

O'KEEFE GETS THE DECISION

JACK O'KEEFE CLAIMS FOUL

Britt Disqualified in the Sixth Round.

'Frisco Fighter Had All the Best of the Contest--The Fight by Rounds.

It is all off. Jack O'Keefe got the decision from Jimmy Britt on a foul, committed in the sixth round, according to Referee Grant. Britt claims that he did not foul O'Keefe, but the Chicagoan maintained that he was injured, and in this statement was substantiated by Dr. J. D. Fenton of this city.

The fight ended in a very unsatisfactory manner. Several times during the contest Britt was warned by Grant for hitting low, but Britt claimed that he was only landing stomach punches, which were allowed as a concession. He intended to be a hard contest of about 15 rounds at least ended in the sixth round amid the howls and confusion of an excited crowd.

The question is: "Did Britt foul O'Keefe?" This is answered by Referee Grant and Jack O'Keefe, who say O'Keefe was fouled; and by Jimmy Britt and his manager, Billy, who aver that no foul blow was struck during the fight.

It is a matter of keen regret that such a promising bout should have been so abruptly terminated. Britt, whose star was in the ascendant, is today heartbroken over what he claims was a steal, pure and simple. O'Keefe is around town bragging that he has won the prize.

Britt's admirers and trainers maintain that all of the Californian's stomach blows were properly delivered and that so cause for complaint could be entered. "Sig" Hart, on the contrary, says that his protege was unfairly hit four times. Thus ends the first meeting of Britt and O'Keefe.

Britt the Aggressor.

The fight opened up well and both men displayed remarkable gameness. Britt doing the forcing. O'Keefe did not care to mix matters early in the game, keeping a straight distance, and assuming a low crouching position. The crowd was generous in its applause as the principals got together, and during the length of time that the fight lasted Britt had the advantage. He landed oftener and harder; the Chicago boy not being able to send home many safe ones. Each time that Britt would land a body blow the crowd would yell "foul." It seemed as if they did not understand that Britt was inflicting body punishment and directing all of his power at O'Keefe's stomach. It is a difficult thing for the men in the gallery to give a competent decision on fouls. The best man for that is the referee.

Last night Grant did very well, making every effort to do his duty. Whether he did properly or not in allowing the claim of a foul to stand, the decision was directed by his own judgment.

It is really too bad that the affair didn't end differently. Both men were in prime fettle, and were getting down to business when the end came. In the fifth and sixth round Britt had much the better of the argument, O'Keefe displaying weakness, but remarkable gameness.

When Referee Grant announced his decision a large crowd swept down on the ring and it was with the greatest difficulty that peace was restored.

Behind O'Keefe were "Sig" Hart, Joe Cotton and Frank Kelly; while Al Neill, Chas. Reno and Billy Britt looked after Britt.

As the fight was for the white lightweight championship of the world, Jack O'Keefe now assumes that title.

O'Keefe's Record in a Good One.

The 15-round preliminary between Dick Fitzpatrick of Chicago and Jimmy Reilly of San Francisco, refereed by Jack Day, proved a one-sided affair, the Chicago entry holding a decided lead from start to finish. This bout was declared draw, the large crowd evidencing their disapproval of the "draw" ruling in unmeasured terms.

Fitzpatrick, who is anxious for a return date with Reilly, says if the contest had been under straight Marquis of Queensberry rules--protecting yourself in clinches--he would have won long ere the terminal round had been reached. In future contests Fitzpatrick intends assuming his proper nomenclature, George McManis.

The Attendance.

The attendance last night at the Exposition Building was a record-breaker, over 4,000 spectators being on hand. It proved an orderly one, and not a single disorderly act was in evidence even at the most exciting periods of the night's contests. It was a motley gathering, however, and represented all classes, from the banker to the day laborer, and harmony prevailed during the night's exciting bouts.

O'Keefe's Condition.

Immediately after the decision was announced O'Keefe was carried to his dressing room where Dr. J. D. Fenton made an examination upon O'Keefe and made the statement that O'Keefe was critically injured in the groin. Today O'Keefe's groin is swollen considerably, and the Chicago boxer suffers much pain. His right knee is stiff, but otherwise he bears no evidence of his encounter.

The Fight by rounds.

First Round--They came together in the center. O'Keefe crouches very low. They open cautiously, O'Keefe landing the initial blow and tries left. Britt steps, Jimmy sizing him up, reaches his stomach with a straight left. O'Keefe lands right, but does not land. Jimmy jumps in quick and tries two left jabs to Jack's ribs, but is blocked. O'Keefe lands a tap on Jimmy's forehead. Jimmy finds Jack's kidneys with a left that ends in a clinch. Britt refuses work and lands a low left in ribs and is warned by the referee. He stops. O'Keefe's good left with elbow. O'Keefe's nose bleeding from straight left punch. Britt punches Jack's wind with left. They clinch and end fighting. Britt lands a left rib straight that stirs the crowd; they did not hear the round and both land light



JACK O'KEEFE.

WHAT PRINCIPALS HAVE TO SAY

Referee Grant Makes His Statement.

Billy Britt Says That Grant Agreed to Call a Physician if There Was Foul Question.

Jack Grant. "Yes, there was something said about calling a physician in case of a foul, and I told them that I had pretty keen eyes and would be able to see everything that took place, but said that if a doubt should arise in my mind on the subject I would call in a physician. There was no doubt in my mind whatever; it was a foul pure and simple and I could not have justly rendered a decision otherwise. I had no personal feeling in doing matter. The fact was fascinated with the fighting of Jimmy Britt. He is one of the prettiest and most scientific men that I ever saw in the ring."

Jimmy Britt. "The decision was clearly wrong. I know that I did not strike a foul. Referee Grant was mistaken. It was only one of my favorite undercuts on the ribs. I started low and Jack's eyes were too slow to keep up with it. It landed within the boundary of the rules and I should have had the decision or another chance at O'Keefe. But he will have to meet me again, and then--well, there will be no doubt next time. I will make quick work of him. It is tough work to lose a fight through a mistaken decision and with it one's status as champion, besides large sums of money. And it is worst of all to see one's friends who have such confidence in one also lose their money."

Jack O'Keefe. "The idea that I was about gone is a mistaken one. I was in prime condition up to the time the foul was given me. In fact, I was just warming up to my work. It had not been for that unfortunate foul, in the next few rounds the audience would have seen which way the tide would have gone. I am sorry that the fight was won on a foul and will deem it a pleasure to meet Jimmy Britt again at an early date and I have no doubt as to what the results will be. He is a clever fighter but I am confident I can beat him."

"All that I can say is that I fought the poorest fight of my life. In the second round during a mix-up Britt hit me a foul. This weakened me some and I showed evidences of it in the following rounds. In the third he hit me below the pit of my stomach and this bothered me more. At this time Referee Grant pointed to my stomach and warned Britt. In the fourth he fouled me again with his left. In the fifth he grabbed me by the neck and threw me on my right side. The but my results were caused by me to be extremely cautious in the sixth. In the sixth Britt was warned twice that he was hitting too low, hooking his left low. Then he sent in a left uppercut in the groin which dropped me to my knees, and while I was in that position he sent me under the chin with his right. This is the correct story of the fouling."

"I think Britt is a fast fighter, starting quickly, but I do not think that he could keep up that pace. I fought a slow and careful fight under instructions. I think that Britt would make a barrel of money if he would enter into six-round contests in the East, as he is a rapid worker during that number of rounds. My future plans shall be determined by my manager, Sig Hart, and I shall make an effort to get another go with Britt. I will fight him at any place, for any amount, and for any number of rounds. The proposition which is attributed to Britt in a morning paper that he will stop me in 10 rounds or forfeit the entire purse, suits me exactly and I will accept it, providing that the man who commits a foul shall lose the entire purse. I will box my next contest at Fort Erie, my probable opponent being Frank Ernie."

Billy Britt. "I feared that my brother's undercut rib blows would be mistaken for fouls and for this reason agreed upon Jack Grant as referee with the distinct understanding that should a foul be apparent at any stage of the fight he should immediately stop the fight. I was examined by a physician before a decision should be rendered. The blow was not a foul and I knew it. A number of his blows during the fight were thought to be fouls by portions of the audience, but Referee Grant had been quick enough to see that they were not in fact. When he proclaimed a foul in utter disregard of my agreement I went into the ring and reminded him of the fact, but he ignored me. If an examination had been made under the agreement by competent physicians they would have sustained our claim that it was only a blow on the wind. At the time the decision was rendered there was not one-half of the audience that knew upon what grounds the decision was rendered. My brother simply had O'Keefe going or gone and the mistaken decision did us a great injustice. It did not require an experienced man to see that O'Keefe was not nor is not a match for Jimmy."

RECORD OF THE PAST

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Track Team Entries.

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 10.--The Oregon Agricultural College track team announces 108 entries.

Cycle Racing. (Journal Special Service.) ATLANTA, Ga., March 10.--The cycle racing season in Atlanta, for which the promoters have been preparing and the riders training for several months past, begins in the Coliseum tonight and will be continued for several weeks to come. The opening event is to be a motor-paced race between Bobby Walthour, middle distance champion of the world,

COLLAR BUTTON CAUSED DEATH

Wrestler Cooper Meets His End in a Most Peculiar Manner.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, March 10.--George R. Cooper, whose neck was broken while wrestling with Frank Wagner Friday night at Turner Hall, in this city, met his end through the result of a most unusual accident. Wagner had partially thrown Cooper, who suddenly lost his balance and fell off the mat, striking the floor on the back of his neck. His long-shanked collar button struck the side of the spinal column at its tenderest place, causing the fracture.

BROWNS AT WORK

President Marshall Pleased With Showing Made by the Men.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN JOSE, Cal., March 10.--The Portland Browns, who are becoming more popular here every day, rested yesterday, several of the nine being a little worked out over Sunday's vigorous practice. Schmeer, Anderson and Shafer, through extra vigorous outdoor work, are enjoying the temporary lay-off.

The outdoor team work will be scheduled to meet Stanford University at Palo Alto Thursday. The latter nine is considered the peer of California's crack amateur teams, and they are reported to be in good condition a lively, close game is looked for.

President Marshall and Manager Vigneaux feel confident of the Browns' future resulting in a series of brilliant successes, and have signified their approval of the pitchers' work, which, so far, has been commendatory.

Racing at Oakland.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.--Only one favorite won at Oakland yesterday, but several well-played second choices were successful. Rowena, the 4 to 5 choice in the 2-year-old event, won easily from Lady Laurie, a 60 to 1 chance. Lodestar, second choice in the mile and a quarter race, bolted at the start, and colliding with Goldene, unseated Boland. Disturber fell at the start in the first race, but McKinnon escaped injury. The weather was fine and the track in fair condition. Summary:

Six and a half furlongs, selling--Alaria won, Assessment second, The Miller third; time, 0:23.

Three furlongs, purse--Rowena won, Lady Laurie second, Amberta third; time, 0:26.

One mile and 50 yards, selling--El Fosse won, Galantus second, Position third; time, 1:46.

One mile and a quarter, selling--Goldone won, Expedient second, Bonnie Lisak third; time, 2:09.

One mile, selling--Jim Hale won, Hahnaut second, Star Cotton third; time, 1:43.

Six and a half furlongs, selling--Velm Clark won, Elmore second, Tyrannus third; time, 1:22 1/2.

THE PORTLAND BROWNS.

The directors and stockholders of the Portland Baseball Club have expressed the highest praise for the people of San Jose for the hospitable treatment and genuine courtesy tendered to the Portland Browns, who are at present in the Garden City hotel in the city.

The Browns reached San Jose they have been accorded every opportunity to enjoy themselves and both the players and owners are grateful. The Browns are popular abroad and at home, and the people of Portland are glad to know that the baseball representatives of this city are meeting favor everywhere.

Big Dog Show.

(Journal Special Service.) ROCHESTER, Minn., March 10.--Blooded canines of every variety are included among the exhibits at the Rochester dog show, which opened today in Fittzburgh Hall. Both in the number and high class of the animals on display the show is pronounced by experts to be the best ever held in this section. Judging commenced soon after the opening and will be continued until the show comes to a close Friday night.

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and Bonnie Monroe, the Memphis flyer. The season will close with a six-day race, in which a score or more of the fastest riders in the country are entered.

Unjust Decision.

The decision of Jack Day in the Reilly-Fitzpatrick fight last night was one of the most unpopular decrees ever issued by a referee. The crowd displayed its non-approval by hissing Day to the echo. It might be an excellent arrangement, providing Portland is going to have boxing exhibitions in the future, if the managers of the Pastime Club would cease acting as referees. This is said in all fairness to both Jack Day and Jack Grant. Fitzpatrick should have had the decision.

Jack O'Brien Wins.

PITTSBURGH, March 10.--Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Jim Jeffords of California met in a 10-round contest before the Pittsburgh Club, Allegheny, last night. The bout went the limit, O'Brien receiving the award. Jeffords outweighed O'Brien 25 pounds.

Ruhlin Defeats Everett.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.--The Washington Athletic Club was packed to overflowing last night when Gus Ruhlin and Mexican Pete Everett met in a six-round bout. Ruhlin won with the greatest ease in the second round, knocking out Everett.

Big Match Made.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 10.--Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia and Bob Fitzsimmons are scheduled to post a \$5,000 forfeit here the 14th inst., as to meeting in a 20-round contest.

Automobile Notes.

The Paris-Madrid automobile race is listed to take place on May 24. The application for a permit was made several weeks ago by the Automobile Club of France, and the reply of the ministers was so long withheld that fears of a refusal were seriously entertained. Messrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Jr., Dr. Wolf Bishop and H. S. Harkness are entered for this event, and it is likely that several other Americans will start. In the drawing for the order of start Mr. Harkness is said to have been lucky enough to get ninth place.

To Box at Fort Erie.

BUFFALO, N. W., March 9.--Manager Jack Herman of the International Athletic Club of Fort Erie, announces that Jack O'Brien and Tommy Ryan will meet in the arena across the river on the night of May 11. O'Brien will receive articles of agreement to-day. Asked if Ryan will sign, Manager Herman declared that he has Tommy's promise to do so as soon as O'Brien writes his name on the papers.

Jack Grace, the American welter-rib, who visited England last summer, is at present in Sydney, Australia, offering to meet any one in his division. To an interviewer he said: "I met Kid McCoy six years ago and he only won ten points after seven rounds of hot work. I defeated Jack Everhardt and

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yet made arrangements for training. H. W. Kerrigan is chairman of the Multnomah Club's athletic committee. It is certain that a strong team will be put in the field this year. It is rumored that the Y. M. C. A. will also put out a track team.

Tim Kearns, and when I was in Africa I met Tom Duggan." Grace is now matched to box George Johns before the Galety A. C., Sydney, for a purse of \$750 some time next month.

Jabez White, who is matched to box Spike Sullivan again, has been challenged by Jack Goldswain, the former lightweight champion of England. Goldswain wants to fight White at 134 pounds with five-ounce gloves before the National Sporting Club, London. He has already posted a forfeit to show that he means business.

The Tommy Reilly-Billy Woods fight, that was due to take place in Los Angeles the 29th of this month, has been called off owing to an injury to Tommy's hand. Reilly recently defeated Al Neill before the Pastime club.

Joe Walcott Wins. PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 10.--Mike Donovan of Rochester, N. Y., and Joe Walcott (colored) met in a 10-round contest here last night, Walcott being awarded the verdict in the limit.

Inland Empire Notes. The colleges of the Inland Empire--Whitman, Washington Agricultural College and the University of Idaho, will be well represented on the athletic field this year. The champion team of the Inland Empire will go to Seattle for a meet with the University of Washington, holder of the state championship. The University of Oregon team had arranged a tour of Eastern Washington and Idaho, but the Idaho "U" backed down on the guarantee, so the Oregon lads will not make the trip.

It is too early to make a forecast on the local athletic season, as neither the Multnomah Club nor the Y. M. C. A. have