monday at 1 to 5 and the system pulled out on Tuesday in the third race, with Harry Friche at 7 to 5, after losing a large bet in the race previous on Merca at 11 to 20. These are the worst runs of losing favorites encountered to date. The Gravesend meeting, despite a bad reputation, ran along very smoothly.

Colonel John Jacob Astor has received plans for a building near his country residence, Ferncliffe, at Rhinebeck on the Hudson. The building will be a great one and will be the largest private building used for sports in this country. It will be modeled somewhat on the style of the Grand Trianon and will be on an eminence about a quarter of a mile from the residence, overlooking the Hudson. The building will be only one-story high and constructed of stone and brick, covered with stucco.

RAGEGERS ARE INTERESTED IN SYSTEMATIC SPECULATION.

Ragegers in general are showing great desire to learn more of the ins and outs of systematic speculation. Gambling on horse races has become popular with the American public. It is not adverse to losing its money, but it also likes to win. Many systems have been figured out by persons who follow the races, but rarely are they followed.

Resting on a system means slow profits, and it must be followed with clocklike regularity. System speculation does not permit of following tips and good things. Comparatively a large capital is required to follow a good system. The Brooklyn Eagle, on June 1, publishes an interesting story on system speculation at the race tracks. In part, it is as follows:

"A highly scientific boxer, but one who has also been credited with small ability in a hitting line, and a fighter whose hitting powers are excellent. Such bouts always draw well, to witness the Broad-Attell and Young-Attell fights of last winter. Science has always proved the strongest

of the quotations of the 'bookie' selected by the odds makers. The system player will wager his money, therefore, upon the post favorite and he will not take any price against the post favorite, be it short or be it long. No, he will refuse to accept a short price, but he will take a long price as he can get. More races are to be followed.

"What, now, will be the initial bet with which the series is started? It will be \$100. At what odds? At the prevailing odds on offer in the ring, provided these odds are not less than 2 to 1.

"Suppose the initial bet to win. What will the profit be? Anywhere from \$22 (the minimum) to the maximum, a favorite rarely, if ever, being quoted at higher odds than 2 to 1. Rest, retire? By no means. Start the system again in the same fashion and with the same liberal odds, the less investment required. As long as the initial bet continues to win, suppose the opening wager, and continue to win, until the system has had the initial bet cashed. Therefore, let him make his second wager of sufficient size to win \$10—the \$5 which he has already lost and an additional \$5, which is to be his profit.

"If the post favorite is at 2 to 1 in the race in which he makes his second wager he will have lost \$5 to gain \$10. The favorite is at 1 to 2, an investment of \$5 will be called for. In either case, if the bet wins, the player will have his loss on the opening wager recovered and a profit of \$5. Could anything be simpler?

"If the second wager loses, the player must let it recover his two losses and his \$5 profit, and so on until he cashes a bet. The number of losing races which he can stand on \$250 capital is, of course, regulated by the odds obtained for his money. The more liberal the odds, the less investment required. The shorter the odds, the more money must be put up.

"The first question, which arises is, naturally, How many losing races can the system stand? Next, How many losing races is it likely to strike in succession? These questions can only be answered by striking an average. Twelve to eighteen losing bets can usually be made ere the capital is so far reduced as to make the next bet impossible.

"Up to the time of the present writing no run of losing favorites has yet occurred on the tracks around New York (including Benning) sufficiently lengthy to seriously endanger the working of this system. There have been times when a heavy investment was necessary and when the end seemed in sight. The system, however, has weathered every storm so far this season.

"Played consistently, this system has won over \$100 since the opening of the Eastern racing season at Benning, on March 25, and has increased its capital at the rate of 50 per cent per annum. There still remain

Interest among local oarsmen is now centered on the Lempi plate race, the first of the local series, which will be rowed July 1 and on the Southwestern Amateur Rowing Association's regatta at Creve Coeur Lake July 19 and 20. All the local races are hard at work training for the events and the season in aquatics promises to be an interesting one.



—By a Republic Photographer. BARRY MCCORMICK. Who has been playing the short field for the Browns in place of Wallace, who has been out of the game with a bad ankle. McCormick was formerly a shortstop on the Chicago National League team, and he shows much better in that position than he does at third base, his regular position.

has caused some interest in cycling events here, and a sort of lukewarm interest was taken in the chief cycling event of the week, the Walthour-Champion race at Benning last Tuesday afternoon. Albert Champion won the race on a four, through the action of Walthour's pacemaker, who created him so that he lost his pace. His claim of foul was allowed.

The race, for twenty-five miles, motor paced, was started with a protest pending against Walthour's motor. Champion took the lead at the start, but was passed by Walthour on the second mile. Walthour gained rapidly thereafter and finished with a margin of twelve laps, winning in 36 minutes 4.24 seconds.

In the twenty-five-mile race, motor paced, at the same meet, Harry Ekes won four and a half miles in the rear. The time was 38:15.

A dispatch from New York concerning the American Whist League reads: "The annual meeting of the American Whist League opens next Monday at the Oriental Hotel, Manhattan Beach. From 200 to 400 players will take part in the contest. The three principal trophies are for the Hamilton trophy for teams of four from the various clubs, to be competed for in a series which continues until Saturday; a similar contest for the American Whist League trophy, a challenge cup and the Minneapolis trophy for pairs.

There will also be a competition for the Brooklyn trophy first played for in 1886, and a number of open contests for mixed play-

Those who have been working so long for a national highway between New York and Chicago at last believe that the scheme has been properly launched. The New York and Chicago Road Association was organized at a meeting at the Mar Association rooms in New York Monday night, and the following officers were elected: Colonel Albert A. Pope, president; John B. Ulmer, vice president; Geo. C. Boardman, secretary; and W. L. Dickinson, treasurer, and A. H. Heston, secretary. Other members of the board of trustees are Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, W. E. Smith, F. C. Donald, R. B. Ayres, T. J. Keenan, Jr., W. S. Crandall, W. A. Howell, Milo M. Belding, Jr., and H. L. Perkins. The old road by way from Syracuse and Buffalo is 307 miles between New York and Chicago, and the proposed new route will be only about 150 miles in length. At least 60 miles of the road is already built, and it is proposed to organize local associations to help finish the route. The associations will hold a meeting at Atlantic City at the time of the A. W. meet there in July. The proposed road will start at Port Leo and pass through Newburg, Binghamton, Elmira, Olean, Jamestown, Cheautau, Cleveland, Ferris, Sabulsky, Goshen, South Bend, Hammond and Chicago.

Injunction Sought Against Weavers. Boston, June 12.—The American Woolen Company has filed a bill in equity in the Suffolk County Superior Court against members of the Weavers' Union in Fitchburg, restraining them from patrolling in front of the mills and from attempting by persuasion or otherwise, to induce new employees to break their contracts.



SENIOR CREW OF THE ST. LOUIS ROWING CLUB. Names, reading from left to right: Rear row—Captain L. Grosjean, stroke; William Ingles, coxswain; Joseph Dig, No. 4. Front row—L. Joachim, bow; John Ising, No. 3; Henry Langheanig, No. 5; Henry Schmidt.