

THE CALL'S SPORTS NEWS

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Classy Field Is Entered for the Christmas Day Handicap

The Christmas Handicap Field

Horse and Owner.	Jockey.	Weight.	Odds.
Montgomery (S. C. Hildreth)	McCarthy	124	2-1
Dorante (F. A. Orsithie)	Lee	116	5-1
Firestone (T. H. Williams)	W. Miller	113	5-1
Royal Tourist (C. R. Ellison)	Notter	113	5-1
Don Enrique (C. R. Ellison)	Butler	109	5-1
Clamor (J. O. & G. H. Keene)	Walsh	98	10-1
Milford (D. C. Johnson)	F. H. King	92	30-1
Nadzu (H. G. Bedwell)	Taplin	90	20-1

Eight horses, representing seven different stables, will contest the valuable Christmas handicap, one and a quarter miles, the tenth renewal of which will form the chief feature of today's holiday card at the Emeryville racetrack. If the day be fine there will be a big turnout of turf enthusiasts.

S. C. Hildreth's Montgomery probably will be the favorite on the strength of his recent sensational race at Arcadia, in which, with 112 pounds up, he suffered a head defeat by Center Shot in 1:37 1-5, world's record time for the mile. Montgomery will be Hildreth's sole reliance in the race.

Dorante, from the Forsyth stable, is likely to have a strong following and probably will rule second choice at only slightly longer odds than the favorite. Firestone would be at short odds but for his showing the last time out, when he sulked after acting very meanly at the barrier. If he is on his good behavior he may not easily be beaten.

Royal Tourist and Don Enrique, from the Ellison stable, will be coupled in the betting and will have a considerable following.

Clamor, winner of the stake a year ago, will find the track exactly to his liking, but has a much better field to beat than the sort he was pitted against last season.

Milford and Nadzu, the lightweights of the contest, will be at long enough odds to satisfy those who may fancy that they have some chance of winning.

Jack London's Story of Burns-Johnson Battle Will Be Written for The Call

THIS is the day after Christmas in the antipodes and the news of the international championship heavy weight fight between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson, scheduled for December 26, at Sydney, N. S. W., will be received here today. The Call's story of the contest will be written by Jack London, famous novelist, who has no equal as a graphic depicter of action and analyst of human passion. He is a student and admirer of "the game" of pugilism and his report of the clash of the big fellows on the other side of the world should be a literary masterpiece in addition to its value as an expert story of the actual combat. Read it in tomorrow's Call.



Principals in the international heavy weight fight and the novelist who will report it for The Call.

Johnson and Burns Ready for Great Championship Battle

By William J. Slattery

After the fight fans of San Francisco have finished their Christmas dinners this evening, the news of the result of the great Burns-Johnson heavy weight contest at Sydney will be awaiting them. Though the men do not enter the ring until 11 o'clock Saturday morning, the time difference between the lands of the stars and stripes and the kangaroo make it possible for the result to be known here 18 hours in advance. If everything goes well, the result will reach here by 9 o'clock.

The final detail of the match was arranged last night when the promoter, Hugh McIntosh, agreed to referee. This question was left unsettled up to the eleventh hour in the hope that Burns and Johnson would come to an understanding, but the more they and their managers wrangled, the further away they drifted, till the mill was in doubt.

McIntosh, who is an old hand at the game and a very popular man in Sydney, was finally prevailed upon to accept the job. At first he stalled and begged the contestants to agree upon somebody else, but as they seemed to favor him, he at last consented. He had long talks with both of them regarding the rules to govern the contest.

According to the authorities and McIntosh, there is no chance for a fake, as many people in the United States believe. The referee warned both the big fellows last night that if anything suspicious was on the cards he would immediately stop the fight, declare all bets off and incidentally withhold the purse of \$42,000.

All the dispatches from Sydney last night indicated that the fight would be absolutely on the square and that the men, according to their own statements, would tear at each other in a tight and endeavor to win by the knockout route as quickly as possible. There are many, however, who believe that the bout will go the whole distance of 20 rounds.

The betting in Sydney favors the champion at odds of 10 to 7. If the dispatches be true, tens of thousands of dollars are being wagered on the outcome of the mill. Burns' showing against Squires and Lang has impressed the public with the opinion that he will make Johnson show the yellow streak.

Last night the betting here was very lively at odds of 10 to 9. Tom Corbett announced that he had already handled many thousands of dollars and was very much surprised at the unusual interest the local sports are taking in the more plentiful, and it appears that he will rule a 10 to 8 choice this afternoon.

It is estimated that at least 30,000 people will see the great battle. Already more than 20,000 tickets have been sold. The prices range all the way from \$2.50 to \$50, and the promoter says that practically all the high priced pasteboards have been disposed of. Australia is apparently being taken by the high officials of the government.

Special trains from points more than 1,000 miles away from Sydney are bringing thousands of the country sports to the scene of the mixup. All Australia is apparently fight mad and the big battle seems to be the sole topic of conversation everywhere. It bids fair to be the greatest fistic event that Australia has ever known, and it has seen some good ones.

Both fighters were duly examined by one of the most renowned physicians in Sydney, who pronounced them fit for the most gruelling of battles. Both left their training camps outside of the city last evening and took apartments at leading hotels in the city. They were greeted by thousands of men, women and children.

Johnson will weigh in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, while Burns probably will tip the beam at about 185, his natural fighting weight. The big black has all the better of it in height, reach and weight, but the Australians figure that Burns' superior hitting ability and ring generalship will more than offset the black man's advantage.

H. G. Bedwell scratched Gargantuan yesterday for the reason that he feared the horse would not run a good race in the going. It was certain that the horse would have been at a double price had he started.

Auspicious Debut Made by Jockey Joe Notter at Oakland

By J. R. Jeffery

"Smiling" Joe Notter, accounted by many shrewd horsemen the most capable rider on the American turf at the present time, made an auspicious debut at Emeryville yesterday, when he began his California engagement under the management of Charlie Ellison, who is paying the boy a retainer of \$1,000 for his services during the seven weeks that will elapse before his departure for Germany, where he is to ride next season.

Notter had three mounts during the afternoon and probably got more out of two of them than any other boy now riding here would have done. He was unfortunate at the barrier with Yakima Belle, his initial mount, getting out poorly on account of unfamiliarity with the system of starting in vogue on the coast. He was quick to catch on, however, and got off well with his remaining mounts.

BOY'S PRINCIPAL VICTORY

His principal achievement was a head victory with H. L. Thomas' Light Wool in the Walden handicap, a seven furlong dash, in which that horse ruled a slight favorite over Eyebright, Light Wool made all the running in the race, but was joined in the stretch by Eyebright, which had been badly outtraced in the early stages of the contest. A foul against Eyebright, although skill as a rider was called into play and undoubtedly accounted for the victory that his mount achieved by such a narrow margin. Little C. Russell, who rode Eyebright, alleged a foul against Notter, declaring that he had interfered with the runner's stride when Russell protested the awarding of the race to Light Wool. The stewards promptly refused to allow Russell's protest.

JOCKEY TAPLIN, WHO WAS RIDING COLLECTOR JESSUP, MADE NO ATTEMPT TO CLAIM A FOU

against Eyebright, although Jessup had been thrown completely out of his stride and nearly fell as a result of Eyebright's having roughed his way through after the stretch turn had been negotiated. Jessup probably would have been second but for the interference.

TONY FAUST LOSES

Tony Faust, the only other contender in the race that was at all prominent, stopped to a walk after having followed Light Wool's pace closely to the stretch.

Besides Light Wool, Fantastic and Lady Carol scored as favorites. The remaining three races went to horses at liberal odds.

A lucky win was scored in the opener by "Who." His odds, which he led by a neck at the finish, were off poorly, and had much ground to make up. J. Dalrymple M. Brown, the real hot thing of the race, whose odds had been hammered down to 3 from an opening quotation of 12, also broke so poorly that his chances were spoiled, but ran a creditable race to finish third, lapped on the two leaders.

Over A. Forsythe's Fantastic graduated from the maiden class in the second, which he won like a good colt in a gallop, after having led throughout the race. Light Knight, as easily placed and Pootoose, which Panatic had displaced in favoritism, got up in the last stride from a very sluggish beginning to beat Bishop W for the show.

Jockey Butler pursued waiting tactics with Lady Carol, oddish choice of the field, and she had no trouble in wearing down Marion Rose, which made the pace well into the stretch, which she barely withstood. Abraham's determined closing bid for the place, Sir Brillar, well backed, was a forward contender to the paddock, and then out to a walk.

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The Call's Handicap Forecast

By J. R. Jeffery

Ratings are for heavy track. Deduct one point for each pound of overweight.

DUKE OF ORLEANS—THE ENGLISHMAN—CELERES

Index: Horse and Owner. Wt. Rating. Remarks.

2821 DUKE OF ORLEANS (Rice) 109 73 Duke of Orleans will like the going and will win if he runs back to his last race.

2822 THE ENGLISHMAN (Lowenstein) 109 79 The Englishman probably prefers a longer route. Celebrates an uncertain proposition. Transmute shows improvement in her work.

2823 CELERES (Neil) 106 79

2824 Transmute (Hillman) 102 74

2825 Echequer (Keene) 101 74

2826 Salinages (Schreiber) 101 69

2827 Gene Russell (Hillman) 101 68

2828 Brian Iron (Clifford) 106 57

2829 Wee Lass (Acme) 106 49

ESTELLA C BELMERE—DAREINGTON

Index: Horse and Owner. Wt. Rating. Remarks.

2824 ESTELLA C (Gest) 107 97 Estella C ran grand race her last out. Belmère is a good performer and should be better here. Dareington requires stronger handling than Mentry gave him last time out. Gene Russell also needs strong ride.

2825 BELMERE (Hornum) 102 94

2826 DAREINGTON (Turek) 105 92

2827 DOLLIE DOLLARS (Buchanan) 101 90

2828 Gene Russell (Hillman) 101 88

2829 Elford (Morton) 114 86

2830 Charles Green (Thomas) 111 79

2831 Elevation (Schwartz) 102 74

TROIS TEMP—MADMAN—BON HOMME

Index: Horse and Owner. Wt. Rating. Remarks.

2832 TROIS TEMP (Hillman) 102 110 Trois Temp has a pull in the weights and has high turn of speed. Madman still good.

2833 MADMAN (Jones) 118 114

2834 BON HOMME (Forsythe) 110 114

2835 Ocean Queen (Mullin) 108 105 Del Cruzador may not care for the power. Others outclassed.

2836 Del Cruzador (Balchun) 110 104

2837 Serenade (Neal) 102 92

2838 Tom Hayward (Wright) 108 98

2839 Sir John (Wet) 109 90

2840 Cull Holland (Schwartz) 98 82

MONTGOMERY—FIRESTONE—ELLISON ENTRY

Index: Horse and Owner. Wt. Rating. Remarks.

2841 MONTGOMERY (Hildreth) 124 120 Montgomery's last performance, beaten a head in 1:37 1-5 for the mile at Santa Anita, shows that he is in grand shape.

2842 FIRESTONE (Williams) 113 123 He is a good weight packer and the going will exactly suit. Firestone will be a contender if he runs back to the race and will defeat Bowlegs. Others outclassed.

2843 DONATE (Forsythe) 116 120

2844 Nadzu (Bedwell) 98 117

2845 Clamor (Keene) 98 112

2846 Milford (Weir) 92 110

2847 Ellison entry.

J. C. CORE—NATIVE SON—BILLY BOWLEGS

Index: Horse and Owner. Wt. Rating. Remarks.

2848 J. C. CORE (Hillman) 102 110 J. C. Core will have hustling rider up and the going will just suit. Native Son likely to improve considerably over his last out.

2849 NATIVE SON (Blanchard) 111 97

2850 BILLY BOWLEGS (Thomas) 103 95

2851 Fireball (Bedwell) 111 94

2852 Adena (Durker) 103 88 ball proves fast or sloppy going. Sarcophagus right good. Adena and Sevenfall improving.

2853 Sevenfall (Stover) 111 85

2854 Balogh (Miller) 101 85

2855 Lovel Prentiss (Terry) 107 76

2856 He Knows (Miller) 107 76

SMILEY CORBETT—WARDEN—PAJAROITA

Index: Horse and Owner. Wt. Rating. Remarks.

2857 SMILEY CORBETT (Cahill) 102 123 Smiley Corbett a rare maulder and in grand shape. Warden in with a feather.

2858 WARDEN (Forsythe) 87 120 Warden's liking for the going doubtful.

2859 PAJAROITA (Bedwell) 102 120

2860 John A. Nation (Albee) 99 108

2861 Joe Rose (Schreiber) 90 102

2862 Charlie Doherty (Dunn) 105 97

REST BETS—MONTGOMERY, SMILEY CORBETT

*Apprentice allowance.

JEFFRIES SAYS HE IS OUT OF RING FOR GOOD

Retired Champion Doubts Ability to Again Get Into Fighting Condition

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—"No chance. No chance. I will not fight again." was all the comment James J. Jeffries, the retired heavy weight champion, would make when shown advices from the east quoting him as saying that in the event of Johnson defeating Burns he would re-enter the ring to meet Johnson.

Jeffries is quoted in the same strain in a morning paper, but says that even if Johnson does win the Australian fight there are good and heavy weights in this country who could put up a good fight with the colored wonder. He expresses the opinion that Al Kaufman, the San Francisco heavy weight, if he wins from Jim Barry of Chicago, whom he will meet before Jeffries' club here on the night of December 31, would have a very good chance of wresting the heavy weight title from Johnson.

Under an article signed with his name Jeffries states that he has doubts whether, even by long and rigorous training, he could get into such condition as to warrant him making a championship fight, and points out that he has not fought for four years, and that most of this time has not kept in active gymnastic training.

Judge Hopper conducted an investigation into the report that Jeffries was not in physical condition to ride, and satisfied himself that there is no ground for the circulation of a report.

Abe Attell Plans Visit to Melbourne for Bout

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Abe Attell, who has received several offers of bouts, will likely go to Australia in the near future, unless promoters at home offer him some better inducements.

Jeffries has offered him a bout with Jim Driscoll, but it is said Attell is not anxious to meet the little Briton. Instead, he plans a visit to Melbourne, where a purse has been hung up for a go between Abe and Johnny Summers. The National sporting club of that city is back of the movement.

The Jeffries offer is for Attell to meet Driscoll in the arena at Vernon for a bout, the distance of which can be decided by the men themselves.

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Dec. 23—K. Powers 8-1 Won
Dec. 23—Hooper Red 4-1 Won
Dec. 21—Beau Saboteur 2-1 Won
Dec. 19—L. Provost 2-1 Lost
Dec. 18—O. Queen 10-1 Lost
Dec. 17—Hambroge 2-1 Won
Dec. 16—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Dec. 15—Bon Homme 2-1 Won
Dec. 14—Toll Box 2-1 Won
Dec. 13—L. Provost 2-1 Lost
Dec. 12—L. Provost 3-1 2d
Dec. 10—Joe Rose 8-1 Won
Dec. 9—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Dec. 8—Rubia Graun 2-1 Won
Dec. 7—Argonaut 3-1 Won
Dec. 6—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Dec. 5—Miss Mazzoni 5-1 Won
Dec. 4—Anna May 1-2 Won
Dec. 3—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Dec. 2—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 30—Emma G. 5-1 Won
Nov. 29—Anna L. Daley 11-5 Won
Nov. 28—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 27—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 26—Schleswig 2-1 Won
Nov. 25—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 24—Hambroge 2-1 Won
Nov. 23—Hambroge 2-1 Won
Nov. 22—Deutschland 3-1 Won
Nov. 21—Ed Ball 11-5 Won
Nov. 20—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 19—Madman 7-1 Won
Nov. 17—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 16—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 15—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 14—L. Provost 2-1 Won
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Nov. 5—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 4—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 3—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 2—L. Provost 2-1 Won
Nov. 1—L. Provost 2-1 Won

ONE GOOD BET A DAY YESTERDAY'S SPECIAL

WHO 15-1 WON

My message reading: "This colt is in a soft spot today and I advise a plunge bet across the board and his private work should win by himself."

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Dec. 24—Who 15-1 Won
Dec. 23—K. Powers 8-1 Won
Dec. 22—Hooper Red 4-1 Won
Dec. 21—Voorhees 10-1 Won
Dec. 19—Racooner 7-5 Won
Dec. 18—Rockstone 4-1 Won
Dec. 17—Hambroge 2-1 Won
Dec. 16—Hooper Red 2-1 Won
Dec. 15—Import 4-1 Won
Dec. 14—Argonaut 4-1 Won

30-1 TODAY

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN FAVORS Burns for Winner

By John L. Sullivan

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—I say Burns should be the favorite in the betting. Jeffries says the betting should be even. There you are. Take your pick. I have said that Burns will win. But you never can tell. How Langford put Flynn to sleep with one punch. The Pueblo freeman was reckoned a hard one. He stood Jack Johnson out for eleven rounds before he went down and it took Burns fifteen rounds to dispose of him. Jack (Twin) Sullivan went twenty rounds with him twice. Now Langford comes along and puts Flynn out before the freeman got to the fire.

JOHNSON DECLARES VICTORY ASSURED

By Jack Johnson

I feel as fine as a fiddle and am sure I could lick a whole ring full of fighters. I wish the fight was today. I've got a wife in America and would like to present her with the victory as a Christmas present, but I guess I will have to be content with a day later. As soon as I get to Australia I'll make him wish he had continued his dodging tactics.

FIGHT TO BE FAIR, REFEREE ASSERTS

By Referee McIntosh

I have warned both men that at the first hint or sign of any underhand agreement or fake fight I would call the fight off instantly. I intend that the fight shall be on the level and I will judge the men entirely on their merits as fighters.

BURNS CONFIDENT OF BEATING NEGRO

By Tommy Burns

I have worked harder than ever before to get into shape for battle, and I never have been in better condition in my life. Just as sure as my name is Noah Brisser I shall be returned the winner. When Johnson leaves the ring he will regret that he is the only colored fighter to get a crack at the heavy weight champion of the world. I'll finish him before the 20 round limit has been reached. He will be beaten and beaten badly and never will he want to face me again. I advise my friends in America to put their money on my chances.

A Hospital for Men of War

If an adequate fleet is to be kept in the Pacific for the defense of Uncle Sam's enormously long coast, the proper facilities must be afforded for the repair and care of the vessels. In San Francisco for eleven rounds before he went down and it took Burns fifteen rounds to dispose of him. Jack (Twin) Sullivan went twenty rounds with him twice. Now Langford comes along and puts Flynn out before the freeman got to the fire.