

WRESTLING MATCH IS RANK IN IMITATION

Dwyer Lets Local Man Down Easy, and Takes Only One Fall in Hour.

COULD WIN AT PLEASURE

Chicagoan Proves He Is Master of O'Connell When 30 Minutes Is Announced by Throwing Him in Half a Minute.

BY W. J. PETTAIN.

Something like 200 sport lovers of Portland assembled at the Exposition Rink last night for the purpose of seeing a wrestling exhibition between Professor M. J. Dwyer, of Chicago, and Eddie O'Connell, of the Multnomah Club, but the best they received for their hard-earned coin of the realm was a rank imitation.

According to the terms of the match, which required Dwyer to toss O'Connell three times within 30 minutes of wrestling, the latter was the victor, because the Chicago man accomplished the task but once, and that once after 20 minutes and a half of more or less uninteresting grappling. As a matter of fact, Dwyer, even in his untrained condition could have thrown O'Connell all the required number of times without any great amount of exertion. However, possibly to boost the reputation of O'Connell, Dwyer permitted, and possibly was, to squirm out of the holds that if fastened on a man in deadly earnest would have either broken some bones or ligaments, or would have compelled him to succumb.

Spectators Applaud O'Connell.

The majority of those present applauded O'Connell at every opportunity, but that was simply like the sympathy for the little dog who engages in a scrap with a larger canine. O'Connell is undoubtedly a most clever man, but at no stage of the game can he be compared with Dwyer, who is a master of the art, and herein lies the fallacy of matching lighter men with those of greater weight. Such matches cannot benefit the larger man for the reason that, even though he accomplishes the handicap, he is not extended any credit, no matter how scientific the smaller individual may be.

Throughout the match occurred flashes of merit possessed by both men, but in the majority of instances where O'Connell broke apparently impossible holds, Dwyer's muscles were in each instance relaxed and he made no effort to prevent the smaller man from escaping the hold. When the timekeeper announced 20 minutes, Dwyer got into action instantly, and before the crowd was aware of what had taken place, he had fastened a combination of holds on O'Connell and quickly bore the Multnomah man's hands to the ground.

This was undoubtedly accomplished in order that the entire period of an hour's wrestling should be broken by the customary rest allowed after a fall. The match was presented on time, which of itself is about the only tribute that can be paid the affair. Dwyer appeared first on the mat, and was accompanied by Jack Murphy, of St. Paul, who was introduced with his principal. The Chicago man's much heralded "apud-did physique" proved somewhat of a misnomer, for he was out of condition and appeared flabby. He was given a liberal hand on his entrance to the ring, but this was overshadowed by the tempestuous applause which greeted O'Connell on his entrance. The latter has won a host of admirers by virtue of his recent bouts and his clever work, but if he secures any more such matches as presented last night it is not likely that he will enjoy the popularity for any great length of time.

Dwyer Afraid of Hurting O'Connell.

After being introduced formally by Announcer Jack King, the two went at it. They grappled around for a hold for several minutes before O'Connell went to the mat with Dwyer in the upper hold. The Chicago man immediately started to work on his lighter opponent and fastened hold after hold, only to loosen them for no apparent reason unless he was afraid of hurting his man, or did not care to toss him so quickly.

Dwyer is too strong a man for O'Connell to break his grappling as easily as was the case last night, and it was on this account that several old-time sports whispered cautiously among themselves and shook their heads in disapproval. The timekeepers announced each five minutes as the time slipped away, and as O'Connell continued to "huff" the efforts of his opponent, the crowd applauded. Whenever Dwyer used anything that appeared to the spectators like roughing tactics the visitor was hissed loudly, but at the same time the crowd used by O'Connell, remarkable silence prevailed—but anything went with the crowd as far as the smaller man was concerned.

It is not the intention of the writer to convey the impression that the wrestlers intentionally bamboozled the crowd, for that might be an injustice. Nevertheless the match was not satisfactory in all its phases and such events cannot accrue to the good of the sport in this city. Handicap matches never were and never will be popular, and while it is possible to fool the public with one or two of them, they will eventually become wiser and demand a run for the money. The speedy manner in which Dwyer tossed O'Connell as soon as the 20 minutes was called demonstrated how easily he might have accomplished the provisions of the match had he so desired. In the usual perfunctory manner each man complimented the other at the conclusion, and Dwyer intimated that he would not be averse to a return match with the local celebrity, for which he promised to condition himself. This reminds us that he might have taken this precaution before going on last night, for he had fully a month in which to do so. The one fall secured by Dwyer was the result of a combination scissors and hammer lock, and just before catching the scissors he had fastened a toe hold, which he had loosened to secure the other. That is probably the only wrestling feature worthy of consideration.

The preliminary bout was between Young Abernathy and a lad called Tatt, who resembles his famous namesake in fitness only. The former won handily.

FRANK CHANCE ROASTS GIANTS

Says They Hired Thug and Bruisers to Beat Cubs.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—According to an interview published in a local paper here today, Frank Chance, captain of the Chicago National League team last season, says half has not been told of the disgraceful treatment accorded the Chicago Cubs by some New

York fans and players prior to the deciding game at the Polo grounds on October 3.

"Fearing that the advantage of playing on their own grounds, the Giants deliberately planned to cripple several of our men before the game," said Chance. "For this purpose they had a dozen prize-fighters congregated in a convenient place, and the starting of a fight would have been the signal for them to jump in and beat some of our best men."

"I believe that McGinnity, armed with a bat, was sent out for the purpose of starting a fight with me, but we were onto the game and held ourselves in check. It was not our intention to allow the Giants to win the pennant by knocking us out. Although in possession of every advantage, they were afraid to tackle us with our team intact."

"We had not played for three days, were hustled over to New York, dumped off the cars and denied the privilege of practicing before the game. It was the dirtiest piece of business ever pulled off on a diamond."

SHRUBB ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

English Champion Agrees to Race Longboat in January.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Alfred Shrubb, the English long-distance champion runner, has accepted the challenge to meet Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, in Madison Square Garden, in a Marathon race on the night of January 9. A four-corner race among Dorando, Shrubb and Longboat and Hayes will be held soon thereafter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Neither Tom Longboat nor Dorando Pietri will accept the challenge of Albert Corry, of Chicago, for a race in Chicago, January 8, as other engagements make it impossible for them to accept.

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Among Coach Kennedy's stars are Captain Eatch and Gianelli, both of whom are among the very best players in the Northwest, who have not had the benefit of a college training. Eatch is one of the most aggressive backfield men who has played in Portland in a long time, and is rated with such fine club football players as Bert Pilkington, Frank Lonergan and others who have made their mark in gridiron circles in recent years. Gianelli has made a record in the past two years that does him proud. He is an aggressive player and one who can be depended upon to do the right thing at the right time. He would have made a strong addition to any college team in the Northwest had he been afforded the opportunity.

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Continuous Fight Performance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Prize-fights in vaudeville form, and quantities will be a New Year's attraction at San Francisco if Promoter Coffroth's plans are carried out. He proposes to arrange a continuous performance of contests running from four to ten rounds, that will go on all the afternoon, commencing at 1 o'clock and closing at 5. There will be cheap prices for the show, and the spectators can drop in when they like, and when they are tired watching the fighters they can go to their homes.

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Three Jockeys Take Tumble

Dangerous Mix-up When Horses Fall at Santa Anita.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Jockeys Shilling, Archibald and Page narrowly escaped serious injury when their mounts fell during the running of the fifth race at Santa Anita Park today. Archibald and Page were badly shaken up and were unable to ride out their engagements in the last race, while Shilling rode Habber, but was rather timid. Results: Six furlongs, selling—Hamel won, Balls of Irongate second, Fontaine third; time, 1:12 1-5. Two-year-olds, five and half furlongs, selling—Inclement won, Surovrat second, Prudent third; time, 1:08 4-5. Mile, selling—Woodcraft won, Ida May second, Royal Bee third; time, 1:23. Six and half furlongs, Observer handicap—Gummel won, Prince Almond second, Dandelion third; time, 1:17 4-5. Six and half furlongs, selling—Fleming won, Carthage second, Translucent third; time, 1:19 2-5.

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Judge W. W. McCreddie will leave for San Francisco tomorrow night, where he will attend the Pacific Coast League meeting to be held on Monday, at which time business of considerable importance to the baseball world is to be transacted. Presidents Ban B. Johnson, of the American League, and Harry C. Pulliam, of the National League, are to be present at this meeting, which will, among other things, take up the proposition of bringing the California State League into the fold of organized baseball. The manager believes that this will be accomplished without a great deal of trouble, although reports from the South indicate a stubborn objection to certain proposals on both sides.

The Pacific Coast League will also adopt a rough draft of a schedule which, when promulgated, will permit the Northwestern League to arrange its series for the coming season.

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