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ALONG THE SPORT LINE

Local and Outside

LEONARD AND WELSH SIGN TO BOX JUNE 15

New York, June 3—Benny Leonard and Freddie Welsh were matched by the Washington Park Sports club of Brooklyn to meet in a 10-round bout on Thursday night, June 15. It will be Leonard's second crack at the lightweight champion, whom he outpointed in another 10-round last March.

The New Yorker wanted a 20-round battle with Welsh at Buenos Ayres in July, but the Englishman's affair with Charlie White prevented its being arranged. Welsh felt he could not afford to face two such formidable men in one month, so the short match here was made as a compromise. They are to make 135 pounds at a o'clock on the afternoon before the fight.

JIM THORPE SUES JERSEY PAPER FOR ALLEGED SLANDER

New York, June 3—A suit for \$10,000 for libel was filed yesterday in the New Jersey Supreme Court by James Thorpe of 147 West 156th street, New York, the Indian athlete and baseball player and winner of the pentathlon in the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912. The suit is against a Jersey City newspaper, Thorpe was a member of the Jersey City baseball club in 1915.

The complaint says that on June 8, 1915, the defendant published a story headed "Badly Hurt in Saloon Row With Jim Thorpe, Indian Right Fielder, and Catcher Reynolds of the Jersey City Team." The article attacked Young La Forge, taken into custody, but later released. Under the heading was an account of an alleged row in a saloon at West Side and Yale avenues in which Thorpe and Reynolds, 24 years old, of 20 Clark street, was "knocked unconscious and remained in that condition for an hour."

The complaint says the story was "false and malicious" and that it not only harmed his personal reputation, but injured his professional reputation as a ball player, caused him loss of employment and depreciated the value of his services.

JACK JOHNSON IS SETTLED IN SPAIN

Jack Johnson, the ex-heavyweight champion of the world, has settled down in Spain, having opened a boxing academy in Madrid. It is reported that one of his distinguished patrons is King Alfonso. Johnson has had two fights at the Grand theatre, Madrid. He defeated Frank Crozier on March 10 and Arthur Gruhan on March 25.

Hommy Stalls In Bout With Hartley in New Haven Show

New Haven, June 3—Packer Hommy and Pete Hartley engaged in 12 rounds of one-sided battling last night at the Casino. Hartley deserves a certain measure of credit for his efforts in the ring but Hommy won by a great width of the margin. He was barred from New Haven rings for the balance of his ring career.

His manager was afraid of a decision because his charge is to meet George Chaney and Johnny Kilbane in the near future, according to current tales of the affair, so the club officials were forced to allow the boxers to go over the 12-round bout with no decision on the end before Hommy would enter the ring. Hartley was ready to go according to the original agreement and he forced the fight from start to finish, gaining all the advantage, but Hommy covered and stalled throughout the mill.

Even Umpires Have Signal System Now

A few years ago signals between umpire and pitcher were practically unknown. This year the system is advanced to almost the proportions of the baseball team signals, writes S. E. McCarty, in the Pittsburgh Leader. Umpires must work in harmony, and often, very often, one umpire makes a decision on a play that the other umpire has ruled on. The umpire at the plate must rule on whether a ball is caught or not in the outfield. On a trapped ball this is different. The umpire at the field umpire has been instructed to pay particular attention to trapped balls. He forgets the base runner and gets as close to the fielder as possible, on a close play of that kind. He immediately flashes a signal to the umpire at the plate and the latter makes the ruling, even though it is possible he did not see the play, on account of players running between him and the ball. In some of the parks, especially right field in New York, it is practically impossible for a plate umpire to see the ball after it leaves the bat.

A hit to right field is difficult to judge, even from first base, so, at times, it looks like it hits into the stands and bounces out; other times like it hits the wall, when in fact, it has gone into the stands. Yet the plate umpire must rule on the plays. Plays at third base are left very largely to the signal system, too.

GRADUATION BASKETS AND BOUQUETS. ANDERSON & SON.

PUSHBALL CONTESTS ARE EXTREMELY POPULAR AT THE VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES



New York, June 3—About this time of the year various universities throughout the country hold their annual pushball contests, which are extremely popular. This is due to the fact that seldom, if ever, are any of the contestants injured. These contests are held among the different classes and amuse the spectators as well as the men engaged in the sport. The illustration shows a contest between two class teams at the New York university recently.

TED LEWIS SAYS MIKE GIBBONS IS GAME IN THE RING

New York, June 3—Ted (Kid) Lewis has rallied to the defense of Mike Gibbons against the attacks of critics and experts who flatly declared or mildly insinuated that the latter wore "shackles" in his bout with the "Tindia Rubber Man." Following Gibbons' denial of the charges made against him comes a long statement from Lewis giving his version of the affair.

Lewis's views are logical. He maintains that Gibbons has been boxed and all along and questions his courage. He writes: "I have carefully reviewed his (Gibbons') performances in and about New York and have seen many of them. I wonder if he could have been faking or not trying when he boxed Jack McCarron, Knockout Brennan, Freddie Hicks, Jack Dennis, twice; Kid Graves, Al McCoy, Hommy Maloney, Johnny Howard, Joe Stein, and Packer McFarland? They all went the scheduled distance with him, and there certainly was no incentive for him to let them stay. If he could have knocked them out and failed to do so, why didn't the press chase him out of New York then?"

Lewis then goes on to tell of some of the men he has beaten, evidently to indicate that he was underrated when he was pitted against Gibbons. When one considers the class of men that the Englishman has boxed and defeated, recently, the suspicion that Mike was under a "pull" becomes weaker.

"Fighting is my business," Lewis continues, "I don't pick soft ones or insist upon no-decision contests. In every town or city where I've boxed I never failed to give entire satisfaction. I do the best I can when in the ring, and endeavor to make my opponent do the same. This Gibbons, I think, will admit. What other man ever cut him up the way I did? I knocked out his teeth, cut a gash into his eye, and after the battle Mike with his missing molar, cuts, and bruises, surely did not look like a fighter who had faked. If for any reason he really did not try, it was solely because he was afraid to take a chance and boxed over carefully and cautiously. I think Gibbons is a very clever boxer, but he is miles away from being a COURAGEOUS FIGHTER."

BASEBALL UNIFORMS

The first baseball game in which any of the players wore uniforms was pulled off just sixty-five years ago to-day, writes S. E. McCarty, in the Pittsburgh Leader. The Knickerbocker, the pioneer ball club, played the Yorkville Washingtons. The Knickerbocker players created a great sensation by appearing on the field and uniforms in white shirts and blue trousers, with straw licks covering their domes. Cheers, hoots and cat-calls greeted their appearance, for the uniforms were a complete surprise, and were publicly worn for the first time at that game. The Washingtons, like all other clubs up to that time, were garbed in plain citizen's clothing. The idea made a great hit, and within a year all the important clubs were wearing uniforms. Long trousers were worn up to 1868, when the Cincinnati Red Stockings pulled off another innovation by adopting short "pants." The Reds in that year wore caps, and their sartorial outfits established a precedent which has been followed to this day, with some slight changes and improvements.

"Ruby Robert" Fitzsimmons will pass his fifty-fourth milestone to-morrow. Within the last year the freckled fellow was harassed by his fourth wife and his New Jersey farm has been sold under a mortgage foreclosure, but Bob refuses to worry about such trifles as losing a home and a wife, and is as chipper as ever. He is thinking about returning to the ring to redeem his shattered fortunes.

J. W. Robinson of Boise, Idaho, was recalled by the voters in an election, for incompetent police administration. S. H. Hays succeeded him.

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