

NEARLY PTHIM OUT

Tommy Ryan Has Jack O'Brien Going in the Fifth.

BOTH FIGHT FIERCE AND HARD

Philadelphia Has Considerably the Best of It for Four Rounds—Chicagoan Then Regains Bearings and Lands Viciously.

TOMMY RYAN.—Tommy Ryan has been fighting longer than O'Brien. His first battle of record was with Dick England in 1888 and the mill went 35 rounds. He was then a welterweight and while he has fought many battles they are not as numerous as O'Brien's. He twice went to slumber land via the Kid McCoy route. Mysterious Billy Smith and Ryan met several times in 1895 but Jack O'Brien was in three rounds and later Tommy Tracy in eight rounds.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—Jack O'Brien, of this city, and Tommy Ryan, of Chicago, fought one of the fastest six rounds ever seen in this city tonight, and the Philadelphia had a slight advantage. O'Brien clearly outgassed Ryan in the first four rounds, and in the fifth dropped him with a hard blow to the jaw. Ryan took the count of eight and came up groggy. He saved himself by clinching until he had regained his bearings. A moment later Ryan drove a vicious left to O'Brien's stomach, which brought the Philadelphia to his knees. Ryan seemed to gain his wind as the round progressed, and landed repeatedly on O'Brien's stomach with vicious lefts. It was only the gong that saved O'Brien from being knocked out.

In the sixth round Ryan was about even, both men having received severe punishment. When the gong sounded ending the fight both men were in very bad shape. Near the close of the fifth round, while O'Brien was on the floor, one of his seconds threw a sponge full of water on him. Many persons were of the opinion that this ended the fight, but the referee said no.

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

O'Brien Has Much the Better of It at First, but Not at the Last.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—The O'Brien-Ryan fight by rounds was as follows: Round 1.—O'Brien led for face and missed. He then put left to Ryan's nose, Ryan backing away. O'Brien landed a light right on Ryan's head, and repeated it again in a moment. Ryan then rushed to a clinch. O'Brien landed a hard uppercut on Ryan's chin, and landed a left hook on the jaw not a moment later. Ryan was placed on his back by Ryan's left without an exchange. Ryan had not led once. O'Brien forced Ryan around the ring and his foot work seemed to mystify Ryan. The men were clinched at both. This was clearly a victory for O'Brien. Round 2.—Ryan rushed and landed a left hook on O'Brien's jaw. O'Brien then drove a hard right to Ryan's stomach. The footwork of the men was marvelous.

JACK O'BRIEN.—Jack O'Brien (Joseph F. Hagan) began his fighting career in 1896 and since that time he has been the most consistent boxer in the game. He is the one boxer in the business who has made fighting a financial success and today he is worth between \$60,000 and \$70,000. When he is not fighting on this side of the "big drink" he is getting the winner's end of the purse in England. It was in Scotland where O'Brien made his reputation. When he is not traveling over the country meeting middleweights he is selling real estate in Philadelphia.

O'Brien rushed Ryan, and Ryan slipped and fell, but was up in a moment. O'Brien rushed Ryan into a neutral corner, and sent a left straight to the nose. Ryan led with left, but fell short, and O'Brien drove a hard left to face. O'Brien landed a left straight to the nose and Ryan away without return. O'Brien landed a right hook on the chin, and Ryan landed a right on Jack's body. O'Brien then cut Ryan's left eye drive with a right drive and got away without a return. It was first blood for O'Brien. The men rushed to a clinch as the gong sounded. Again this was clearly O'Brien's round.

Fight at a Terrific Pace.

Round 3.—O'Brien sent a straight left for Ryan's face, and repeated again a second later. Ryan was clearly fighting wildly. O'Brien missed a left uppercut and the men clinched. O'Brien uppercut and the men came together. O'Brien landed a left straight to the jaw and repeated the same blow driving Ryan's head back. Ryan broke repeatedly to get away from O'Brien's straight lefts. O'Brien drove Ryan's head back with a hard right and the latter landed a back left on O'Brien's stomach. The men rushed to a clinch. O'Brien drove his left into Ryan's nose and the latter clinched. The men were fighting at a terrific pace. Ryan did not show his clever work which he had shown in previous battles.

Round 4.—The men rushed to a clinch. Ryan landed a left on O'Brien's stomach, and the men again clinched. O'Brien landed a left right on Ryan's jaw and then sent his left to Ryan's nose. As Ryan closed in O'Brien drove a hard right to the stomach. Ryan hit in the clinches, but was warned. O'Brien sent a stiff left to Ryan's face and repeated it with a right hook, getting away without a return. Jack again put a hard left to Ryan's nose, and the latter seemed bewildered. O'Brien uppercut Ryan, and then sent a right to Ryan's jaw, again causing the blood to flow. O'Brien landed a hard right on Ryan's stomach, and then sent a straight right to the jaw. He followed this with a straight left to the nose and the gong sounded. This was O'Brien's round, and he was clearly outgassing Ryan. O'Brien was setting a terrific pace which Ryan could not maintain.

O'Brien Nearly Knocked Out.—Round 5.—The men came to a clinch without damage. O'Brien landed a right on stomach and another hard uppercut

in the same place. He then drove a straight left to the nose and a right to the jaw. Ryan landed a light left on the stomach and the men came to a clinch. O'Brien landed a right straight to the jaw uppercut. He took the count of eight. Ryan was very groggy and was holding on. He was almost out. Ryan landed a hard right on O'Brien's stomach which did a lot of damage. O'Brien was holding on when the gong rang. It saved him from being knocked out. The blow showed on his stomach where hand rights and left drives landed. He was in severe pain.

Round 6.—Both men came to the center slowly. Ryan landed a left on O'Brien's face, and then sent a right to the stomach, but failed to land. The men rushed to a clinch. O'Brien uppercut with right and then landed a left to the nose. O'Brien landed a right straight to the jaw and Ryan clinched. O'Brien landed a hard uppercut and then broke ground. Ryan landed a left on O'Brien's wind, and the latter landed a straight right on the jaw. O'Brien uppercut with right and then landed with a right on Ryan's jaw. Both were fighting hard. O'Brien drove right to the jaw, and Ryan put left to the stomach. O'Brien missed a left and the men clinched. Ryan led for the stomach, but missed, and the gong ended the battle.

MAY MEET WITH CALIFORNIANS

Terms of University of Washington Track Team Asked by Berkeley.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—General Manager Sigrist has received a communication from the University of California, asking him to state upon what terms Washington would send a track team to Berkeley. If the guarantee which Sigrist will have to ask is not too large, the two universities will undoubtedly meet in California during the latter part of April or the first part of May. As a meet with the University of Oregon has been practically agreed upon the matter of expense in going to California will be considerably less of a problem than otherwise. If the required sum to make the trip cannot be secured by guarantees it is quite probable that the students will make up the deficit by subscription.

For the past two years the Washingtonians have longed for the opportunity of meeting the Californians. This year the U. of W. has a team that will likely be the strongest they can claim in many years and one that will at least make an excellent showing. The fact that the preliminary arrangements for a meet have been made has added greatly to the enthusiasm of all the candidates. For the past two weeks 30 or more have been regularly at the gymnasium, taking the beginning work.

The enthusiasm in rowing has also been growing rapidly. On February 15 Coach Knight expects the new shell from Cornell to arrive in Seattle. The money required for the purchasing of a shell has been subscribed by the business men of the city, who are intensely interested in rowing. The collegians made a good showing in the new sport last Spring and won the hearty support of the citizens of Seattle. The sum required for the purchase of a shell and its transportation from Cornell, although large, was easily secured from a good number who readily gave their money for the cause.

The two barges now owned by the U. of W. will be used for practice until the first of March. Every candidate will be given the chance to make some kind of showing by that time, when the coach will pick a number of the most promising of the men who will be put into the hard work of the last two months. From this bunch the four men will be selected who will go south to row against the crew of the University of California.

The basketball boys have also been at work regularly for the past ten days. About February 3 the team will leave for Oregon, where they have arranged to meet at least five of the colleges in the West. It will be a hard matter for Captain Sherry to decide upon what five men will be chosen as the "variety" for the number of good men for respective positions is quite large.

LEWIS WON FROM WATKINS.

Wrestling Champion of Australia Loses Two Straight Falls.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—Professor F. S. Lewis, of this city, won his wrestling match at the Academy this evening in a contest with Joe Watkins, who claims to be the champion of Australia. The terms of the contest were catch-as-catch-can, two best out of three, for \$200 a side and gate receipts. Ben Wood was chosen as referee.

The first round was won by Lewis in 74 minutes. He threw Watkins with a rolling nelson hold. The second round was a big surprise to everyone, the contestants as well as the audience. The referee called a fall at the end of two minutes in favor of Lewis. Watkins was thrown with his arm and leg lock and suddenly threw him over his back. Watkins landed on the back of his neck and both elbows, as most of the spectators thought, but the referee called a fall in a moment. Watkins was not allowed to get up. Watkins accepted the ruling of the referee, but afterwards protested that it was not a fall.

Professor Lewis was greatly surprised when he heard the call of a fall in his favor. An audience of about 500 witnessed the sport. Several very interesting preliminary events preceded the main event.

CLUB FOR WOMAN ATHLETES.

New York Organization Will Erect a \$250,000 Building.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Athletic women in society are about to put into operation plans for a clubhouse of which they have talked for a year. The York Athletic Club will be incorporated in a few days and the land has been bought for the site of a clubhouse. The subscribers are the husbands, brothers and fathers of the women interested in the project, which will cost about \$250,000.

An option has been obtained on property in Madison avenue, and as soon as the bargain is closed building operations will begin. The building will probably be five or six stories high. It will contain three square courts, a fully equipped gymnasium with running track, a complete Turkish-bath establishment, with swimming-pool, reading-room, grillroom and bedrooms for the accommodation of out-of-town members.

The membership of the club is to be restricted to 500, including nonresidents, and a list of the organizers includes the names of the leading women in society here. While the main object of the club is to provide facilities for the athletes, there will be a social side for those who do not care to develop their muscles.

FIELD DAY AT BARRACKS.

Enlisted Men to Compete in a Number of Events.

VANCOUVER, BARRACKS, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The monthly field day for the enlisted men will take place tomorrow. The programme will be as follows: Tent pitching (Shilly); 5 men to a tent. Heavy trenching; contestants in light marching order. Bayonet, tin cup or meat can may be used for digging. Tent contest.

Relay race, half mile; teams of ten men, all from same company or battery. Wall scaling, 15-foot wall; teams of one noncommissioned officer and four men, using gun slings.

CATCH IS CHAMPION

Wins Wrestling Match From Jenkins on a Foul.

THE OLDER MAN WAS ALL IN

Fouled New Champion Catch-as-Catch-Can Heavy-Weight Deliberately, After Being Bumped Hard Upon the Mat.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The world has a new heavy-weight catch-as-catch-can wrestling champion and his name is Frank A. Gotch, and his home Humbolt, Ia. In what was admittedly the fiercest mat battle in the history of wrestling in this country, he demonstrated tonight before 500 people that Tom Jenkins, of Cleveland, O., who

VISCOUNT KATSURA, PREMIER OF THE JAPANESE CABINET, IN WHOM RUSSIA FINDS A FIRM ANTAGONIST



Viscount Katsura, premier of the Japanese cabinet, is the distinguished soldier and statesman who now is handling so ably the diplomatic correspondence with Russia. His full official name is General Count Katsura Taro, and his title of general has been well earned, for he achieved enduring fame in the Sino-Japanese war, and led his division through Korea and Manchuria, winning a series of brilliant victories. Viscount Katsura was born in 1849 in the Province of Choshiu, also the birthplace of other illustrious Japanese, including Ito, Inoue and Yamagata. In the restoration era of 1867 he first won military celebrity. Then he was sent to Germany to study army details, and upon his return was made Vice Minister of War under General Oyama. For his services in the Chinese war he was created a viscount, and speedily was promoted to the rank of general. In 1898 he was War Minister in the Yamagata cabinet, and he was advanced to the premiership in May, 1901, in succession to Marquis Ito. Viscount Katsura is considered to be one of the ablest generals and one of the shrewdest statesmen of modern times.

has retained the title for six years, is no match for him in fastness or, for that matter, science, although Gotch's fast work possibly caused him to appear to unusual disadvantage.

After 55 minutes of the fiercest wrestling ever seen in America, Frank A. Gotch, the "Iowa Cyclone," tonight won the first of a two-three-fall bout from Tom Jenkins. The champion did not appear to be in the game at any stage of it, the Iowa boy going around him at will. During the entire first bout Jenkins could not manage to stay behind Gotch five minutes.

The referee was hooted continually for his failure to call falls which the audience thought belonged to Gotch. Jenkins kept working off the mat and clinging to the ropes, and was roundly hooted. He appeared stronger than the Iowa boy, but not nearly so fast. Before Gotch was finally given the first fall the men were



Frank A. Gotch, "Iowa Cyclone," wins world's catch-as-catch-can championship from Tom Jenkins.

four times sent to the mat from the ropes, each time Gotch having rushed his opponent there with a crotch and half-nelson, which Jenkins seemed unable to avoid. The betting before the bout favored Jenkins 10 to 6.

At the end of the first bout Jenkins' seconds had to carry him to his corner and administer restoratives. In the second bout, seeing that he was all in and preferring to lose on a foul rather than go down, Jenkins deliberately placed a strange hold, which was barred, on Gotch, and when the Iowa boy got away from him Jenkins aimed a vicious swing at him that, had it landed, would have put him out. The referee jumped be-

tween the men, who continued lunging at each other until the ring was cleared.

After the decision had been given against him, Jenkins acknowledged the justness of it, but excused himself on the ground that Gotch was trying to gouge out his only good eye and said that he would strike at any man who did that. It was the last act of his life.

Such punishment as Gotch administered to Jenkins was never before equalled, say mat veterans. The former champion did not seem to be able to solve Gotch's leg work, and when he lost the first fall it was after Gotch had slammed him four times on the floor and rendered him helpless. After the conclusion of the bout the referee, Tom Davis, said: "Jenkins deliberately fouled Gotch with a strange hold three times. I saw that he was all in, and that Gotch was wrestling stronger than I would have given the decision against Jenkins earlier than I did. I became convinced that Jenkins was trying to lose on a foul, so I refrained from permitting him to do it until he committed striking at Gotch, when I saw that there was no further use."

The match was for a \$2000 purse and a \$2000 side bet. Gotch weighed 190 at the ringside and Jenkins 210.

TRUE TO HIS NAME.

Waswitt Takes the Mile Handicap at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Waswitt took the mile handicap, which was the

feature at Oakland today and ran the distance in 1:32. A field of four met in the event, with Gold Money a 1-2 favorite.

Waswitt received strong support. Hildebrand sent him to the front, and although Gold Money made a strong bid, he outgamed her and won in a drive by a length. The first race resulted in a close finish. Three horses being heads apart. Results:

Seven furlongs, selling—Lady Wadsworth won, Isabella second, Billy Moore third; time, 1:24.

Three and a half furlongs—Golden Idol won, Elith Vice second, Morita third; time, 0:42.

Seven furlongs, selling—El Pilot won, Marella second, Constellation third; time, 1:25.

One mile—Waswitt won, Gold Money second, Ohagen third; time, 1:32.

Six furlongs, selling—Coroner Kelly won, Bonanza second, George Berry third; time, 1:14.

One mile and a sixteenth—Byrondale won, Achilles second, G. W. Trahern third; time, 1:47.

LOWERS ASCOT TRACK RECORD

Stemwinder Proves Too Speedy for Golden Rule, the Favorite.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 27.—Three favorites won at Ascot today. Golden Rule, a redhot favorite for the fourth, furnished the biggest disappointment for the talent. There was a thrilling finish in the third race between C. B. Campbell, Celebration and Diamante. They finished in this order, heads apart. Blue Miracle led all the way to the wire, and then came out victorious. Diamante made his move a little too late and was coming fast at the wire. Stemwinder won the fourth. In doing so he lowered the track record for the Slauson course to 1:10 flat. Golden Rule opened at 5 to 5, and was played down to even money at post time. She had no speed and finished third to Stemwinder and Celebration. Weather perfect; track good. Results:

Six furlongs, selling—Rosebud won, Hilary second, MacFleckno third; time, 1:16.

Eight furlongs—Banquo won, Ben Herwood second, Carnival third; time, 1:54.

One mile and a sixteenth, selling—C. B. Campbell won, Celebration second, Diamante third; time, 1:47.

Slauson course—Stemwinder won, Bilful second, Golden Rule third; time, 1:10.

Five and a half furlongs, selling—Pat Bulger won, Sals second, Golden Boy third; time, 1:30.

Six and a half furlongs, selling—Mexicana won, Phyz second, Evander third; time, 1:24.

Start for Mines on Snowshoes.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Frank Welch and Frank Brown have equipped themselves with Indian web snowshoes and, leaving this city Friday, will make an effort to reach the Ogish Creek, where Mr. Welch and C. W. Pope, also of this city, made an unsuccessful attempt last week to reach this section from Marion County, and suffered much hardship from a 24 hours' exposure in the snow in the mountains near the mines.

Panic Among Fans

Small Stockholders Fear a Freeze-Out.

PLEDGES WHICH MUST BE PAID

Individuals Gave Them to Tide Team Over and Now Assessment is Proposed to Pay Them—One Feature of Reorganization.

Momentous questions have from time to time shaken up Portland. How old is Ann? struck the town and it trembled as if from a seismic shock. Political battles have been won and lost amid great municipal disturbances, but all fade into infinitesimal desuetude for the question of the hour is, Do you own stock in the Portland Baseball Association, and if you do, where are you going to land?

Some of the wise ones got wind yesterday that there was a movement on foot to put the minority stockholders on the ground and saltpetre toboggan, and the news, like Paul Revere on his famous ride, went through the town flying. The fellows with small parcels of baseball stock, saw their right and title to that endeared term "magnate" disappearing like one of Larry Sullivan's Swede sailors, and they raised a great howl. There was a directors' meeting. It was held last night, but prying members of the press were "the men outside," and it was only by the underground route—a source not always reliable—that anything was learned of the meeting.

It seems that sometime last season the club finances were at low ebb, and the only way in which the Brown ship of state could be made seaworthy was by lighters in the shape of a comfortable bunch of Uncle Sam's long green. "The big four" behind the guns, so the story runs, dug deeply into the innermost corners of their jeans and with copious golden eagles and pledges to a certain institution recognized under the revised statutes of these United States for the safe holding of money, the Brown ship was afloat along and their upper structure was always high above the swash of the waves financial.

Bank Calls for Its Money.

Thus far the story runs smoothly. Alas and alack, breakers were ahead. The bank where the pledges had been stored away, in dusting up things the other day, unearthed them, and forthwith a demand for the payment of the same was made upon those who "pledged." These pledges, so the ancient story tells, average amounts to \$500, or something auspiciously near that sum. The storehouse for coin was really in no hurry for the money, that is, not in indecent hurry about it, but thought this was as good a time as any to collect. Those who stood good for the coin were notified, hence the meeting of the moguls last night, whose object in meeting was to devise ways and means of redeeming those pledges.

Baseball fans and those who like to be styled "magnates" are a fickle lot. They are as panicky as the rear row at a comic opera, so when it got bruited about that the directors were to hold a star chamber session and at that session would sound the swan song of the minority stockholders, those shorts, finding themselves in an imaginary squeeze, began a pow-wow that would have done credit to a band of Siwash. They heard that the directors would before they adjourned decide that if these small stockholders wished to remain magnates they would have to protect what stock they had by either standing for a jury assessment or buy a new bundle of stock. In a word, the treasury of the Portland Baseball Association was as empty as Mother Hubbard's cupboard, and before anything could be done new stock must be issued and the money raised by assessment turned over to the bank so as to "lift" those pledges. This would practically amount to this, that those who had formerly owned stock in the club owned the paper on which the stock was written. Of course, all this is hearsay, but on thing is sure, the old stockholders, so far as the treasury goes, have nothing but their decorated stock, though they can still be stockholders by either protecting what they have or buying new stock.

Plea for Small Stockholders.

Now what the small fellows are kicking about is this: They say that the men who made the pledges were not individuals and not for the Portland Baseball Association, hence the association cannot be held responsible. They say they are willing to pay their share of the debts contracted by the association as an association, but they cannot see how they can be compelled to pay any part of the \$500.

The whole thing, however, is more of a scare than a realization for the men who gave pledges for the money necessary to keep the team going last season did so for the good of the game. They could have called a meeting of all the stockholders and levied a tax on the stock to cover the amount for which they stood good. What they did at the time was the easiest and quickest and they felt when they did it that they were working to the best interest of the club. What will come of their deliberations of last night remains to be seen. It is safe to predict, however, that every stockholder, whether old or new, will get a run for his money.

The club will be for the best interest of all parties concerned. The quicker this is done the quicker Fred Ely and his brother Ben can get to work.

At New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27.—Crescent City results: Seven furlongs—Optional won, Zyrta second, Miladi Love third; time, 1:21 1/4.

Five furlongs—Scorpion won, Sadducee second, Jim Alonzo third; time, 1:10 1/4.

One mile and an eighth, selling—Blue Mint won, Santa Teresa second, Free Admission third; time, 1:35 3/4.

Debutante stakes, three furlongs—Modest Law won, Viperine second, All Scarlet third; time, 0:35 1/4.

One mile, handicap—Hands Across won, Derosa second, Port Royal third; time, 1:29 1/4.

Mile and an eighth, selling—Hymettus won, The Messenger second, Bessie McCarthy third; time, 1:33 1/4.

Attell-Forbes Bout Postponed.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—On account of the cold weather the West End Club has postponed the Attell-Forbes bout, scheduled for tomorrow night, until next Monday evening.

State Tax of Clackamas County.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Under the apportionment of state taxes, Clackamas County will this year have to pay a state tax of \$1,057.50, of which \$37.50 belongs to the Agricultural College fund, as against a total tax of \$2,465 for the year before. Of that amount, \$25.50 was for the Agricultural College fund. County Treasurer Cahill today received from Secretary of State Dunbar a warrant for \$127.16, that being Clackamas County's share of the 5 per cent of the proceeds of the sales of Government lands for the last year. This money will be expended in the building of roads in this county.

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