

NO ONE HAS SUCCEEDED KETCHEL; A NUMBER HAVE TRIED AND FAILED

Of the Middleweights Who Have Sought to Establish Themselves in the Championship Since Ketchel's Demise, Only Al Darcy of Australia Seems To Measure Up, and He Hasn't Fought in U. S.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, June 1.—Stanley Ketchel was killed nearly six years ago, yet since that time not one middleweight fighter in the world has proven himself a worthy successor.

Six years have come and gone—and the middleweight throne still remains vacant. The fighting world is full of claimants for the king's job—but they are nothing but pretenders. There isn't a fighter in the 158 pound division who seems a worthy successor—who is a champion in every sense the word implies.

For a year or more, Mike Gibbons was hailed by many as the best man in the division. But his performance during the past eight or ten months has proved that Mike is not a champion; that he has been overrated greatly and is not, in any way, a logical successor of the great Ketchel.

Many Claimed Title. Once upon a time—during the era closely following Ketchel's death—the middleweight world was cluttered up with likely-looking middleweights. But most of them faded before they ever reached the heights attained by the wonderful Polish fighter.

Almost as soon as Ketchel was laid in his grave, a dozen men jumped to the scene and laid claim to his title. That of Billy Papke's was quite generally recognized—for a time. Billy once was the champion, due to the fact that he had beaten Ketchel. But Papke soon shot the chutes. In the meantime Frank Klaus, Jim Flynn, Leo Houck, Jack (Twin) Sullivan, Dave Smith, Willie Lewis, Sallor Burk, Rob Moba, Marty Rowan, Joe Thomas, Jim Smith chorused claims for the championship.

Some of the squad were good fighters—but not great. None showed much superiority over the others. Within a year or two it was proved conclusively to fandom that not one of that outfit was really fit to be a king.

New Crop No Better. And then along came a new era of fighters—Mike Gibbons, George (Knockout) Brown, Eddie McInerney, Battling Lesinsky, Jack Dillon, George Chip and a flock of others. Of the lot, Dillon was greatest. But the "Bearcat" quickly outgrew this class. Levisky cut a wide swath battling as a middle for a time, but he, too, bulked

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EVERY BATTER FEARS PITCHER

Even the Best of Them Realize That Some Pitcher is Really Dangerous.

BY TRIS SPEAKER. Cleveland, Ohio, June 1.—Every batter has one or more pitching hoodlums and I want to say right off the reel the fellow who tries to give you the impression that they are all alike is kidding himself.

I have faced the best pitching in the American league for the last eight years and have looked at some corking twirling in the National league during world's championship games, but fail to recall any other pitcher who troubled me as consistently as did Doc White, formerly of the Chicago White Sox. Doc had a habit of pitching right around the plate at all times and he never would give a good ball.

While on the subject of hitting, I will answer a question that's been put to me several times. I use a bat that's heavier than the average. My club weighs 42 ounces and is 36 inches long, second growth ash and fitted with a small handle. The average bat weighs 35 ounces. I have about 18 sticks and have carried one for five seasons. When my stock runs low I put in a fresh order with the factory batman and he never ceases to break in the new cutting iron.

If there's one thing a ball player dislikes more than to be struck out in a pinch, it's being called old when he still is in his prime. Some fans seem to think because a player has been identified with one club for seven, eight or ten years he is fit subject for admission to the old soldier's home. If the player performs as prominently as my club he is fit to be kidded about his age.

Now I am gray, but prematurely so, and have been since I was 17 years of age. But just so long as I can get and get 'em in the outfield and get hold of 'em at bat I'll not be offended by any flunkeys to my iron gray locks.

BASEBALL RESULTS WEDNESDAY'S GAMES.

League Standings. American League. W. L. Pct. Win Loss. Washington 24 15 .613 428 396. Cleveland 24 15 .612 428 399. New York 22 15 .593 407 375. Boston 21 18 .538 394 375. Philadelphia 21 18 .538 394 375. Chicago 21 18 .538 394 375. St. Louis 19 24 .439 368 359.

Some Boxers Show Very Poor Judgment Two Nearly Ruin Boxing Game at Akron

By T. S. ANDREWS. M ILWAUKEE, Wis., June 1.—Some boxers have very poor judgment when it comes to the political end of the game, but their managers should show a little more common sense and think for their proteges.

At Akron, Ohio, the boxing game has been on a splendid basis for some time, but a couple of would-be stars came near putting the town on the blink. There is a commission in Akron which controls the boxing situation, although it is not under the state law. Just the same the commission had the good judgment to fix matters up before the damage was done.

The club promoters thought there was a chance to brag off some easy money and went ahead with the arrangements for the show. Finally the commission suspended the club and was upheld in its action by the authorities, so that the two boxers were put out of business and also the club.

At San Antonio. R. H. E. San Antonio 9 12 1. Batters: New York, Boston and Philadelphia. Bender, McMillan and Burns.

At Fort Worth. R. H. E. Fort Worth 3 2 3. Batters: Fort Worth, Houston and Dallas. Shreveport, Duffy and Smith.

At Dallas. R. H. E. Dallas 5 3 2. Batters: Dallas, Kerr and Mawley. Waco, Sage, Hill and Kelly.

At St. Louis. R. H. E. St. Louis 10 18 1. Batters: St. Louis, Green, Davison and Hartley.

At St. Joseph. R. H. E. St. Joseph 2 1 2. Batters: St. Joseph, East and Holzer. Sioux City, Grover and Crosby.

At Denver. R. H. E. Denver 100 600 510. Batters: Wichita, Durham, Pate and Gray. Denver, Steiner and Shultz.

At St. Paul. R. H. E. St. Paul 5 11 3. Batters: St. Paul, Minneapolis, 1. At Columbus. R. H. E. Columbus 4 11 3. Batters: Columbus, 1. Milwaukee, 4. (11 innings.)

At Little Rock. R. H. E. Little Rock 6 11 3. Batters: Little Rock, 1. At Chattanooga. R. H. E. Chattanooga 5 11 3. Batters: Chattanooga, 1. (11 innings.)

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