

THE SPORTING NEWS.

THE PUGILISTS.

JACK MUNROE BEAT SHARKEY

In Only One Round Did the Sailor Show to Advantage—Munroe Fought Carefully and Cleverly.

Followers of pugilism found the six-round contest between Jack Munroe and Tom Sharkey at Philadelphia on Saturday night a good topic to discuss. The fine showing of the miner was generally discussed and his good and bad points as a fighter were weighed and balanced.

There is no doubt that on Saturday night Munroe was a great surprise in the ring. Most of the sporting men who attended the mill regarded Munroe as a dub before the scrap, and expected to see him an easy victim.

That punch in the first round convinced the sports that the miner was much the same blow that knocked Gus Ruhlman out the first time. It met at Coney Island. It landed on Munroe's jaw, but a trifle too high to end the bout.

Munroe had the advantage of being shy-handed. He did everything his seconds told him. This probably accounts for the fact that he only received two blows in the mill—a right under the heart and a straight jab.

Munroe lacks the viciousness of Fitzsimmons. Another less courageous fighter would have been glad to feign insensibility without the risk of being called a quitter.

The majority of Munroe's well wishers think that he should have one more fight before he tackles Jeffries. His suggestion a bout with Gus Ruhlman would prove an excellent tryout and such a combat would go a long way toward developing Munroe as a fighter.

Jeffries did not care to discuss the encounter at Philadelphia to any extent. He watched the doings of the men carefully, and all he would say after the "go" was that Munroe did well and that he would fight him. Sharkey was loud in his praise of Munroe, but did not think that his rival had bested him.

At 9:15 o'clock Saturday night the management announced that the entire house had been sold out and that the receipts were over \$3,000. This is about \$1,200 more than was taken in at the recent bout between Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Brien.

The principals in the stellar event entered the ring at 10 o'clock. Sharkey, resplendent in a long bath robe of kalidoscopic colors, was the first to appear. He seemed to be at ease with the crowd with a grin of infinite pleasure. He was in fine condition. In his wake were Jim Buckley, the elongated Spike Sullivan, Tom Carey and Tom Riley, the wrestler.

Munroe put in an appearance about five minutes later. His form was also muffled in a robe of variegated hue. Behind him were Kid McCoy, Dal Hawkins, the California lightweight, Dr. Joe Creamer, Tommy Shortell and Charley Mayhood. Munroe looked troubled as he sat in his corner. Both of his eyes showed traces of recent blackening and altogether he seemed to be irritable and nervous.

Munroe was only mildly received when introduced, while Sharkey got a rousing reception. There were at least 6,000 persons in the arena when the

song changed for the opening round. The fight commenced at 10:20 o'clock. The conditions were Marquis of Queensberry rules, both men to protect themselves at all times. Bert Crowhurst was the referee.

FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

First round: Before Sharkey had time to act, Munroe rushed fiercely. With a straight left he jabbed Sharkey on the mouth, bringing him to his knees against the ropes. Sharkey came back and made a hard swing. The blow went wide of its mark by at least a foot and a clinch followed. Munroe then feinted and drew Sharkey into a lead, but the sailor guarded himself and there was nothing doing. Munroe went in and smashed Sharkey under the heart. As Sharkey broke away he got a just swing from Munroe ducked and clinched. Then they faced each other again, Sharkey rushed and swung the right. The blow caught the miner clean on the jaw and Munroe went down. He was dazed and muddled and did not seem to know where he was. A hawk and fell all over himself. He tried to reach Munroe with a swing, but the miner came in close and broke the speed of the punch. Sharkey, despite his ineffectual attempts to lead, kept boring in. Every time he did so Munroe's stub hand was on his forehead and he would not get away from Munroe's left. Munroe poked him three times in succession without a return. Sharkey directed his attention to the miner's jaw, but Munroe danced away, and every time Sharkey tried to get all over himself. One time he caught Munroe around the legs to keep from going down. He also caught Munroe suspiciously low, and the referee promptly warned him. Sparring made up the remainder of the round.

Fourth round: Munroe by this time seemed to have Sharkey sized up. His first punch was a straight left on the mouth. He came back with a right in the wind in return. After a clinch Munroe missed a vicious left hook for the jaw. The blow just grazed Sharkey's cheek. Sharkey then rushed, but the best he could do was to hammer Munroe lightly on the ribs. Sharkey tried to be clever, but when Munroe jabbed him a couple of times he waded in his old way. As a consequence he tripped several times. The crowd laughed at his efforts. Munroe kept landing his blows under the heart and on the body. The heart punches kept Sharkey in check and he began to wince under them. Toward the close of the round Munroe, who had Sharkey in a position to hurt him, let up. The crowd hissed, but it was apparent that it was not his fault. He looked to be tired from punching Sharkey, who went to his corner wobbling.

Sixth round: A couple of left jabs had Sharkey's face covered with gore. Sharkey was full of grit and kept boring in. Munroe by this time appeared to be confident and measured the sailor skillfully. Sharkey depended on his swing for the scrap, but every time he made a lead Munroe stepped in and in this way Sharkey's swings went around Munroe's neck. Sharkey almost went to the floor from a solid left in the ribs. He steadied himself and a minute later caught Munroe lightly on the head. Sharkey inclined to clinch, but Munroe shoved him off and broke ground at every opportunity. Sharkey missed a right for the body and clinched in time to avoid a hard jab on the mouth. Munroe then planted the left on the eye and tried to swing for the jaw. Sharkey ducked, but ran into a left in the body. While Munroe was endeavoring to shake Sharkey out of a clinch the fight ended. Both men were still strong, and the sports regretted that the scrap could not continue at least four rounds more.

GOOD BATTLE TO-NIGHT. Young Corbett and Dave Sullivan met in San Francisco to-night in a twenty-round fight at 130 pounds, weigh in at 8 o'clock. Corbett is an overwhelming favorite in the betting, but Sullivan wired friends yesterday that he would win decisively. Sullivan says that the weight will help him wonderfully for the reason that when he was in the ring at Louisville two years ago he had to weaken himself to get down to the stipulated figures. Ever since Corbett beat McGovern the first time, at Hartford, Sullivan, who saw the mill, has been after a match with the Denver pugilist. Sullivan has been training for several months and will get into the ring in superb condition. He is fast, clever and game, but he is inclined to lose his temper, and is not a heavy puncher. At that, if Corbett is not fit and ready he may find in the "fighting Irishman" a tough customer.

BOWKER WON'T FIGHT. Negotiations have been entirely cut off between George Dixon and Tom Bowker for a match, although for a time it looked as if the pair would come together. Bowker will not agree to meet Dixon under any conditions, but has decided to take on Andrew Tokell instead. Though no date has

as yet been chosen, it is likely that the pair will have it out some time next month. Tokell, who was defeated in this country by Harry Forbes, has announced that he will fight Bowker for the bantam championship of England. His challenge was immediately snapped up. All that remains now to make the contest binding is the posting of the proper forfeits. Bowker has suggested that a side bet of \$500 hinge on the outcome, a proposition which Tokell at once agreed to.

JABEZ WHITE COMING

Everything is apparently settled for the visit of Jabez White to this country. White is at the head of the lightweight class in England, and his two victories over Spike Sullivan and other clever pugilists have established his right to be classed among the top notchers. White's ambition is to fight Joe Gans for the world's lightweight title, but in doing so the foreigner will insist on the regular weighing in, 133 pounds at the ringside. This Gans cannot very well do without taxing his strength. Should White fall to securing an engagement with Gans he may open negotiations for a mill with Young Corbett or Jimmy Britt. White has the greater confidence in his ability and will back himself for any amount.

PEDLAR PALMER KICKS

Pedlar Palmer is sensitive on the question of being misquoted and often gets his name into print seeking correction for something that may have appeared in the newspapers detrimental to his interest. Palmer recently wrote to the London Sportsman: "I stated in the Sportsman that Digger Stanley has beaten me. Such is not the case. The boot is on the other leg. We met twice and I have beaten him both times; and what is more, I think I can whip him twice more if he cares to go against me. I hate to be misquoted and I wish you would state the fact."

WRESTLING VS. BOXING

"You may get hard raps in boxing," says Frank Tyrrell, of Cincinnati, "but what a pink tea it is to wrestling! Years ago as the old-timers will remember, I was both a boxer and a wrestler.

"I met Jack Dempsey in the ring, fought the best I knew how, and took what the papers said was a great beating. Dempsey was so pleased with my fight that he took me out and bought me a suit of clothes. "Well, that was boxing. On another occasion I wrestled Evan Lewis and what I got that night was equal to eleven whalings by a pugilist. Lewis was 40 pounds heavier than I was, agreed to throw me in 15 minutes.

"Strangle hold was supposed to be barred, but after several minutes of rough-and-tumble work, he got me by the throat and gripped me till my eyes stuck out. I was black in the face and didn't know what was happening. With only one minute more to go, he got me down. "During that 14-minute session on the mat Lewis strangled me till my throat was sore for weeks. He pushed my face into the rough canvas and then shoved my chest with his nose, chin and forehead were blistered. "He ground my arm and knees into the canvas till they were as burnt as if held to a fire. He drove his knuckles into my ribs as hard as a boxer could send in a blow, and he didn't have gloves on, either.

"On my part, did what I could to hand it back to him—and that game was wrestling, which is considered a mild and gentle sport compared with pugilism."—(Cincinnati Tribune.)

FOOTBALL.

ONE PLAYER DIES AND ANOTHER SERIOUSLY ILL

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 29.—Henry J. Hooper, '07, Dartmouth's famous football center, died early yesterday, following an attack of appendicitis, for which an operation was performed at the Mary Hitchcock hospital last Thursday. Hooper was 20 years old. His home was at Exeter, where his mother lives. At the close of the football season last fall, he was chosen by many critics as the center for the All-American football team.

HOLY CROSS PLAYER.

Worcester, Feb. 28.—Robert W. Crother, who played right tackle on the Holy Cross football team last fall, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital from his home Saturday morning suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis. Crother has attended school until a few days ago, and seemed to be in perfect health. During the last few days, however, he has been confined to his home, but nothing serious was looked for. Dr. Homer Gage of this city was summoned to his home early Saturday morning and ordered his removal to the hospital. He was operated upon yesterday afternoon. The nurses at the hospital report a successful operation, and a speedy recovery is expected. Crother is in his first year at Holy Cross, and during the past football season played a fast, aggressive game at right tackle, easily surpassing all other candidates for the position. His sudden illness caused great anxiety among the students at the college, as he is very popular.

Morris Wood Wins on Skates.

MONTAIRE, N. J., Feb. 29.—Morris Wood, amateur skating champion, in the races at Verona lake won two of the principal events. In the two mile handicap and the half mile open Wood finished first, but dropped out in the mile handicap when he found that he could not catch the limit men. There were seven starters in the half mile, Wood taking the lead for the first lap, with E. Taylor and W. Stolts close at his heels. Wood won easily by five yards in 1 minute 22 4-5 seconds. Taylor finished second and Stolts third.

BASE BALL.

THEY WANT WATERBURY

Not in Connecticut League—But in School League—This City However is Not Anxious.

At the annual meeting of the Connecticut interscholastic baseball league, which was held at the Hotel Garde, in New Haven, on Saturday, the Waterbury High school was admitted to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Willimantic. The league now consists of the following teams: Meriden, Waterbury, New Haven and Bridgeport, western division; New London, Norwich, Clinton and Middletown, eastern division. The Meriden Journal says of Waterbury's admittance: Waterbury High school was finally admitted, after much debate over that school's reputation for roughness, during which President Bernstein, of Meriden read Waterbury's plea for admittance and her promise to be good now that Principal Wilby has taken athletics in hand. Waterbury students feel incensed at this charge of roughness upon the part of the local school. They claim that Meriden, Bridgeport and other teams, which were in the Connecticut interscholastic football league, are still more because their school won the championship of the league three years in succession and the handsome Yale cup. These teams were never able to swallow that bitter pill. They still feel the effects of it. Two teams had won the cup twice and their prospects of winning it for the third time was rosy. But Waterbury butted in and snatched away the much desired trophy. Then Meriden raised the cry of "ringers"—a cry for which there was no foundation. Waterbury complied with every rule of the league during the three years in which she won the championship.

By its victory on Saturday night the Business Men's team has again assumed the leadership in the Y. M. C. A. basketball league, as its rivals, the Crescents, had a night off and did not play on Saturday. There have been many close races for the championship at the Y. M. C. A., but the present one is closer and more interesting than those in the past.

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IN MAJOR LEAGUES

New York, Feb. 29.—Among the persons most interested in the major baseball leagues this promises to be a very busy week. President Ban Johnson, of the American League, arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night and this noon he convened the annual schedule meeting of his league. The annual schedule meeting of the National League will begin at the Victoria Hotel in Cleveland, and from present indications there seems to be little doubt that both organizations will adopt non-conflicting schedules for playing dates for the coming season.

As soon as President Johnson arrived he was met by C. A. Coniskey, of the Chicago American League club, C. L. Lortins, of the Washington club, together with these three and J. Hector Clemen, of the Washington club. President Johnson held a brief conference after which Johnson announced that he had appointed a new committee on schedule consisting of Frank J. Farrell, of this city, C. A. Coniskey, of Chicago, and S. W. Somers, of Cleveland. In addition to this he said that he had selected the same three representatives to act as a committee on rules and that the meeting would begin promptly at noon to-morrow.

TROTTING.

TIPS FROM THE FIELDS OF THE HANDICAPS.

California turfmen say that Mike Daly's Claude will win the Esoklyn handicap this year, carrying as he will only 105 pounds. Claude was a famous 3-year-old last season and went through an extraordinary hard campaign. Since the first of the year he has won several thousands of dollars for his owner, his most recent triumph being in the Palace Hotel handicap at Ingleside. He is slated to carry top weight in the Montgomery handicap at Memphis, but he will hardly start, as Daly intends to ship the horse east in a very short time. Those who saw Claude, with 122 pounds, run second in the \$10,000 Burtus handicap recently have expressed the opinion that he will be one of the greatest handicap horses on the American turf this season. He will pick up a feather in the Suburban as well as in the Brooklyn, Woodford Clay, the young Kentuckian who had a very successful season in the east last year, incidentally selling the crack filly Lady Amelia to E. K. Thomas for \$17,500, has shipped thirteen horses to the Nashville track. Mr. Clay will race at Louisville, Lexington, Harlan and Washington, afterwards coming to Saratoga to finish up the season on the Jockey club's tracks. He has some splendid looking 2-year-olds, including a full brother to Mancy, a full brother to Sir Oliver, a half brother to Leo Lake, a half sister to Lady Amelia, a full sister to Jiminez, and a half sister to Two Bits and Firing Line.

Captain S. S. Brown, the Pittsburg millionaire turfman, has \$50,000 worth of thoroughbreds stabled at Memphis. He has a formidable lot of 3-year-olds and will try to make a clean sweep of the derbies in various parts of the west. He will start Auditor, a son of Escher, in the Crescent City derby on March 12. Conjuror and Proceeds, who will probably carry the Brown colors in the Tennessee derby, have already been made favorites for that event. The Sir Dixon filly Audience is favorite for the Tennessee Oaks and is considered a coming world beater. Captain Brown will have a big string of 2-year-olds in the east as usual this year in the care of Trainer Bob Tucker, who has succeeded the veteran Peter Wimmer. Entries for the \$5,000 Excelsior handicap, to be run on the first day of the spring meeting at Jamaica, will close to-morrow at midnight. Nearly all of the best horses named already for the Bennings and Carter handicaps will be nominated for the Excelsior, together with representatives of some of the larger racing stables. Secretary Edwards of the Metropolitan Jockey club says that all of the Jamaica stakes will fall even better than they did last spring.

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BASKET BALL.

BUSINESS MEN NOW LEAD.

Two Games Played at Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium—One Game Was Fast and One Was Very Slow.

A large crowd witnessed the basketball games at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on Saturday night. The Monitors and the Nutmegs were the opposing teams and the former won the game by the decisive score of 20 to 7. Owing to the one-sidedness the game was dull and uninteresting. The lineup and summary: Monitors. H. G. Littlejohn forward, E. Johnson J. Constantine forward, P. C. Jaeger (Capt) J. Littlejohn, center, G. R. Selby, C. Uroskin guard, J. H. Hines J. Goley guard, J. C. Spiers Score—Monitors 20, Nutmegs 7; goals from floor, Jaeger 7, Johnson 3, H. G. Littlejohn 2; goals from fouls, H. G. Littlejohn 3; referee, F. J. Danaher; umpire, M. L. Martus; scorer and timer, F. J. Trowbridge.

SECOND GAME BEST.

The second game was a direct contrast to the first. It was finely played and the teams were evenly matched. Brilliant work was done by the players of both teams. It was either team's contest until the whistle was blown for the end of the game. The score was 16 to 15 in favor of the Business Men. The lineup: Eagles. Business Men R. Hannegan forward, Dr. Margraff (Capt) J. Rogers, center, A. Cook (Capt) H. McKee guard, W. S. Curtis G. A. Smith guard, H. Sanderson Score—Eagles 15, Business Men 16; goals from floor, Curtis 3, McKee 2, Hannegan 2, Margraff 2, Sanderson 2, Smith 1, Rogers 1; goals from fouls, McKee 1, Curtis 1, Cook 1.

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GAME TO-MORROW NIGHT

The Star basketball team of the Springfield High school will play the Waterbury High school team at the local Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-morrow night. The Springfield team is one of the best high school teams in this part of the country and will be a big feather in Waterbury's cap if she succeeds in defeating the Massachusetts boys. The expense in bringing the Springfield team here is considerable and the game, therefore, should be well patronized. A preliminary game will be played between the Sterling Five and the Independents of the Y. M. C. A.

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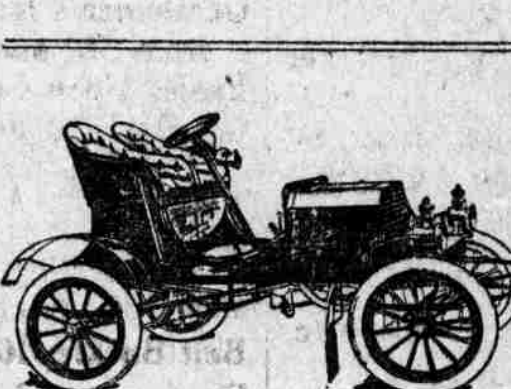


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