

# WILL CALL'S SPORTS NEWS

## What Coffroth Got

## Johnson and Ketchel Battle for Coffroth on October 12

### Black Champion insists on Twenty Rounds, and He Has His Way in the End

By William J. Slattery

Jack Johnson, the first colored heavy weight champion that the prize ring has ever known, will defend his title against Stanley Ketchel at the Mission street arena on the afternoon of October 12. The match was made yesterday afternoon in New York by Promoter Jim Coffroth, and both fighters signed the articles. In addition to the purse they will battle for a side bet of \$5,000, which, according to all parties concerned, will be posted within the next few days in this city. Only one thing is lacking to make the fight a memorable one, and this is the distance. It will be of only 20 rounds, despite the strenuous arguments for a 45 round mill which were advanced by Coffroth, Willis Britt and Ketchel. Johnson, however, was obdurate and held out for 20 rounds. Being the champion he compelled the others to honor his request, but it was with the most extreme reluctance that he consented.

The men will fight for 50 per cent of the gross receipts, and this money will be divided 65 per cent to the winner and 35 per cent to the loser. The fighters also will receive their cut out of the moving picture money, but just what percentage will be coming their way from this valuable source of income was not made public for various reasons.

#### ARGUMENT OVER DISTANCE

The news that Coffroth managed to land the match for 50 per cent of the gross receipts is also a surprise. Because of the great demand for the big card it was generally expected that the man who put it on would be compelled to go as high as 70 per cent. Coffroth must have found a clever way out of the woods or he may possibly have agreed to a financial guarantee as well. The men agreed to wear boxing gloves of wearing surgical bandages or fingerless kid gloves. Coffroth insisted that each be in this city 30 days before the fight, and this was satisfactory. Dr. W. M. Beattie of Colma was named the official club physician. The referee will be named not later than 15 days before the battle. No names have yet been suggested.

All details regarding the match were mechanically arranged until the question of the distance came up for discussion. This one immediately loomed like a boulder on a narrow mountain pathway, and for a while it looked as though the principals would eventually pack up their belongings and proceed in their own direction, without removing it.

#### CHAMPION HAS HIS WAY

Coffroth suggested 45 rounds as the proper route for a big heavy weight match, with the world's championship at stake. Ketchel and Johnson consented before Johnson had a chance to get a word in edgewise, but when he spoke the aspect was entirely changed. The champion said 20 rounds, or no fight, but as he thought he could win out in the end.

But there was no chance. Johnson politely informed those present that in his opinion 20 rounds would be sufficient to test the relative skill of himself and Ketchel. No line of argument would convince him, and when he quoted the right to dictate on the ground of the championship the others reluctantly gave in, and so the match was made.

## BRITT CONFIDENT THAT KETCHEL WILL BEAT BLACK

By Willis Britt

NEW YORK, April 14.—We finally succeeded, after a lot of haggling, in getting Jack Johnson to take a chance with Stanley Ketchel and his murderous wallop. Johnson wanted to pick the easy marks first, but the pressure of public opinion was too strong. We signed today to meet Johnson October 12, which is the closest forerunner date of the big Portola celebration.

## CHAMPIONS START THE SEASON WITH A VICTORY

### National League

CHICAGO, April 14.—Chicago won from St. Louis in the opening game of the season here today, 2 to 1. A wild throw by Byrne, after he had made a great stop, started the locals, a base on balls and Zimmerman's triple scoring two runs. Chance's triple and a long fly added the other runs. Score: Chicago, 2; St. Louis, 1.

### American League

DETROIT, April 14.—In the opening game of the National League season here today, Detroit was beaten by the American League champions, 6 to 0, in a pitchers' battle. Detroit bunched two hits in the fifth and scored two runs of the game. Score: Detroit, 6; St. Louis, 0.

### Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, April 14.—Pittsburg defeated Cincinnati in the opening game of the National League season today. The Cincinnati had men on bases in nearly every inning. Score: Cincinnati, 3; Pittsburg, 2.

### Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—Boston defeated Philadelphia game postponed; rain.

### Washington

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Washington-New York game postponed; rain.

## AMATEUR BASEBALL

The Academic League season was started yesterday at the Twelfth and Mission streets grounds by Sacred Heart taking the measure of the French while representing the Lick school. French was on the mound for Sacred Heart and held out the string for Lick. Both sides were in good form.

On the same field Lowell defeated Wilkesburg in a snappy contest. The game was closely played, the final score being 4 to 3.

The Yosemite team defeated the Park's in a fast and exciting game by a score of 5 to 4 Sunday. Conway, who pitched for the winners, fanned 14 men. Challenges will be received by E. A. Malone, 3575 Twenty-second street.

The Elks defeated the Beinders in a one

# SPORTS

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## ST. JOSEPH'S NINE ROLLS UP BIG SCORE

Hangs Indian Sign on Clever Little Ball Tossers From St. Francis de Sales School

TODAY'S GAMES  
St. James' School vs. St. Patrick's School, San Francisco.  
Sacred Heart School vs. St. Anthony's School, Oakland.

YESTERDAY'S GAME  
St. Joseph's Institute, 4  
St. Francis de Sales School, 20

By Will Scarlet

The Oakland branch of the Catholic Schools athletic league set off at a merry pace yesterday afternoon at Freeman's park, where the team from St. Joseph's Institute, West Oakland, hung the Indian sign on the clever little ball tossers from St. Francis de Sales school.

W. Martin of the West Oakland team proved the hero of the day. He knocked the ball somewhere every time he came to bat. He showed a distinct preference for the right garden, but manifested a lordly impartiality in flipping grass hicklers to the infielders indiscriminately. As luck would have it, the sacks were rarely empty every time Martin was up, with the result that the institute piled up the runs in bunches.

The Salesians showed well on the whole, though their outfielders were slow to get under balls and their infield work lacked snap and system. The third baseman stuck to his bag rather too closely, and the boy on second failed to cover his required territory.

Lemping Cain pitched a fair game, and with more adequate support would have succeeded in holding down the West Oaklanders to half a dozen tallies. The St. Francis de Sales players got a batting streak in the fourth and landed heavily for a time on Martin Jr., but failed to keep up the good work long enough to do any serious damage.

With a bit more practice and efficient coaching the Salesians are sure to improve, and it would occasion no surprise to find them among the top notchers at the end of the tournament. They are game losers, and that counts for something, too.

The West Oaklanders give promise of sweeping victory before them, though it is yet early in the season to indulge in prophecy. Their game with St. Joseph's school, Berkeley, April 26, will test their mettle.

Despite the large score and the goodly sprinkling of errors, the game the youngsters put up yesterday was not bad, and it is to be regretted that more of the Oakland fans did not turn out to grace the occasion. So far as crowds go the San Francisco branch beats the Alameda county contingent at all hollow. Those of us who had the good taste and the good fortune to be on hand yesterday got the worth of our dimes, and then some. Score:

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## STOCKTON 5, SANTA CRUZ 2

STOCKTON, April 14.—Stockton defeated Santa Cruz today by bunting hits in the sixth and seventh innings. When three runs were made. Up to that time the contest was an even one. Santa Cruz outbatted the home team, but hit at the wrong time. Dashwood was banished in the fourth for kicking. Score:

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## GOTCH RETAINS HIS TITLE, CHAMPION WRESTLER

Easily Defeats Yussif Mahmout by Winning Two Straight Falls

CHICAGO, April 14.—Frank Gotch of Humboldt, la., succeeded in retaining his title to the world's championship tonight by defeating Yussif Mahmout of Bulgaria in a fast and furious wrestling match.

The Bulgarian was as a child in the hands of his opponent. Gotch won both falls with crotch and half Nelson holds in 8 and 9 minutes 10 seconds.

The champion's victory is all the more notable, as he did not use his famous toe hold in bringing about the downfall of the powerful foreigner. Gotch was able to secure most any hold he desired, so limited was the Bulgarian's knowledge of the game. The match was fast and exciting. It was so short that there was not a single idle moment during the two falls.

Gotch was cheered by 12,000 spectators. Ed W. Smith was the referee. The second preliminary between Henry Gehring of Cleveland and Charles Postl of Buffalo was declared a draw in order to hurry the program.

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## CARDINALS DECIDE TO OMIT JOSHES AND JEERS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 14.—A decision was reached by the classes of Stanford university in special meeting today whereby the jeering and joshing of the Berkeley baseball players, which was a feature of the contest last Saturday, will be omitted from the contest Friday, when the intercollegiate baseball series will be settled. No longer will cries of "Glass arm," "Get a pitcher" and similar taunts, which brought about the discomfiture of the freshmen battery of the blue and gold, be tolerated by the fans who root from the bleachers.

The Stanford rooters may yell "Give 'em the ax" and undertake similar forms of organized rooting, but the members of the senior, junior and sophomore classes have decided it would not be good form to repeat the exhibition of yelling which was practiced by both sections of rooters at the last game.

The Daily Palo Alto, the college publication, editorially treats the situation, and while stating that the performance Saturday was probably excusable, decries a repetition. The movement at the various class meetings came as a direct appeal from the student body president, A. E. Roth, and Coach Presley.

POSTAL APPOINTMENTS.—Washington April 14.—Evan E. Williams was today appointed postmaster at Hinkley, San Bernardino county, vice T. B. Bunsfield, resigned. Rural carriers were appointed as follows: Ardena, route No. 1—Edward Ashby, regular; Charles S. McCann, substitute. Ardena, route No. 2—James B. Seiberg, regular; Gustaf A. Hoquist, substitute.

# S.S.S.

## CURES SKIN DISEASES

In this article we want to explain to you the cause of skin diseases, and also offer suggestions, founded on reason and experience, which will enable you to cure yourself if you are afflicted with any of the various forms of this trouble.

The skin receives its necessary nourishment from the blood. Every pore is kept open and every gland kept healthy by continually feeding on the nutritious properties which are distributed throughout the system by a pure, rich blood supply. As long as this normal condition exists the cuticle will be soft, smooth, and free from eruptions; when however the circulation is contaminated with humors and impurities its supply of nutritive properties is diminished, and it becomes a sharp, acrid fluid which diseases instead of preserves the natural health and texture of the skin.

Lying just beneath the outer covering or tissue-skin is a sensitive membranous flesh which surrounds and protects the tiny veins, pores and glands. It is here the impurities of the blood are deposited, and the acrid matter causes irritation and inflammation which splits or breaks the thin, tissue-like cuticle, and the result is outwardly manifested in Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, or some other disfiguring or annoying eruptive disease.

It can readily be seen that since Skin Diseases are the result of bad blood, there can be but one way to cure them—purify the blood. Salves, washes, lotions, etc., are not able to do so, because they do not reach the blood. Such treatment is of no value except for its ability to temporarily relieve itching and assist in keeping the skin clean.

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S. S. S. is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and therein lies its ability to cure skin diseases. The trouble cannot remain when the cause has been removed, and S. S. S. will certainly remove the cause. It cures Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Salt Rheum, pimples, boils, blackheads, etc., and all eruptions of the skin. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice free.

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For six years I was severely troubled with a bad skin disease, located principally on the hands. The trouble would appear in the form of small yellow crusts, which were caused by very severe itching, etc. I tried sarsaparilla, so-called blood purifiers, salves, lotions, lemons and treatment under a physician, but nothing did me any good. Becoming discouraged I left the States and went to a health resort in Europe, and just about this time I saw S. S. S. advertised. One day I decided to give this medicine a trial, and after using it for a short while I began to improve. Of course I continued to use it, and it cured me completely. Quite a while has elapsed since I was cured and there has never been the slightest indication of the return of the trouble.

G. C. RECK,  
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I had a bad case of Eczema, it being especially severe on my right hand. I was hardly able to use my hand in my work. I tried a great many things in an effort to get relief, but was unable to do so until I read S. S. S. and determined to give it a trial. I used several bottles of this remedy and it cured the trouble entirely. S. S. S. put my blood in fine condition and left my skin soft and smooth. Though this was some time ago there has been no return of the trouble.

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1811 Penn St., Harrisburg, Pa.

For four years I suffered severely with Weeping Eczema. I coated chiefly on the hands, both inside and out, and extended as far up as the wrists. I was under treatment most all the time, but could get no relief. One or two of my physicians said it was a bad case of Eczema as they experienced I cannot express my joy in words. I kept my hands bandaged all the while, but with only little relief. As I saw becoming discouraged, I gave up all treatment I was taking, and seeing S. S. S. advertised began to use it. Under treatment most convinced me that it was doing me good and I continued it, and in a short while I was entirely cured.

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