

RACING HANKER AFTER CHAMPIONSHIP

PICATO AND BUFNS SET GOAL AT TOP OF HEAP BOTH FAMOUS FOR THEIR ABILITY TO PUNCH Each Expects to Trim His Opponent Tomorrow Night Long Before the Ten-Round Limit to Emphasize Their Class

BY JAY DAVIDSON Two scrappers who acknowledge to a hankering after championship honors in two different swat divisions will exhibit their prowess tomorrow night at McCarey's pavilion. Frank Picato, a Los Angeles boy who has put many pling lightweights in the scrap heap with his terrific wallop, hopes some day to be billed as the lightweight champion, and Jack Burns, the latest heavy-weight champion possibility, is after all the near-champ in the big division because he believes he is good enough to wear the premier honors of that division with becoming modesty and as effectively as any previous defender of title. Picato will tackle the dangerous old war horse, Charlie (Kid) Dalton, while Burns will hook up with an equally dangerous opponent in Jim Cameron, the lengthy and thin black wallop with arms as long as telegraph poles.

Picato has picked out a tough trial horse in Dalton, who has a heart of steel and the courage of a lion to back up his terrific wallop, but Dalton admittedly is easy to hit and Picato believes that he is the master of any lightweight whom he can reach with that withering punch of his. Dalton has whipped some good main event scrappers in recent months and has acquired quite a lot of valuable experience since he fought Frank Carsey at Vernon. He now knows the value of training properly and also has learned how to train. He also has learned that there is something else required in a winner than the possession of a knowledge of offensive tactics—and he says the fans will see a different Kid Dalton in action than the one they had been fighting previous to his departure for the northern fighting tour.

Burns stopped Battling Johnson in less than two rounds recently at Bakersfield, after whipping Terry Muskat and Joe Willis and believes that he is in line for the big chair. When he started to make a record in the ring about six months ago he weighed only 170 pounds. He is now a well-developed grown boy, and in all his fights he has shown a wallop that would kill a mule if it landed squarely. He seems to be another Al Kaufmann, being of about the same height, weight and reach, but if all reports are true he has a harder kick than the big native son near-champ.

Burns will have ample opportunity to show his ability as a fighter when he meets Cameron tomorrow night. Cameron is not a fighter of class, but he meets Cameron tomorrow night, Cameron is not a fighter of class, but he is nearly a foot taller than the average man, has a reach that is marvelous and a punch that means a sound slumber any time it lands. He is something of a freak, physically, owing to his extreme height and reach, and he usually is able to hold an opponent so far away from the same height, weight and arms at full length that he forms naturally and immediately an effective defense against attack, even by a clever boxer. No fighter in the business could hit Cameron with his bill if Cameron should straighten out his long arm into his opponent's face.

Both these boys should furnish good scraps. Each is the round route and brings together a pair of good sluggers. While the Picato-Dalton bout is advertised as the main event, the Burns-Cameron scrap will be "coupled in the betting" with it as a strong rival, at least, for the honors as the most attractive event.

CHANCE AND MURPHY SETTLE DIFFERENCES

President of Chicago Nationals and His Great Field General Patch Up Peace and Letter Goes Home Wednesday Frank Chance and President Murphy of the Chicago National league club have patched up their differences. Chance will leave Wednesday morning for the Windy town to begin preparations for taking the team on the spring training trip. Harvey T. Woodruff, of the Chicago Tribune sporting staff arrived in Los Angeles last Saturday morning, and after a conference with Chance in the city, returned to Chicago with the president and manager of the club. Woodruff came to Los Angeles as the representative of Murphy.

There were several main differences between them, but the principal quarrel was over the control of the team. Chance, as captain and manager, insisted upon having full charge, control and direction of his players on and off the field and insisted that Murphy should not interfere. There was a salary difference, and probably the post-season world championship series cut a figure in the quarrel, as Murphy promised his men quite a sum for winning the pennant and the championship and the national commission stepped in and declared he should not keep faith with his men. All differences have been settled in a satisfactory manner, however, and the captain and manager will be on the job again when the 1909 pennant chase starts.

Chance is regarded in baseball circles as the greatest general and team manager that is doing business in this day. He has won flags for Chicago so frequently that a failure to land the pennant would be something in the nature of a form reversal for him. He is a high class player and is hustling himself and his men at all stages, and seldom is charged with overlooking any detail that would give his team victory. All baseball fans will be pleased that he is to go back to the team.

SPEEDWAY IS FINANCED INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—The much-talked-of motor speedway in Indianapolis, to vie with the Vanderbilt and Savannah courses, in attracting the world's prominent automobile racers, materialized yesterday when the Indianapolis Motor Speedway company, capitalized at \$250,000, filed articles of incorporation.

LARGE FIELDS AND FAIR CLASS THE RULE AT SANTA ANITA TODAY

Famous Twirlers Who Are Coaching Harvard and Yale



WHEN the Yale and Harvard baseball teams line up for the season play late in the spring, Christy Mathewson and "Spittin' Ed" Walsh will have an unusual degree of interest in the results of games played, and these great big league twirlers are picking up some easy money this winter in coaching the pitchers of these teams. Mathewson has a squad of four Harvard pitchers under his direction, and he is teaching them the how and why of the shoots. Walsh has another squad of Yale pitchers taking his instructions in New Haven. Walsh has a promising bunch and is enthusiastic at the excellent showing they are making. Walsh is well known to Los Angeles fans, as he was out here last spring with Comiskey's White Sox rearing for spring practice and became quite popular. Mathewson almost pitched the Giants to victory last season—did so, in fact, until the rough house incident at the end of the game caused the Merkle absent-mindedness brand of hophead playing to become famous by losing the rag that his club had won. The twirlers have the gift of very capable instructors and should learn some new kinks of the art before they are turned out as "finished" performers.

SELLING PLATERS Will hold the boards at Santa Anita this afternoon, partly because it is Blue Monday and partly because track conditions are such that owners of the real high class horses will not bring them out of the barns to earn the ordinary purse offerings. Large fields will be the rule, and horses that have established a record in mud will go to the post. There are some good ones on the overnight, such as C. W. Burt, Capt. Kennedy, Voorhees, Director, Chalfonte, Echon, Sir Edward, Halset, Tom McGrath, Lord Stanhope, Pickaway, Anderson and a lot of others in this class. Good sport should result, and in most of the events the weights and class are so evenly matched that close and exciting finishes seem assured. Horsemen generally appreciate the cards that Secretary Smith is arranging lately because they are quite a number of horses to get a chance at oat money that otherwise would be unable to earn their expenses for the season. From now until the end of the season races will be arranged daily that will let in horses of high and low class, and the owner who has a fast horse will find it profitable to have him run a race or two certainly must have a bun bunch of races.

The California handicap, which will be the stake feature of the week, to be run next Saturday, will cost the racing association more money than any other event of the season. It carries an ante value of \$7500. It had seventy nominations at closing time, netting \$1750. Fifty-five were left in January 1, and another 225 penalty, or \$1375; four fifteen will go to the post. If the track is fast, each being charged \$100 to start, or \$1500. This brings the total receipts up to \$4625, leaving a net loss of \$2275 for the association. The distance will be one and a quarter miles, and if a pastebord track is had for the running it is a big clinch that a new world record will be made by the winner.

The probable starters, in the event of a fast track, are as follows: Goward, Magazine, Vox Populi, John Carroll, Arasee, Dorante, Czar, King James, Dandelion, Big Chief and Maltese. In the event of a heavy going the field will come from the following: Pinkola, Magazine, Vox Populi, John Carroll, Arasee, Dorante, Montgomery, Frank Pittner, Ed Timmer, Misses, Parry, an additional, Orbicular, Big Chief and Maltese. In any event, a classy field will face the barrier to try for the largest purse of the season. Handicapper Smith decided to cut down the number.

Only two overnight handicaps are on the docket for this week, being the Lidge, Fisher and the Loma Alta handicap, worth \$500, to be run Saturday. The addition of an extra race to the card early in the week, an additional expenditure of \$2400 a week by the association, and owing to the continued rains, which cause horsemen to overlook the handicaps, Handicapper Smith decided to cut down the number.

Walter Little, a lightweight of good class and an equally good record in his short career in the ring, has been in town for six weeks in search for a scrap. He wants to get a tryout locally, with a view to future engagements if he makes good, and inasmuch as he has shown form in his eastern scraps he should get on with some of the coast boys. He prefers to scrap in the 125-130-pound division.

Nobody who desires to aid in elevating the turf will complain at the action of the judges in invoking the extreme penalty permitted under the Jockey club rules for fighting on the grounds, but in all fairness it seems that in departing from the time-honored custom of punishing offenders in a fine of from \$100 to \$500 the judges should have been guided by the decision to invoke the extreme penalty before applying it. Only in aggravated cases, where a fight brings the turf into disrepute and the loss of thousands of dollars invested in the thoroughbred string, Knebelkamp is the first owner to incur the extreme penalty, and while his prosecution was great, he probably would have been slow to anger had he known that instead of costing him a fine of \$200 it meant the loss of the loss of thousands of dollars invested in the thoroughbred string. Knebelkamp is a popular young turfman, with a clear record and everybody who attends the Santa Anita races hopes that the judges will reconsider their order barring him and his stable from the grounds and substitute a fine, with a warning to all horsemen that future offenses of this nature will be penalized by ruling off. If this action is taken, the students associate with the judges for lessening the penalty in this case and for adopting measures that in future will leave no pugacious turfman with an excuse for indulging in fistfights on the ground. To reconsider the ruling and apply the lesser penalty would not be an acknowledgment of error by the judges, nor would it be interpreted as a backdown, but, on the contrary, would be considered by all as proof that the judges desire to elevate the turf and promote its interests, while at the same time refusing to apply an unusual penalty to an offender without notice that this penalty would be invoked, in view of the fact that it had not been invoked in similar cases in the past.

Quite an attractive card has been arranged by Billy Egan, matchmaker and manager of the White City Athletic club, at Arcadia, for the boxing show Thursday night. For the first time in the history of the sport at Arcadia a card that appeals to the fans as one possessed of some class has been arranged for the main event, being a ten-round battle between the three Colliers, the negro heavyweight of Los Angeles, and Harry Wuest of Cincinnati. Colliers is not in the same class with Sam Langford, but he is a classy fighter and should give an excellent account of himself, despite that "uest comes here with a good record as a fighter. Two prelims will precede the main event.

The next big stake event on the bill at Emeryville will be the California derby to be run Washington's birthday. This event has \$5000 added money value, and will be worth about \$7500 gross, with a net value to the winner of about \$6000. Of the twenty-eight eligibles, thirty-two are being trained at Santa Anita, and it will not be a bit surprising if the winner is among this bunch. Among the present candidates here now are Fitz Herbert, Friend Harry, Harrigan, Joe Madden, Lawton Wiggins, Torbellino, Cotyito, Carmissa, Dr. Holzner and Leo Rose. The Los Angeles derby will be run two weeks later, but will have only a guaranteed value of \$5000 and a net value to the winner of \$4000.

Harvey T. Woodruff of the Chicago Tribune sporting staff has arrived and will pass a week in seeing the sights of Southern California, mostly at Santa Anita. Woodruff formerly was prominent in racing circles in the good old days around Chicago and confesses to the lingering possession of a love for the thoroughbred racing yet. He came to Los Angeles to "square" things for President Murphy of the Cubs with Frank Chance, and succeeded so well that Chance and Murphy have made up their differences. Woodruff will return home via Fresno, where he will call on Martin Nathanson and other friends of other days.

If you want to go east, C. Haydock, agent U. S. Central R. R., 118 W. State street, Los Angeles, is the man to call.

ATHLETICS

ATHLETE WILL TRY NOVEL FEAT

STARTS ON 24-HOUR WALK TO SAN DIEGO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OBSERVER IN AUTO

Eugene Estoppey of Pasadena is in training for 1000 Miles in 1000 Hours at Alaska-Yukon Expedition This Year

Eugene Estoppey, the professional athlete of Pasadena who won the Pasadena dry trail, has the Xmas-Eve day, announces that he will start upon an attempt to walk from First and Broadway to San Diego at noon Wednesday, allowing himself only twenty-four hours in which to do the 110 miles. He will be followed by an observer in an automobile and will proceed down Broadway to Fourth street, east on Fourth to the road to Santa Ana and thence south, following the coast road from there to San Diego. In the event of continued rain, sufficient to make the country roads difficult of travel, he will postpone the trip until the country dries out, but he expects to leave Wednesday noon if at all possible. Estoppey is in training for a novel feat in that he proposes to run 1000 miles in 1000 hours at the Alaska-Yukon exposition in June, and is taking the San Diego trip as a training stunt. He expects to run a mile every hour for 1000 consecutive hours at the exposition, sleeping between miles. As he will be on the move every hour for about forty-two days he realizes the big task ahead of him in getting sufficient sleep and yet keeping in condition.

RAITT OF A. A. U. IS WILLING TO VACATE

Says He Accepted Position at Earnest Solicitation of Officials—Will Discuss Withdrawal Wednesday

C. B. Raitt, president of the Southern California branch of the A. A. U., made the announcement last night that owing to dissatisfaction which prevails among the various amateur organizations in Southern California he more closely connected with the organization to be held next Wednesday at the Los Angeles Y. M. C. A. to settle the question of his continuing as president of the organization for the remainder of 1909.

"In the first place, I never wanted to take the chair of president of this organization," said Raitt, "for playground duties take up all my time. I cannot understand how stories of friction among the directors of this organization have gotten around. George W. Braden is the best place nomination for the presidency of the Los Angeles branch and if he had wanted to continue as president himself it seems to me that he would have placed my name before the nominating committee. When Sidney Peixotto, president of the coast branch of the A. A. U., came to me and asked me to resign as president of the Los Angeles branch I declined, but the worthy man from the north persuaded me to accept as I was more closely connected with the organization than anybody else. I cannot think of any other man that he could think of at that time. For that reason I accepted the position and I will withdraw in nomination I will withdraw in my favor."

ST. VINCENT'S TRACK IS TO BE MUCH IMPROVED

Curver, Are Cut Down, and Cinders and Shavings Will Be Rolled in for Path

St. Vincent's track is being placed in first class shape under the direction of Manager Casey, who thinks the improved condition of his men will enable him to put in a record smashing year.

ENTRIES FOR TODAY

Table with columns for race name, distance, and participants. Includes Santa Anita Entries and various race details.

The 'Pitchers' records in the National league for 1908 are as follows: Reulbach, Chicago, 24, 7, 714; Mathewson, New York, 36, 11, 768; Maddox, Pittsburgh, 25, 8, 723; Brown, Chicago, 26, 9, 742; McCarthy, Boston, 8, 3, 727; Lever, Pittsburgh, 17, 8, 689; Powell, St. Louis, 22, 7, 687; Willet, New York, 22, 12, 657; Ames, New York, 9, 5, 643; Overall, Chicago, 19, 11, 632; McGinnity, New York, 13, 8, 619; McQuillan, Philadelphia, 24, 16, 600; Cannon, Pittsburgh, 12, 9, 591; Weimer, Cincinnati, 8, 6, 571; Spade, Cincinnati, 16, 13, 552; Powell, Chicago, 12, 19, 545; Corridon, Philadelphia, 12, 10, 545; Fraser, Chicago, 10, 9, 526; Lefebvre, Philadelphia, 13, 14, 517; Sparks, Philadelphia, 16, 15, 500; Ewing, Cincinnati, 15, 15, 500; Taylor, New York, 7, 5, 500; Soren, Philadelphia, 7, 7, 499; Campbell, Cincinnati, 13, 14, 481.

To show the various city playgrounds well advanced in the national sport, the Echo park club, under the able coaching of Oliver Best, has developed a fast team and already several members have advanced into the ranks of faster company by joining the clubs of the two Los Angeles high school teams.

The value of this experiment undertaken by Coach Best and other playground directors shows the playground children take to the game as ducks to water.

Well, boys, how are you all? Aren't you glad the winter is flying by and the big leagues will soon be at it again?

PASADENA ATHLETE TO UNDERTAKE WALK TO SAN DIEGO IN 24 HOURS

Great Baseball General to Quit Diamond for Circus Job



HANS WAGNER OF PITTSBURG

HANS WAGNER, one of the great baseball players and field generals in the history of the national game, has started all hands by the announcement that he is about to forsake the diamond for the sawdust ring and the ringmaster's job. Wagner is the great shortstop of the Pittsburgh team and one of the truly great batters in several seasons. He signed a contract a few months ago for two years' more service with the Pirates at \$10,000 a year, it is said, but recently he came out with a statement in which he declared that he was done with baseball and positively would not play this year. He also announced that he will devote his entire time and abilities to the management of a circus, which he owns and which he believes will furnish him with a much greater net income than he could derive by playing ball. He also will establish an automobile agency in Pittsburgh and settle down to a strenuous business life. He has amassed a fortune by his great ball playing. If he sticks to his determination to retire from the diamond his loss will make a big hole in the Pirates' lineup and will materially weaken the team in the 1909 pennant chase.

GOSSIP OF THE DIAMOND

THE force of professionalism is forced nowadays to view with pleasure the spread of amateur sports, especially baseball among the people of Los Angeles. We young Americans have come to appreciate the joys of various outdoor life and the pleasure of competitive athletic sports, and today we see our brothers and sisters indulging in all branches of athletics and excelling the best athletes of other nations. Baseball is peculiarly adapted to Los Angeles. Every one, even the small babies, before they can walk, plays ball or tries to play. The A. A. U. has taken a mighty step in encouraging amateur baseball and establishing a love for the game in the hearts of the youth.

The Angel City at present supports four amateur and about twenty miscellaneous clubs and more and more of these amateur organizations of the junior class are developed each day in the week.

Following are the pitchers' records of the American league for 1908: Won Lost Pct. Walsh, Chicago, 41, 14, .749; Deane, Detroit, 26, 7, 742; Polty, St. Louis, 7, 3, 700; Willet, Detroit, 16, 7, 696; Dittus, Detroit, 14, 6, 687; Jess, Cleveland, 24, 13, 649; Chech, Cleveland, 11, 6, 647; Young, Detroit, 12, 12, 626; Benz, Cleveland, 13, 8, 619; Combs, Philadelphia, 8, 5, 615; Summers, Detroit, 14, 9, 609; Hughes, Washington, 20, 14, 588; Rhoades, Cleveland, 19, 14, 581; White, Chicago, 12, 19, 575; Waddell, St. Louis, 19, 14, 576; Falkenberg, Cleveland, 8, 6, 571; Powell, St. Louis, 12, 19, 567; Mullin, Detroit, 17, 15, 521; Morgan, Boston, 13, 12, 520; Soren, Chicago, 16, 15, 518; Cicotte, Boston, 12, 12, 500.

There will be a baseball game next Sunday between the Redondo Beach Athletic club and the Los Angeles Giants. Good prospects for a large attendance are seen, as both teams are evenly matched.

LUCKY BALDWIN IS REPORTED IMPROVED

Advices up to midnight of last night were to the effect that "Lucky" Baldwin has shown some improvement in the preceding twenty-four hours and that the change for the better is being made. It is reported that the steady improvement that the attending physician hopes will result in complete recovery.

FEBRUARY TIDE TABLE

Table with columns for Date, A.M., M., P.M., P.M. and tide levels for February 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

BOXING

BASKETBALL IS POPULAR SPORT

COURT GAME WITH SPHERE LEADS IN WINTER

LOS ANGELES HAS MANY FAST FOLLOWERS OF BIG BALL

Team Play Is Urged on All Aggregations as One of the Most Essential Points to Win Victories

Basketball, king of amateur sports, has gained such a strong foothold in the past few years in Southern California it is now recognized as our national indoor and outdoor game among the colleges and high schools in the south. The game is played everywhere in America, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to Mexico; the popularity of the game is ever on the increase and doubtless in a few years it will be to live Americans in the winter what baseball is in the summer, the same of desirability. And it is a real American game. Full of excitement and nervous tension, never monotonous or irksome, it is always in doubt, it is indeed a royal game and deserves a leading place in the list of great American sports.

In it, as in every game, there is but one road to victory—team play. The temptation to the individual to try to shine is very great, but the player who wishes to succeed must resist this temptation and work with his teammates. Many a victory has been lost by some one player trying to make a grandstand play when he should have passed the ball to some other player nearer to the basket. Time and time again this has happened and always with the same result.

Such men as Hall of U. S. C. and Boswick of the Spartans are considered the best backs in this part of Southern California. These players are looked on as two of the best men representing Los Angeles. Every newly organized team should learn to play a fast, passing game, in which the ball should be passed to some other player nearer to the basket. Time and time again this has happened and always with the same result.

There are several fast teams connected with the high schools and colleges in this part of the state, and from the showing made in recent championship and match games basketball is here to stay. Class is shown in the intercollegiate race between two of the fastest preparatory schools in the south when Polytechnic of California defeated the University of California on the courts for championship honors, which was won by the former.

Another championship event has been started between college and U. M. C. A. teams in this neck of the woods in the Men's Southern California Basketball league. President Boswick of the Men's Southern California Basketball league has used his best efforts to arrange a schedule of games so as to place the stronger teams in a class by themselves. This is a very wise plan, no friction between the respective teams, and furthermore the game will be interesting from a player's standpoint as well as to the public's side of view.

The great fault the people in general have against the game is the "rough house" in which the teams indulge. As a matter of fact, players are not to blame as much as the officials. The rules, both amateur and professional, are strict enough and if put in force by the officials the public could see by far faster and cleaner games.

A team composed of expert players has been organized in Los Angeles, which depends entirely on a fast, brainy, passing game, which will in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred land them winners.

LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL HAS TWO FAST ATHLETES

One Holds Y. M. C. A. Record for World in Half Mile—Other is Swift Sprinter

Long Beach high school has secured two fast athletes whose advent has been eagerly looked for by the fans. One, who is claimed to be the best pupil in the 100 and 220-yard dashes in Los Angeles county, has just returned to school after an absence since last June. Thompson has been in training all the time and is expected to show up well in the track meet scheduled for February 22 against the Santa Ana high school.

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