

NEILL WINS ON FOUL

Defeats "Mysterious" Billy Smith in Tenth Round.

REFEREE GRANT GIVES DECISION

California Is Rushed to Ropes, Battered, and Kneec-Swanson Hits Up Fast Pace in Preliminary and Knocks Out Druhot.

To the disappointment of lovers of clean sport, the Neill-Smith contest at the Exposition building last night closed in the 10th round, when Referee Jack Grant awarded the fight to Neill on a foul. It was a Neill crowd, and while the majority would have preferred a clean knockout, or that the fighters would have gone the limit, they cheered the victor as he was carried around the ring by his seconds. The foul came near the end of the 10th. Neill had mixed it up, and had somewhat the best of the scrimmage. The men clinched, and Smith forced Neill towards the ropes. "Mysterious" Billy was working his shoulders, head and knees, and the crowd yelled in derision when it saw Neill clinch to the ropes, helpless and in pain. It could not have been from a fair blow, because the men were clinched, but many of the spectators did not see Smith's head butting against Neill's. Those who did vented disapproval in a storm of hisses. Referee Grant held up his hand, and when silence was restored announced that Neill was awarded the fight on a foul. Harry Foley, one of Neill's seconds, carried his principal over to Smith's corner, but the latter refused to shake hands, and retired, with his seconds, to the dressing-rooms.

Neill claims that Smith not only butted him, but struck him below the belt several times with his knees. Smith and his friends deny that any foul was perpetrated; that Smith's two hands were free in the clinch, and that the blows he sent to Neill's stomach had him all but out. Referee Grant said he saw the foul committed, and his reputation as a sporting man has always been for fairness. Moreover he was supported in his decision by a majority of the spectators. Considerable money changed hands on the result, probably \$300 in all. Yesterday afternoon Smith was 10 to 8 in the betting, but at the Exposition building last night there was plenty of Neill money at even, a large part of which was brought in by out-of-town sports. Neill had a side bet of \$200 with a San Francisco admirer of Smith, and the large end of the fighters' percentage of the receipts will probably be in the neighborhood of \$800 or more.

The crowd was one of the largest in the history of boxing contests in Portland, a conservative estimate placing the number at 200. The fast and furious going of the Neill-Smith fight had whetted the appetite of the local sporting contingent for a slashing contest, and it was expected that Smith and Neill would get together at the same heart-breaking pace. While the fight was not unusually fast, it was interesting. Smith showed up much stronger and in better condition than was expected, and Neill was in his usual splendid shape. The men weighed about 125 pounds. When they were in the ring, neither seemed to have the advantage in weight or otherwise. Neill appeared first, at 9:45, accompanied by his seconds, James Riley, James Doyle and Harry Foley. Five minutes later Smith came in with his handlers, Martin Denny, Steve Drummond, Tom Riley and Tom Smith. The time-keepers were Watt Month, for Smith; Peter A. Gay, for Neill, and Jack Day, for the club.

First Two Rounds Slow.
The first two rounds were slow, and the men occupied the time in sparring, with Smith doing the most of the leading. When the two came together in the first round Smith asked Neill to give him a shake hands or fight? Neill shook hands, but the way Smith made the remark encouraged the crowd to expect that he intended to rush it. Neill developed some clever defensive tactics, and succeeded in keeping out of the way of the "Mysterious" one's swings and jolts. Al's kidneys was a favorite landing place for Smith's right, particularly in clinches, where hitting was allowed. Neill was not only also played for his antagonist's wind and heart, and sent some smashing blows in on Neill's body.

At the end of the second round the men were fairly worked up, and frequent spurts of fast exchanges. Both men were apparently strong and to the nonpartisan spectator there was no advantage. About the eighth and ninth, Smith began to show signs of punishment, and fought a bit wildly. Neill had received some stiff punching, and the grueling had been effective. But there was every reason to suppose that both men had it in them to go a fast five rounds more, if not the limit. Neill had been on the defensive throughout, and the new blows he said imported from California had not been let out. Neill's plan was to wear Smith out if he could in the first 10 rounds, and then finish him if possible, relying on his youth and strength to make him the fresher of the two at that point of time. The game. But the foul cut short the expectations of the crowd. There was some rapid fighting in two scimmages in the 10th, and then came the rush to the ropes in which Smith fouled his opponent and lost the fight. In the dressing-rooms both men seemed strong. Smith was indignant, and his friends were mad.

Foul Came in the Tenth.

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Smith Is Indignant.
"I'll fight him again, any time he wants to," said Smith. "I didn't foul him. He quit because he was getting the worst of the fight. I am strong enough to go on now for 15 rounds," declared Smith, emphatically.

In Neill's quarters, the other side of the story was heard. "Foul him? Of course he fouled him," said Harry Foley, Neill's trainer.
Neill himself said he was fouled. "He butted me with his head and knee in the groin. For a moment I was in pain and suffered. I offered to fight it out, but the referee refused to let the contest go further. I'll fight Smith any time for any amount. I can whip him and he knows it."

Neill leaves today for Los Angeles, where he is to meet Mike Donovan in a return fight February 4. He is anxious to have a contest arranged with the winner of the Tracy-Ferns fight next month, and says he will have no trouble in getting down to 145 pounds, and still be in splendid condition. Neill's end of the fighters' percentage of the receipts will be over \$300, the purse being divided \$5 to the winner and \$5 to the loser, instead of all to the winner, as was first agreed upon.

Knock-Out in Preliminary.
The crowd waxed more enthusiastic over the preliminaries than the main event.

The little fellows showed a disposition to cut out a fast gait, and they staggered and battered each other with a savageness that brought forth cheers from the spectators. The six-round go between Druhot and Swanson was brought to a sudden close in the second round, when Druhot went to the floor. The uproar drowned the clasp of the gong, marking the close of the round, and Referee Jack Grant kept the second round. Finally Druhot's seconds comprehended that the gong had saved their man, but he was decidedly to the bad, and the fight was awarded to Swanson. It was a case of fight from the opening. Both men went at it handily, with tongs, with Druhot doing the leading. Before the first round closed he had Swanson kroggy, but could not finish him. When the second round began, Druhot landed his antagonist a bunch of punches that dazed him. But Swanson was game, and when he landed a strong right on the stomach, and Druhot dropped to the canvas, it was all over except collecting the purse. The four-round go between Frank Freeman and "Kid" Harris was decidedly lively, but neither of the boys could get in the knockout punch. There was no sparring for openings, nor hot-footed sprinting around the ropes arena. From the jump it was a rapid succession of blows, and the youngsters seemed to enjoy it.

The Fight by Rounds.

Following is a summary of the Neill-Smith fight by rounds:
Round 1—Both men came up sparring. Neill led off with his right, but was cleverly blocked and again with his left, with the same result. Neill landed lightly with his left on Smith's neck, and Smith landed two hard kidney blows. In a clinch Smith landed lightly on Neill's jaw, and another light tap on the kidney's. The round closed with both men sizing each other up.

Round 2—Smith opened the round with a left lead, landing light taps on the clinches. Neill landed lefts and rights on Smith's neck, and the "mysterious" one made ineffectual attempts to break Neill's jaw in twain. Neill let go a hard one on Smith's jaw, without return, and forced the fighting into a clinch, Smith landing hard over the kidneys. Smith led right and left, but was cleverly blocked, just as the gong sounded.

Round 3—Both men came up fresh. There was a clinch and the Bostonian landed hard over Neill's kidneys. At this juncture a lively mix-up occurred, both men landing rights and lefts until they rushed into the ropes. Then there was another clinch, but Smith's customary rights were cleverly blocked. Neill landed a hard blow on the chest, and Smith retained his right to Neill's stomach, knocking the Californian to his knees, where he took three seconds' count. Neill danced about the ring, Smith sending some light punches on the jaw. Smith appeared to have a slight advantage in the round.

Round 4—Both men appeared anxious, and flung themselves into the ring, raining curbs blows on each other's jaws, and hard kidney punches, when the clinches came. In one clinch the Californian got in six taps on his opponent's stomach, Smith failing to land a single blow. Neill appeared to have the advantage throughout the round, and Smith was on the anxious list.

Round 5—Neill landed two rights on Smith's neck, and attempted to land the feat, but was blocked. Neill tapped a light blow over Smith's ear, there was a clinch, and Smith asked the referee to remove the rosin from Neill's glove, which had been in contact with his opponent's. Neill landed three hard ones on Smith's stomach, forced him to a clinch, and received the usual slap over the kidneys. More clinches followed, with the same result, and the gong sounded with Neill leading.

Round 6—Neill led off hard with his right, but was cleverly blocked, Smith striking on his opponent's neck in the clinch. Smith got in two rights on Neill's back, and depended largely upon the clinches for his hard blows. Neill hit out a swift tap on Smith's jaw, following with a light tap on the nose, just as the gong struck.

Round 7—Neill hit hard in the first clinch, landing several blows on the Bostonian's neck, with a hard punch over the heart. Neill got in good ones on his rival's shoulder, and more clinches followed. Neill forced the fighting throughout the round, and showed great cleverness in avoiding his opponent's blows.

Round 8—Neill started off briskly, landing on Smith's chin. Smith showed a few lefts and rights at his opponent's head, most of them being cleverly blocked. Smith forced Al to the ropes, landing a hard punch on the jaw. Neill sent home a couple of clever blows in the clinch, but Smith blocked his left lead. The men were clinched when the gong sounded. Round 9—Both men came up stronger than ever, and Neill started out by landing on Smith's nose. Again Neill attempted the performance, but "Mysterious" Billy made a clever defense, and Neill failed to deliver the goods. Neill got in a good punch on Smith's jaw, and the crowd went wild. Neill landed on the jaw another and another, and his second, Harry Foley, smiled like a man with four aces in a poker show-down. Two clinches followed, but the mysterious man from Boston failed to connect with his old-time slaps across the kidneys.

Round 10—Smith landed hard in the first clinch, and Neill came back against the older man's neck. Neill landed a hard right on Smith's stomach, followed with two on the jaw, and he of Boston began to appear a trifle groggy. Smith clinched, there was a mad rush to the side ropes, and before the crowd could realize what had happened Referee Grant had parted the men, and Neill was leaning helplessly against the ropes, while his opponent was walking to his corner in assurance to Grant's order for a contest to end. Neill had won on a foul, but the whole thing occurred in such a short space of time that the oldest sports in the house were fairly dazed.

NOTES OF THE DIAMOND.

Helena Nine May Go to Walla Walla for Spring Practice.

The Walla Walla baseball team has offered Helena the use of the Walla Walla grounds for practice during the earlier part of the season. As the early spring in Montana is very raw and cold, it may be necessary for the league teams to come to a milder climate for their early practice. In this event the Walla Walla Colts want Helena to visit them. They argue that beneficial practice games could be played each day.

William Muth will represent Helena at the league meeting in Spokane next week.

Spokane Is Indignant.
The Spokane Chronicle suggests Ralph Dodd, of that city, as a league umpire for this year. Ed Rankin, of Portland, is also urged for this position, for which he is as well qualified as any man in the Northwest.

"Buck" Ewing contemplates the opening of a baseball school at Cincinnati. Ewing has played every position on the diamond with the leading teams of the East. He proposes to give accurate instruction in every department of the game, and to teach others the finer points. Ewing says that his school is not a "pipe dream," but that it will open very shortly. Regular diplomas will be issued whenever the pupils show a sufficient aptitude for the sport.

H. A. Clemens, Helena's crack third baseman of last year, will probably play with the Pendleton semi-professional nine this season.

TACOMA BASEBALL OUTLOOK.

"Good Prospects for Fast Team," Says President W. H. Lucas.

W. H. Lucas, president of the Pacific Northwest League, who has been returned from Tacoma, says that the Tacoma people are very enthusiastic over the baseball situation, and the team will receive substantial backing. The new baseball club at Tacoma is under an entirely new management, and all the players will be new men. The franchise for the league has been granted to John S. Baker, president of the new club. Stuart Rice, the newly-elected secretary, is a very enthusiastic baseball man, and he will see to it that Tacoma has a strong team in the field. It is the intention of the promoters of the new organization to raise \$2000 capital stock. Of this \$2000 has already been subscribed. A manager has been practically agreed upon, although his name has not yet been made public. The Tacoma men propose to get in the game to stay, and they will doubtless be represented by a strong team of players.

Mr. Lucas says that all of the six league teams have put up the necessary \$500 forfeit money, and that the prospects for good sport were never brighter. Mr. Lucas will leave in a day or two for Spokane, where the league meeting will be held next Tuesday. At this meeting a schedule for the coming season will be arranged.

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INLAND EMPIRE BASEBALL.

Enthusiasm Runs High and a League May Be Formed.

The baseball fever has struck the Inland Empire towns, and those interested in the sport are making active preparations for a busy season. It is highly probable that a league will be formed among

the towns of Eastern Oregon and Southern Washington, Walla Walla, Dayton, Arthur, Pendleton, La Grande, etc., City and other towns will put teams in the field. The majority of the sagebrush players are semi-professionals, but the sport is good and the competitors to be the best.

The fans of the little town of Athena held a meeting last Saturday evening and raised \$500 as a starter for the baseball season. In the larger towns the spirit is just the same. The sagebrush sports are game, and always back their teams with good, hard coin. At present the different managers are busy getting players for the season and preparing for the busy season.

Will Fouts will manage the Dayton team, which will be stronger than ever this season. Manager Sharpstein, of the Walla Walla club, is sanguine over the prospects of his team, and declares that the Walla Walla Colts will tackle all comers.

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER BASEBALL.

Pendleton Will Have a Good Nine—Wants Butte to Practice There.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 23.—A meeting was held this evening by baseball enthusiasts, for the formation of a stock company, the proceeds of the sale of shares at \$2 each to be used in supporting a first-class ball team during the coming season. The interest in baseball has already reached such a pitch that preparations will be made at once to have the men begin practicing, and money will not be spared to make the Pendleton team as strong as any amateur aggregation in the field.

To create deeper interest the president of the local ball association, H. J. Stillman, has offered to the professional team of Butte, Mont., free use of the grounds, and encouragement to come here to put in the practice season. It is understood that the climate of Butte is not favorable to early practicing, and the offer was made for the same reason that Manager

lively exchange, Forbes feinted with his left and then sent a straight right to Dougherty's jaw, giving him his quietus.

PLUGGER LEWIS' WINNINGS.

Took \$20,000 Out of the Ring at Oakland Yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Plunger H. Lewis, who has been very successful during the past week, took about \$20,000 out of the ring at Oakland today and created quite a sensation. He beat the fifth race, betting \$10,000 on Mureca alone. He also won \$500 on Nilgar in the first race. Lewis came here from New York and brought Pompadour and other horses. As favorites landed first in five races, the books had a most disastrous day. The closest finish of the day was in the last race. Didger beat Dangerous Maid a neck. The stewards after a full investigation have decided that The Giver was not poisoned. They base their findings on the report of the veterinary surgeons and the fact that the colt ran two good races since he was ill.

One mile and 50 yards, selling—Nilgar won, William F. second, Rushfields third; time, 1:45.

Five and a half furlongs, selling—Constant won, Berendos second, Hilary third; time, 1:10.

Three and a half furlongs, purse—Admiral won, Mirra second, Jennie McGowan third; time, 0:52.

Five furlongs, selling—John Peters won, Quet second, Dulcimer third; time, 1:02.

Six furlongs, selling—Mureca won, Huchula second, Vassallo third; time, 1:15.

Seven furlongs, selling—Didger won, Dangerous Maid second, Bathos third; time, 1:20.

Races at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23.—Crescent City summary:

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One mile, selling—Eda Riley won, Cast Iron second, Fastwood third; time, 1:41.

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Hamilton Club, Chicago, Jan. 23, 1902.



The Hamilton Club, of Chicago, has prepared a unique souvenir to be presented to each person attending the banquet given in honor of Rear-Admiral Schley at the Auditorium next Saturday. As a keepsake it will be highly prized. It is a sculptured bust of the Rear-Admiral on and in the center of a raised American flag, the whole forming a bas-relief, dark brown in color. Below the bust in raised letters occurs the Admiral's order to his ships at Santiago, "Follow the Flag." In the upper right-hand corner is this inscription: "Hamilton Club, Chicago, Jan. 23, 1902." Sculptor O'Shaughnessy is the designer.

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