

RYAN LONG SOUGHT 2ND M'COY BOUT

Tommy Happy in 1897 to Get Chance to Wipe Out Former Defeat.

"KID" IS PUT ON DEFENSE

Big Building at Syracuse Club Jammed With Sport Fans Anxious to See Battle Rival Between Middleweight Pugilists.

BY TOMMY RYAN. (Retired Middle-Weight Champion of the World.)

Always alert for another chance at Kid McCoy, I was very well pleased when, during the Summer of 1897, the newspapers throughout the country began to demand that McCoy again meet me or admit that he had won by a fluke at Maspeth a little more than a year previous.

Many clubs wanted the bout. San Francisco, New Orleans, Buffalo, New York and Syracuse promoters were among those I remember who wanted to stage a contest between McCoy and myself.

Finally McCoy agreed to consider proposals for a bout. He said that he could get no recognized standing with the sporting authorities of the country unless he paid some attention to my challenges. I was anxious to wipe out the stain of my only defeat in my ring career.

McCoy finally agreed that we should meet in a 20-round bout before the club offering the best inducements, the weight to be 153 pounds.

Syracuse Makes Best Offer. When the proposals were opened, it was found that the Empire Athletic Club of Syracuse had made the best offer—a purse of \$5000—and we agreed to fight before that club on the night of September 3, 1897.

So great was the interest in this bout that the club had to rearrange the seating arrangements of the big Alhambra in Syracuse, and among the improvements they erected a big balcony to accommodate several hundred fans who could not secure reservations on the main floor.

I had some trouble with my legs and went to Michigan for my early training, returning to Syracuse in August. I then established my training quarters at Frenchman's island, but soon found it too damp and transferred my headquarters to Massena, where I remained until a couple of days before the fight.

"Bob" Armstrong, the old-time near-heavyweight, was my chief trainer and he gave particular attention to building up my weight and yet keeping me in the best of physical condition. When I returned to Syracuse for the bout I was in fine condition and quite confident of a victory.

McCoy was the favorite in the betting. Two weeks before the bouts he was a favorite at 4 to 3, with heavy amounts being wagered. On the day of the bout, the odds had drifted to 10 to 7, with McCoy still the favorite. The big building was jammed when we entered the ring at 10 o'clock that evening. Around the ring were gathered many of the most noted sporting men of the country. George Siler, the noted ring authority, was referee.

Former Beating Recalled. I had only to think of the punishment handed me by McCoy 18 months previous to spur me on. I was about as heavy as McCoy—provided he weighed only the 153 pounds he claimed, but which I greatly doubt—and from the very first round I set a fast pace and was continually rushing my opponent.

A few days before the bout he declared that he would land his "cock-screw" punch on my nose three times in the first round. I saw to it that he didn't land it once and had him on the defense from the start.

For four rounds I kept up the fast pace and rushing tactics and slowly wore my opponent down.

In the fifth round I had him in trouble and hanging over the ropes, when Police Inspector O'Brien took off his hat and tried to throw it into the ring. The officer's aim was bad and the hat rolled to the press tables. O'Brien then got up and crawled between the ropes, calling upon referee Siler to end the bout.

Siler immediately ordered us to stop fighting and as the articles called for intervention in the event of interference from the police, he called the bout a draw, declaring afterwards that the battle had not gone far enough.

Coy was being slugged and accordingly put an end to the bout. O'Brien had shown his hand in the preliminary, when he had stopped in a similar manner a bout where one man was being outclassed.

There was little sleep for me that night. The whole city seemed to be in a ferment of excitement and early next morning a friend of mine and a representative of McCoy posted \$2500 each with a prominent Syracuse hotel-keeper to bind a third match, provided satisfactory weight could be arranged.

Negotiations for a third battle proceeded for some time. A New Orleans promoter made every effort to get the match. McCoy claimed to weigh only 153½ pounds for our bout in Syracuse, and demanded that the next bout be made at 153 pounds, while McCoy held out for 155. I never could understand why he wanted 155, when he could easily, as he claimed, make 153. I offered to make a match with the articles reading that McCoy was to make 153 pounds, while I would make 145, yet even this would not draw him back into the ring with me.

When the negotiations for this match fell through, I accepted terms to meet Billy Stiff in Chicago on November 23 for a purse of \$2000, and for another bout five days later in Elmira, N. Y., with Jack Ryan for a purse of \$1000. I won both bouts rather easily, defeating Stiff in six rounds and Ryan in five by a knockout.

In the next article Mr. Ryan will describe his bout with Billy Stifferman in Buffalo and George Green in San Francisco.

VERNON GAINS VICTORY

PORTSMOUTH SOCCER TEAM IS LOSER IN CLOSE GAME.

Victory Gives Winners Chance to Lead Section—Independents to Play North Bank Team.

By one goal to none yesterday morning at Columbus Field, Vernon seriously damaged Portsmouth's prospects of the section leadership in the soccer league, and at the same time materially improved its own chances. The game, in the opinion of the referee, George Gray, member of the Cricket-Club team, was the best that has been played to date in the Grammar School League.

"It was a real treat to see the way Vernon got the only goal of the match," said he, "for the forwards took the ball right up the field in a line, passing in and out previous to sending it between the posts. Play throughout was of a high standard."

The first half was even, the ball traveling from one end of the field to the other, each goalkeeper having to deal with several shots. In the second half, Portsmouth strained every nerve to draw even. They hit the upright and the side posts time after time, but scores they could not.

The line-up: Vernon—Position. Portsmouth. Rogers, ... Wright ...

At Columbus Field this morning the Independents will meet the North Bank team. The game will be followed immediately by one between Mount Scott and the O.W. R. & N. The probable line-up:

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Tomorrow's high school game between Portland Academy and Washington has been postponed on account of examination, leaving the field clear for the tie between Almsworth and Clinton Kelly in the Grammar School League to be decided.

INTERCLASS BOUTS PLANNED. Varsity "Gym" at Eugene to Be Scene of Wrestling Matches. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.

SHATTUOK AND CLINTON KELLY GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCCER TEAMS, WHICH CLASHED ON MULTNOMAH FIELD LAST WEEK.



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PAULY RULING INTERFERES. Oregon Team Unable to Play Game Offered by Los Angeles College.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Were it not for the faculty ruling that no athletic team be allowed to absent itself from the home campus for a period longer than three school days, an offer received yesterday from Joseph A. Pipal, football manager at Occidental College, Los Angeles, would be seriously considered by Graduate Manager Geary.

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ABOVE, MEMBERS OF THE PORTLAND HUNT CLUB JUST BEFORE THE START. BELOW, PRELIMINARY JUMP OVER IMPROVED HURDLE.

PROFESSIONAL TRAPSHOT EXPERTS TOURING NORTHWEST WHO WILL APPEAR IN PORTLAND THIS AFTERNOON.



LEFT TO RIGHT—ROBERTSON, REID, HOLOHAN, FISCHER, POSTON, WILLETTIS AND W. J. PETRAIN.

to warrant a decision being given either man.

There was a hubbub immediately and Inspector O'Brien called upon 30 policemen he had brought with him to preserve order and the ring was quickly cleared.

Afterwards, Inspector O'Brien declared that he had received orders from the chief of police to stop the bout any time it got to be a slugging match or anything other than a scientific boxing exhibition. He thought that Mc-

Or, Jan. 20.—Simultaneous with the big indoor track and field meet, to be held in the variety gymnasium some time in March, an inter-class wrestling tournament will be held in another part of the building.

Tryouts in the near future will elect one man from each of the four classes in the university to appear in each of the following wrestling classifications: Featherweight, 125 pounds and under; lightweight, 135 pounds and under; welterweight, 145 pounds and under;

nearness to the big game with the University of Washington.

Centralia Bowlers Victors. CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A team of laundrymen bowlers from Centralia last night defeated a Chehalis team by 86 pins. Chehalis made 2173, Centralia 2265.

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