

New York Giants are Now Tied With the Dodgers For Second Place

Interest Centers In Battle For Title

Rivers' Defeat Over Mandot and Knockout Brown Makes Him Formidable Opponent for Champion Ritchie—Freddy Welsh Is Entitled to Battle.

By THOS. S. ANDREWS

A REAL championship battle between lightweights is scheduled for the fourth of July in California when Willie Ritchie, the present holder, meets Joe Rivers, the Los Angeles boy, who has come to the front in the past year in great style.

It will be the first battle for the title in over eight months. Ritchie having won the championship from Ad Wolgast on November 2, 1923, under the ring rulings, should have defended his title sooner, as six months is the usual limit of time elapsed after a title match, before another is fought.

The question that is agitating the minds of Ritchie's friends is whether the stage life he has been following will have any ill effects on his fighting when he gets into the ring again. It must be said to the credit of Ritchie that he is a very model athlete, and on the stage, and he has kept in fair condition all the while by his own handling of his manager, Billy Nolan.

One of the greatest battles between featherweights ever fought took place in Milwaukee when Patsy Branigan, the Pittsburgh-125-pounder and former crack bantam, met Matty McCue, the Racine champion, who was handling the sleep producer to all he has met of late.

A Little Sport; A Little Gossip

JIMMY COULON still insists that he is the master of Kid Williams, and declares that if Sam Harris, manager of Williams, will put up the \$500 bonus which he was promised when he signed, he is ready to meet the Baltimore champion.

Johnny Dundee has started light training for his coming bout with Ad Wolgast, former heavyweight champion at Los Angeles, on June 10. Dundee is now in Albuquerque, and has signed for a 10-round fight to be staged there with Tommy Dixon, of Kansas City, under the auspices of the New Mexico Athletic club.

Nig Clarke, the former Cleveland backstop, now with the Indianapolis American association team, filed \$14 in his first 10 games with the Indians.

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Manager Eberfield, of the Chattanooga club of the Southern league, has sent catcher Harlan to Spanglers. Harlan works not him, but with the Chattanooga fans, and he was disposed of as soon as Moran could be secured to help out Gaby Street, the former Senator backstop.

Every officer and every member on the roster of the Brooklyn Dodgers has been making a statement in an announcement given out by the management of the Brooklyn team. This is the first time that an entire major league organization from club president to reserve player has been in agreement under a single policy, which was approximately \$196,000.

Jim Buckley, manager of Gunboat Smith, is anxious for an statement given out in Chicago that Jim Coffroth is to invade southern California and establish a fight club on the outskirts of Vernon, to promote bouts in opposition to Tom McCarty and Henry Gilmore. Buckley received a telegram from Coffroth asking if he would accept the job of manager for the new club.

"Doc" Warren Gill, who was secured by the Los Angeles Coast league club from the St. Paul American association team, has been given his release by the Angels. A fancy price was paid for Gill. The regular first sacker of the team is working so well that Gill's services were not required.

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SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

And Now the City Editor Knows Why By "Hop"

I saw your ad in the paper, man, where you wanted to trade a goat for a good horse—now this is a bargain. I would trade with you, only I'm getting a new one.



Oh boss, look what I traded for. I was a bargain maker, his name is nearly.



What's your goat, call it nearly because he's all but.

Chance Keeps Yankee Scouts Busy

Manager of the New York Americans is Beating the Bushes in Hope of Adding Strength to His Pitching Staff.

By ALLEN SANGREE

NEW YORK, June 4.—The Yankee pitching staff is still out of kilter, and Chance is beginning to wonder what it's all about.

Trainer Barrett takes it somewhat as a reflection on his own ability that the twirlers cannot get in condition, and he's especially peeved that Keating does not recover form.

Matter-of-fact Ty Cobb seems to have put a jinx on Keating the day he fanned twice. From that very moment Keating began to go back, while Tyrus protected himself on every reel.

The Yankee owner figures on some liberal spending this season, but Chance has small hope of gathering in much of a team before another year.

MAVERICKS PLAY GAME WITH TROOP B

Boasted by way of a registered victory over the Yalets, Fabens and Clint, Texas, teams, the baseball team representing Troop B, second cavalry, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, is reported to be one of the fastest teams in the regiment, and although every match that has been played with the border guardians has been farcical so far this season, this was a practice match only.

The match was arranged hastily by the local management for a Jefferson Davis card.

TOURS 2500 MILES WITHOUT TROUBLE

Chas. Brown, leaving San Antonio in his "cross country" Rambler car, on April 15, has reached El Paso after touring west Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and a portion of California without even a puncture.

He made the entire trip in 161-2 days. He now expects to go to Cleveland, Roswell, Dallas, Waco and back to his home in San Antonio.

He is stopping at the Hotel McCoy.

PECOS WANTS TO GET BALL GAMES

Pecos, Tex., June 2.—The Pecos Sox are fast setting in shape for the opening games and would like to arrange games with Carlsbad, Artesia, Roswell or any other fast team in this section for June 9, 10 and 11.

They have secured their new \$2000 baseball plant at Fair View park. Any club north, east, south or west within a reasonable distance can get a game by writing the management of the Pecos baseball club.

NEGRO FIGHTER CHANGES HIS TRAINING QUARTERS

A better looking, Australian fighting appliances, is the reason Rufus Cameron, the Kansas negro who is booked to meet Jack Herrick, changed his training quarters Monday afternoon from the Bristol camp to the Jockey club quarters, Third and Oregon streets.

Spider Moffatt, claimant of the bantamweight championship of the southwest, is working at Herrick's camp, his right wrist, which was broken in the fight with Kid Payo, having healed completely.

Efforts are being made to secure Benny Chavez, the Trinidad bantam, who defeated Eddie Egan, to come to Pecos, to meet Kid Payo, the local champion.

McINTOSH WANTS TO MATCH BURNS AND CARPENTIER

Albuquerque, N. M., June 2.—Hugh McIntosh, erstwhile Australian fight promoter, who passed through here on his way to New York, received for the first time the news of the victory of George Carpentier, the French light heavyweight over Bombardier Wells, the English heavyweight champion.

"It was a dashed good news," exclaimed McIntosh, and turning to a companion who he slapped on the shoulder, he said: "I was right, wasn't it? That marks the end of Bombardier as a fighter."

BILL BEYNON WINS FIGHT FROM "DIGGER" STANLEY

London, England, June 2.—Bill Beynon won the English bantam championship from "Digger" Stanley, holder of the title. The fight which was before the National Sporting club, went 20 rounds, Beynon winning the decision.

Eddie Morgan, the fast little champion of Wales, was scheduled to fight Stanley, but illness prevented him from appearing and Beynon took his place.

"His contest was for a purse of \$2500 and the Lord Lansdale bet."

COURT HELDS MRS. MCCARTY CANNOT ADMINISTER ESTATE

Springsfield, Mo., June 2.—William McCarty, manager of the late Luther McCarty, champion white pugilist who was killed in a ring at Calgary, Alberta, arrived here with Mrs. McCarty, widow of the fighter, to see about the disposition of the dead pugilist's estate, estimated to be worth \$15,000. Judge Lundy, of the probate court, holds Mrs. McCarty is not eligible to act as administratrix of the estate.

BREAKS ARM; FORFEITS FIGHT.

Lincoln, Neb., June 2.—Kid Jensen broke a bone in his forearm in the opening round of his fight with Eugene Sullivan of Butte, Mont., and was compelled to forfeit the match to the Montana boxer. Clarence English, of Omaha, and Sullivan then engaged in a four round match without a decision.

BASEBALL RESULTS MONDAY'S GAMES

Table with columns for American League, National League, and Western League Standings. Lists teams like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc., with wins, losses, and percentages.

Table for American Association Standings, listing teams like Toledo, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, etc.

Table for Southern League Standings, listing teams like Montgomery, Memphis, Mobile, etc.

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Table for Columbus Orioles Lose Game at Hachita, N. M., listing team statistics.

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Baseball Played at Base of Pyramids

"Leap of Tab" Is What Egyptians Call the National Game—Teams Only Have Eight Men—Pitchers Must Put 'Em Over, as No Strikes Are Called.

By ROBERT RIPLEY

NEW YORK, June 2.—Oh! it's a great game—you can't get away from it!

Not that we are imagining anyone in America attempting to get very far away, but we were just thinking the other day how very difficult such a thing would be.

We were hitting on the great pyramid in far away sleepy, dreamy Egypt at the time of these few thoughts.

We were watching a baseball game. Surely that is reason enough to doubt if there is a spot on this old world of ours, it is doubtful, we say, if such a spot can be found on which baseball in some form or other, is not being played.

How Egyptians Play Game. The day was extremely hot. We took our coats off, just like we do at the Polo grounds during July, and fanned ourselves and wished for peanuts as we watched those bronzed, skin, almost eyed, Egyptians, attired in nightgowns and headchiefs, playing our own national game in the shadow of the pyramids.

Surely, we say, it is reason enough! Now, we are calling the game they played "baseball." They call it "Leap of Tab," not our fault, but "Duggie," the heavy hitting demon of the Sand Lot league, U. S. A., should have called it "Hotter" or "Bunk." But, believe us, please, they were playing baseball—even if it was not according to members of the Baseball Writers' association.

True they only had eight men on a side, and their ball was probably but, like a certain pole, but remember, the game is growing!

The baseball used is about the size of the usual indoor baseball, except that it is a little "faster."

Each side is entitled to eight out, one for each man, and is not retired as a side until the full eight men have been out. They had in rotation, and when a player is put out he merely drops from the batting order until the final, or eighth man, has been retired. A fair hitter, say Ty Cobb, for instance, could bat several thousand times, successful or until he died of old age.

To score a run a player must make a complete circuit of the diamond.

Gang Fight, Gibbons's Hardest Battle

St. Paul Battler Admits That Eddy Reedy, His Present Manager, Gave Him His Hardest Fight When Both Were Leaders of Kid Gangs in St. Paul.

By ROBERT RIPLEY

NEW YORK, June 2.—Mike was rubbing his nose. That is just like Mike, too. On or off he rubs that cheek. It's like an Aladdin's lamp to Michael—that nose.

"What was the hardest," was asked of Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul phenom, but the inquirer doubted that Gibbons was a real tough fight. He is too clever and too smart, but may be the hard battles teach them to become clever, eh?

Anyway, Mike was rubbing his nose (not his head), as he thought. Then slowly he looked at his manager, Eddie Reedy.

Eddy jumped, their eyes met simultaneously, then a smile crawled across the face of each and hung dangling in front.

"Hi! Eddy," said Mike. "I guessed it. It was the battle between Mike and Eddy—the hardest one. They laughed a little more.

"It was a long time ago, though," Mike hurried to say, "and it's all over, forgotten—and, that's why we are such good friends now," closed Michael with a rush.

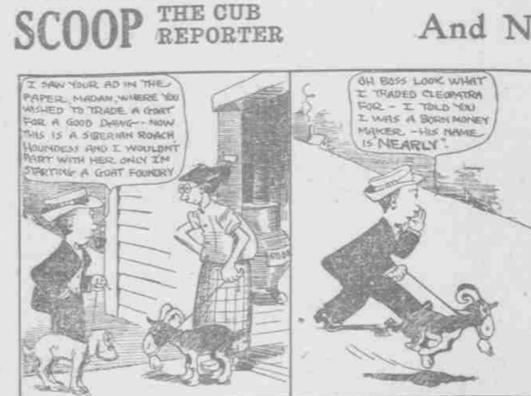
"All over and forgotten," chanted Eddy. "Have a heart," I said, "and have a memory!"

"Oh, we can remember it well enough, but we don't."

"It was a long time ago, though," Mike began again.

"We were just kids—only 15 years old, and in St. Paul. Eddy and I were deadly rivals in those days—not pals. You see, we lived in different sections of the city—and each of us was the leader of his gang. Eddy was a tough rat in those days—wasn't you, Eddy?"

Eddy Reedy jumped and looked surprised, but Mike, unheeding, continued: "We—the gangs—were rivals in everything that went to make up a youngster's life—baseball, marbles, green apples and hooky, etc. After school we had many a stubborn snow-



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