

ELITE AND LOWLY JUST SEE A FIGHT

Impatient Fans Show No Interest in Preliminaries in Crowded Hall.

SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED

Scores of Women Are Scattered Throughout Vast Throng—Last \$25 Tickets Are Soon Sold. Door Opening Delayed.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The doors of Madison-Square Garden opened late. A jostling crowd, impatiently waiting, poured through the runways in single file, tickets in hand. The big hall filled slowly. The galleries, so close that a tall man standing tip-toe could have touched the rafters with his finger tips, were packed tight long before the bare spots on the floor began to clear. The faces in galleries, balconies, boxes and the ends of the big oval floor blurred into indistinct patches of white in the glare of the big mercury lamps above the ring. In frail-looking perches swung from the rail of the second balcony the moving-picture men focused their cameras on the ring.

Many Celebrities Present. The preliminaries began, but for all the crowd cared the boxers might as well have been pummeling each other in their own back yards. The spectators were interested only in the big bout and they were willing to wait. John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett—all one-time holders of the heavyweight championship, had seats close to the ring. Among the box seats were J. P. Morgan, Reginald Vanderbilt, "Diamond" Jim Brady, David Belasco, Enrico Caruso, Lindley M. Garrison, General W. Mitchell du Pont and Mayor Curley of Boston. There were scores of women in the great throng. Some sat in the arena boxes, but mostly they were in the balconies.

Doors Are Opened Late. The garden never held a larger crowd. Carpenters worked until the last minute, hiding seats on the floor. That was why the doors did not open on time. Promoter Tex Rickard explained. He was sorry, he said, but his sorrow was the cheerful order for every one of the 13,000 seats was filled. A few \$25 tickets were in the box office when the doors opened, but they were soon sold. Spectators found it easy to get four times the original price of tickets. The smoke cloud that usually settles over a fight crowd was missing, and the few who lighted cigars and cigarettes promptly stamped them out by emphatic orders of brawlers scattered through the building. Neither Willard nor Moran had appeared when the preliminaries, which the laws require that the public may get its money's worth, had reached the semi-finals.

Tom Jones, Willard's manager, tugged at the white ropes around the ring and demanded that they be tightened. An attendant granted his wish. Jess Willard was the first to enter the ring, climbing through the ropes at 9:37 o'clock. He was accompanied by his manager and chief second, Tom Moran, and by his trainer, Monahan, Jack Hemple and Ray Archer. Willard appeared to be exceptionally cool and stepped across the ring to shake hands with Joe Kelly, who arrived three minutes later. Moran was seconded by Willie Lewis, Frank Kendall, Bill Mack and Sammie Bohen. The timekeepers were Joe Moran, Joe Considine, for Willard, Harry Weiss, and for the club, Dr. Muth.

Willard Wears Soft Handgases. Willard worked in a sharp contact, extended well above his wrists. Willard was clad around the loins by heavy red worsted tights, while Moran wore dark green trunks of a similar texture. While the two heavyweights sat in their corners, Bob Fitzsimmons, J. J. Corbett, Kid John and John L. Sullivan were introduced in turn, the last of the quartet being given a tremendous ovation and the order to go.

All the former ring stars shook hands with the principals of the big bout. During these ceremonies Moran appeared annoyed and nervous over the delay, while Willard leaned back on the ropes and smiled a noncommittal smile. He frequently looked across the ring to Moran's corner, but the challenger appeared to avoid the champion's eye.

At 9:45 Referee Charley White entered the ring and called the two heavyweights to the center of the ring to pick their five-ounce gloves. The official weights were announced as follows: Moran, 201 1/2 pounds; Willard, 209 1/2 pounds. Referee White took the principals to the center of the ring at 9:54 for final instructions.

SEALS BEAT STANFORD, 4-3 Coast League Champs Rally and Save Game From Tie.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 25.—(Special.) It was a tight squeeze for the Seals this afternoon when they faced Stanford University. The Coast League champs ran up a score of 4-3 in a game that was in the person of Gus Hoover, and they were never better than one jump ahead of defeat all the way. At one stage of the proceedings the Seals' colleagues had as good as tied the score, but the San Franciscans, mustering up courage, spirited and finished with an edge of four to three.

George Hildebrand, American League umpire, who arrived today from Rio Grande with his family, will remain over and umpire the season Sunday between the Seals and Santa Clara University. Joe Corbett is slated to pitch for the Seals. Including the Sunday game, there are five more games scheduled. On Tuesday the Seals play Arroyo at Luna Park. They meet St. Mary's here on Thursday and the following Saturday and Sunday will wind up with Santa Clara.

On Monday the Champs will practice on the Santa Clara diamond to acquaint themselves to a grass diamond, and three veterans, Crocker, Bret and Woody. During the season, the team scored 207 points to 184 by its opponents, splitting even in two games each with Centralia and Rainier. On defeating Kelso, Raymond, Vader and Toledo and losing to Chehalis and Lebam.

WHITMAN NINE IS FORMING SchilDKnect, ex-Lincoln High Player, Bids High for Catcher Post.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—In spite of cold, rainy weather of the past week



The Whitman baseball team is working into shape rapidly and promises to be one of the best turned out by the Walla Walla institution in several years. A series of practice games has been arranged with the Milton team and Whitman has won the first two easily.

One of Coach Borleske's problems seems to be settled in the way SchilDKnect, the Lincoln High-School boy, is filling the backstop position. With Kennedy and Cutler to fill the vacancy at first and two likely pitchers in DeGrief and Hanson to help Captain Henderson with the twirling end of the game, the infield looks as good as could be expected. About 20 candidates are out.

BEES BEAT MODESTO REDS Squad Will Journey to Fresno Tomorrow to Meet All-Stars.

BEES TRAINING CAMP, Modesto, Cal., March 25.—(Special.)—CH Blankenship sent his Pets in today against the Modesto Reds with the intent that the men who will defend the cause for Salt Lake in the coming Pacific Coast League struggle won the battle, 4 to 1. All journey to Fresno tomorrow for a clash with a team of valley All-Stars. It is expected that Blankenship will carry the whole squad to this contest and that every one will have a chance to perform. The team will make an early start to Salt Lake on Monday morning, hoping to arrive on the home lot Tuesday. Workouts will be indulged in on the home lot through the week so that the men will be in tip-top shape for the opening clash with the Oakland squad on April 4.

BEES TRAINING CAMP, Boyes Hot Springs, March 25.—(Special.)—Unless all signs fail, the Oakland club is going to have something to say regarding the disposition of the 1916 pennant. I am not going to say that Rowdy Elliott will win the pennant, since that might be stretching matters too far, but he certainly has a club that is showing up well so far as Spring practice is concerned, and in addition, he has some ballplayers with good records behind them.

When the Oaks finished in '15 by trailing well behind the leaders there was promised a shaking of bones. The promise has come true to large extent, and for the first game against Salt Lake on April 4, Elliott will present a number of new faces.

His infield will chiefly be reshaped and that is where some radical changes are unquestionably needed. As matters look just now, Malcom Barry, of the Jersey City club, will be the first starter.

Daniel Falls at Comeback. Babe Danzig, old-time Coast Leaguer, who has been trying to do a comeback, has failed miserably. Babe is still there when it comes to stickwork, but he is away out of form as a fielder and can't seem to judge the ball at all.

Below the knees he is as good as dead and that would prevent his getting into the shape of a groundsman or a low-thrown ball. I saw him in a workout one morning this week and the exhibition was rather pitiful. Barry, the fast fielder and an accurate one, judging from what we have seen of him, Rowdy is sure the international league will be a success.

At second there is Bill Kenworthy, who has been elected captain of the club. Bill is a sure shot when it comes to hitting the ball, has lots of pep and knows how to field. Just now Kenworthy is laid up with a sore arm which has caused him to make a trip to the hospital for treatment, but that is sure to disappear by the time the season opens. The first day that Kenworthy arrived in training camp, he did so much work that he has been on the crippled list ever since.

Davis Like Wiz at Short. Bobby Davis looks like a wiz at short and has been hitting the pill as well. His leg that might have bothered him and rather gave Elliott many a sleepless night, is causing no trouble at all, Davis says he hasn't felt a pain and that he is certain he will be as good as ever. In fact Davis is going so fast that predictions are freely made and the club will see him in the big leagues.

Jasper Barbeau is the third-sacker beyond any question. Barbeau looks like a fine fielder and is proving it. He is not a youngster by any means, but for all that he is a polished fielder. His leg that might have bothered him, utility role is concerned, is hard to say. Joe Burg, also of Milwaukee, and Francis Hosp are fighting it out for the position, but there is a tip out that Elliott is angling for a youngster who has seen service in the Coast League. If this deal goes through, Burg will be turned back to Milwaukee, while Hosp will be cast aside.

Outfield in Good Shape. The outfield looks good as well. Rube Gardner can't be displaced in right field, for he is as sure as taxes when it comes to smashing the ball. Zimmerman, the outfielder secured from Brooklyn in the Jimmy Johnson deal, looks to be a find to replace the speedy base-stealer in center. In many ways, Zimmerman is as fast as Johnston. He covers more territory in fielding his position, if some work that he did the other afternoon is any criterion, and they say that he can handle it when it comes to making the rounds on the field.

The left field salary will likely go to the Boxey Middleton, although Randall, of Milwaukee, is a contestant. Middleton's speed will likely give him the call when it comes to naming a man and the way matters look now you can expect to see Randall shipped back to some Eastern point.

The club also has a young outfielder named Lane, who looks fast, but hardly has the weight to carry him through a hard season as has the Coast League club experience.

Elliott to Do Most Catching. In the catching department, Elliott promises to do the lion's share of the work, for he predicts that he will be catching five out of every seven games. He will only carry one other catcher

OAKS RATED HIGH Infield Is Re-Shaped and Pitchers Look Good.

after May 1 and hasn't come close to making a pick. In reality, he likes Frank Elliott, a young soldier boy, who was with the club last Fall. Dorette, a San Francisco breaker, and Griffith, a stocky-built chap bought from the Western League, also are on the ground, but neither appears to catch the eye to any extent.

Red Kuhn is also in the fold. He arrived one day this week, signed his contract that called for a big out and said he was after a chance to make good. Elliott is rather afraid that Kuhn's temperament is not the right sort for ball club. There is no saying that Kuhn is a good ballplayer if he wants to behave, and that is the question.

Now we come to the pitchers. Insofar as flingers are concerned, the Oakland club appears lucky. All the men who will defend the cause are considered as regulars. Chabek, of Brooklyn. The latter has written Elliott that his wife is not going to let him go to the Coast. Chabek adds, however, that he will come just as soon as he can get away and declares that he is doing a little work here in order to get a little money so he will be in shape when the season is at hand. However, Chabek may be late.

There is no occasion to worry for Elliott is well fortified otherwise. Clinton Prough, Dutch Klawitter and Sammy Beer, all of last year's aggregation, are considered as regulars. This will leave Ray Boyd, Charlie Pruteit, Manser from the Colonial League, Speed Martin, an Oakland semi-pro, and Eddie Klein, a left-hander, who was at one time with Lea Angeles and later in the Western League to fight it out for the other jobs. There will be eight pitchers for the first month and after that the Oakland team will cut down to six.

Martin Depends on Speed. Both Martin and Klein look awfully good to the writer. Martin has a world of speed and depends chiefly upon that to get by. Klein, who has put on a lot of weight since he was last seen, has a good assortment of curves and a change of pace that will be a help since he has plenty of control. It is quite likely that the southpaw will land, at least for a second look-over.

The Oakland aggregation will quit the boys' training camp after the game tomorrow with Healdsburg. Rowdy is to take his boys back with him to Oakland to acclimatize them to a grass diamond in five days. On Friday, if the weather holds good, it is the intention to take the club to Salt Lake, at that altitude. Three days there and they will be ready to tackle Cliff Blankenship's men for the first game of the pennant race.

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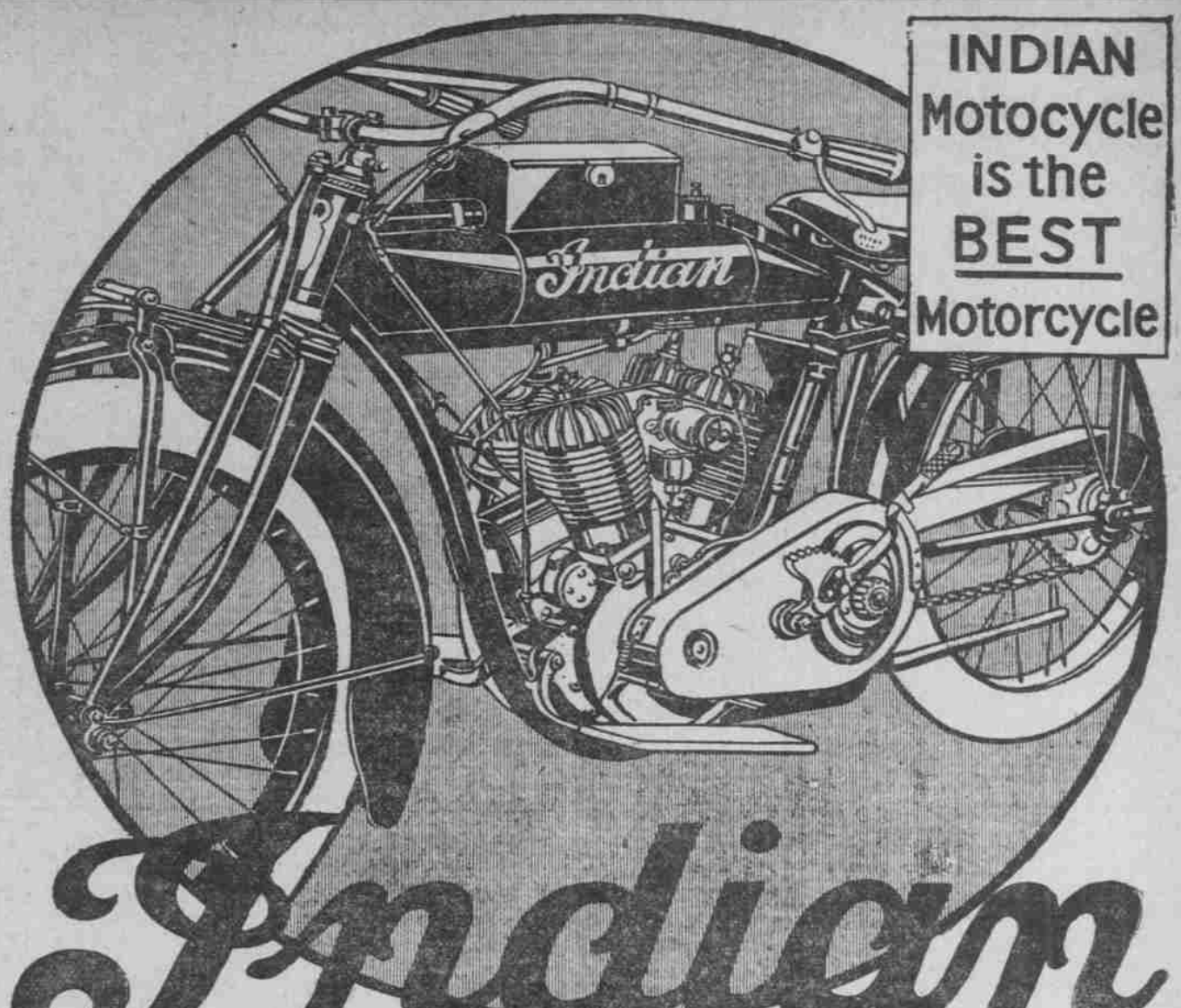
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THE LAST TEST OF THE OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 25.—(Special.)—The last test of the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, was held here today for the Far Western meet. The test was afforded by a handicap meet in the Army this afternoon. By taking the first place in the 60-yard dash and also first over Captain Kaddery in the 250, Larry Dutton, the freshman football player, won the right to enter the meet first Saturday. Holnie Anderson beat Kaddery in the 440 and may be entered for the relay. Many of the events produced some of the best time of the season here.

The results are as follows: 60-yard dash—Dutton, Reardon, Kaddery. Time, 8 1/2 seconds. 100-yard high hurdles—Straughn, Beard. Time, 21 1/2 seconds. 220-yard dash—Dutton, Kaddery. Time, 34 1/2 seconds. 440-yard run—Anderson, Kaddery, Damon. Time, 1:34 1/2 seconds. 880-yard run—Coleman, Spriggs. Time, 3:08. 1,760-yard low hurdles—Reardon, Straughn, Readcliffe. Time, 5:34 1/2 seconds. 220-yard dash—Dutton, Kaddery, Anderson. Time, 34 1/2 seconds. Mile—Coleman, Spriggs, Reynolds. Time, 17:48. Three-mile—Lucas. Time, 16:02. Six-mile—Casey, Johnson, McNeil. 39 feet. Relay—Kaddery, Damon, Anderson, Oliver, first; Johnson, Reynolds, Parsons, Coleman, second. Time, 2:46. High jump—Metzler, Bryant, Fendall. Height, 5 feet, 9 inches. Shot—Sutherland and Metzler tied at 11 feet, 3 inches. Discus—Heldensreich, Distance, 132 feet, 5 inches.

Spokane Gets Outfielder Mentor. SPOKANE, March 25.—Edward Mentor, an outfielder, was obtained today from the Richmond club of the International League by the Spokane Northwestern League club. Mentor was sold by Portland to the Pittsburg Nationals in 1912.

Portland models pose for Spring Style Exhibit. See Section Five.



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a couple of evenings this week if the weather permits. The Baby Beavers are billed to practice today in the Coast League Park. The Bradfords are supposed to practice at East Twelfth and East Davis streets at 1 o'clock, while Gresham is billed to practice about 2 o'clock. Sellwood has a practice game scheduled at the Sellwood grounds. Woodburn will play a game at home. Woodland will practice on their own park. St. Helens is billed to play a practice game, and the Montavilla team is scheduled to meet a picked team from Russellville at the old Cricket Club field at 2:30 o'clock.

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