

Sporting Gossip of the World

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READY FOR GONG

Britt and Fitzgerald Complete Training.

Great Interest in Tonight's Battle
in the City of Fistic
Endeavor.

(By Leon Meyer.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Both down to weight and awaiting the sound of the gong, Jimmy Britt and Willie Fitzgerald, considered the premier of the white lightweight division, are ready for their 20-round encounter. The pugilists are in the finest possible shape and confident of a quick victory. On the local man seems to be the favorite owing to the fact that he has never tasted the bitterness of defeat by a knock-out or earned decision. It is true that he lost to Jack O'Keefe, but all who saw them fight did not think he had any the worst of the milling. Fitzgerald has lost several decisions, but of late has beaten every man he has faced in quick time. During his sparring contests while training he showed that he was not possessed of a superabundance of cleverness, but that he was there good and proper with the wallop. He also showed that he can assimilate all kinds of punishment. He favors the mixing part of the game and is ever ready to stand in the center of the ring and punch away until someone drops. In Britt he will find a customer who is perfectly willing to mix at all times and a fighter who is very aggressive. Like Fitzgerald, Britt is not clever, but he has an awkward style that will puzzle them all for a few rounds.

The confidence shown by each of the pugilists has made all the sports figure on a quick victory. Both men are possessed of the punch to score a speedy finish, and it will not surprise the followers of the game if the bout should end quick.

Jimmy Britt has announced his seconds as "Spider" Kelly, chief adviser; Dave Barry and Curt Richardson, assistants. Fitzgerald's head man will be Tim McGrath, and he will have Billy Otto to assist him. There are no better seconds in California than Kelly and McGrath, and as a rule they are behind the same man, but this time there will be a division, and it will be interesting to watch them trying to outdo the other.

The advance sale has shown that there will be a cracking good house and the winner's end will be well up in the thousands. Britt is a great favorite here and should the Easterner defeat him he can have many local engagements besides a large wad of Britt coin.

Challenges already received to the winner are from Twin Sullivan of Boston, Gus Gardner of San Francisco, Irwin and Eddie Hanlon of San Francisco, Joe Gans of Baltimore, and Rube Turner of Stockton. This shows that there are quite a few in the business who think they can trim either of the men handily.

Toby Irwin received a dispatch from Butte, Mont., this morning offering him an engagement with "Kid" Fredericks on May 10. As the time is rather short Toby answered that he would accept the match providing they postpone the contest two weeks. In regard to the challenge issued by George Mennis and Joe Macias on behalf of Gus Gardner, Irwin states he will agree to meet either of the men in Portland.

TWO FAST BOXERS

Fitzpatrick and Short Ready for
Their Go at Vancouver, Wash.

The sports and ring-followers at Vancouver, Wash., are indulging in much speculation as to the outcome of the 20-round contest to be held there on May 8, the contestants being Mike Short, the soldier-boxer, and Dick Fitzpatrick, who recently stayed the limit with "Young Corbett." Fitzpatrick and Short meet at 140 pounds at ringside and both men are training faithfully for the meeting. The bout has awakened much interest in Vancouver and large advance sales are already reported.

Toy Wants Fitzpatrick.
Since Fitzpatrick received the decision over "Young Corbett" the former's manager, Sam Goodman, has been deluged with offers and challenges for his protegee. Eddie Toy, the San Francisco lightweight, writes as follows: "I am willing to meet Fitzpatrick at 130 pounds at ringside or 125 pounds at 3 o'clock."

Goodman says in reply: "Fitzpatrick is a lightweight and is open to box any man in his division. 'Young Corbett' preferred. In regard to Toy's challenge, Fitzpatrick, the latter is willing to meet him at the lightweight limit, 133 pounds, before any club offering a suitable inducement."

TWO JOCKEYS KILLED

Accidents at Oakland Last Week
Resulted Fatally.

The untimely deaths of Jockeys Early (colored) and Watson, at the Oakland race track last week, has been the subject of much comment among Pacific Coast race track followers, and steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of such fatalities. Watson had the mount on Leary, and Jockey Adkins, who rode Position, pulled his mount over to the left, colliding with Leary, and threw him down. Watson being stunned. Expedient in galloping past, caught the boy a fearful blow on the left temple, which resulted in his death the following day at a hospital.

The other unfortunate Jockey, Early, met his demise while riding Sotia, in the two-year-old race.

WILLIE FITZGERALD,
Who Will Box Jimmy Britt Tonight.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Chicago	6	2	.750
New York	6	2	.750
Pittsburgh	7	3	.700
Boston	7	3	.700
Brooklyn	4	4	.500
St. Louis	4	4	.444
Philadelphia	3	5	.375
Cincinnati	1	8	.111

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Cincinnati.	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	5 14 4
Pittsburgh	13 20 3
Batteries—Sudhoff, Phillips, Wiggs and Bergen; Hardy and Kling. Umpire—Johnstone.	

At Brooklyn.	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	7 13 2
Philadelphia	11 13 3
Batteries—Jones and Ritter; Dugieby and Roth.	

At New York.	R. H. E.
New York	19 9 1
Boston	7 5 6
Batteries—Matthewson and Warner; Maloney and Kittredge. Umpire—Moran.	

At St. Louis.	R. H. E.
St. Louis	1 5 7
Pittsburgh	11 13 3
Batteries—O'Neill and J. O'Neill and Weaver; Kennedy and Smith. Umpires—Holliday and Emslie.	

A GREAT FINISH

V. S. Howard Rode a Splendid
Race on Bob Proudly.

The finish of the Hunt Club paper chase Saturday, which was won by V. S. Howard on "Bob Proudly," was one of the prettiest and most exciting that was ever witnessed on the Pacific Coast. The large number present were so enthusiastic over the finish that a correct statement of how it occurred may be interesting to many who witnessed it.

When the home stretch was reached Jenkins on "Babe" led Howard by 75 feet. Then the interesting portion of the race began. Jenkins' whip started to work on "Babe," urging her along with all speed. Howard moved "Bob Proudly" along inch by inch, faster and faster, until only a bare length separated the two panting steeds.

Howard spoke once more to his horse and he moved closer to his opponent. The crowd at the finish was in sight, and visions of capturing the coveted prize, the Kerr cup, flashed across the riders' eyes. Nearer and nearer, faster and faster, they came with nostrils wide and riders urging. As the line was approached, "Babe" still led, but in a second's flash Howard called on old "Bob Proudly" once more to win and the gallant horse forced himself over the line a winner by a quarter of a length.

It was a splendid finish and the admirers of the winner rushed up to "Bob Proudly" and embraced his neck tenderly. It was a great day for the Portland Hunt Club.

Full description of all sporting events, Memphis and California races received by direct wire from the tracks. New York telegraph this posted. Commissions received for all sporting events in any part of the world. First betting California races, 1:45 p. m. Memphis races commence Monday, March 28, first betting 11:45 a. m. PORTLAND CLUB, 130 Fifth street.

McGraw Injured.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Manager McGraw, of the New York National League baseball team, who was just recovering from the injuries to his knee, received in a practice game in the South, today, while practicing, was struck by a ball thrown from the infield and had his nose broken.

By a direct wire from the ringside, we will give the public a full description of the Britt-Fitzgerald contest, which takes place tonight. Commissions received and placed on this contest. PORTLAND CLUB, 130 Fifth street.

PORTLAND WINS
FROM TACOMACapt. Anderson Makes
a Home Run.Wallace, of Grim's Team, Was in
Splendid Form, Allowing Op-
ponents but Three Hits.

PACIFIC NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Scores.

Portland, 3; Tacoma, 2.
Spokane, 7; Seattle, 1.

Standing of the Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Seattle	6	5	.727
San Francisco	7	5	.583
Los Angeles	6	5	.545
Butte	6	5	.500
Tacoma	6	5	.455
Helena	5	6	.455
Spokane	6	7	.415
Portland	4	7	.364

TACOMA, Wash., April 28.—The Portland team yesterday gave up superior, all-round work. Grim's men were in the game to win from start to finish. John Lundblom, the "Michigan blacksmith," essayed to twirl for the Portlanders, but was retired during the third inning on account of a badly split finger. Wallace, who succeeded him, allowed the Tigers but three hits during the rest of the game. Arthur Anderson scored the "Red Top" first run by landing on one of "Jumper" McCarthy's curves for a homer over the right-field fence.

Portland won the game in the seventh. With two men out, Hutchinson muffed Hanley's foul, and that gent hit the next ball safely. Painter sent one down to Hutchinson, who very obligingly fumbled it long enough to allow Grim's second baseman to reach first. Wallace hit to center, scoring Hanley. Then "Jackie's brother" followed the pitcher's example and scored Painter, with what proved to be the winning run, by a hit to left center.

The Tigers made a gallant finish in the ninth, almost tying the score. Holland, the first man up, drew a pass. Rockenfield struck out, but Catcher Byers was not so easy. He waited for a nice one and straightened it out for a home run, scoring Holland and himself. The crowd was hilarious when Big Hutchinson walked to the plate, demanding another home run, but Hutch wasn't equal to the occasion, for the best he could do was a long fly to Farrott. Joe McCarthy reached first on an error by Painter, and immediately stole second, but was left there, as Fisher ended the inning and the game by an out at first. The score:

Portland	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	7	1
Tacoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	4
Batteries—Lundblom, Wallace and Anderson; McCarthy and Byers. Umpire—Colgan. Attendance 950.										

SEATTLE, April 28.—Spokane defeated Seattle yesterday with a crippled team. Elsey being sick and Reed has a broken hand. Damman was in fine form and kept the locals' hits well scattered. The score:

Seattle	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	4
Spokane	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	8
Batteries—Locks and Stanley; Damman and Zukausky. Attendance 900. Umpire—Mahaffey.										

GAME TOMORROW

Browns Will Meet Morley's Strong
Los Angeles Nine.

Jim Morley's Los Angeles team, with its many stellar lights in the baseball firmament will arrive in this city tonight. The Browns have been working like Trojans yesterday and today and have got team work down pretty well for so short a time. As this has been the first opportunity to practice on their home grounds, the boys have worked enthusiastically. Yesterday they defeated the Athletics at 10:30 in the morning and worked continuously until 4 p. m. The Browns are going to give the "Angels" a mighty hard tussle to capture more than three of this week's series, in fact, the boys say that Morley can congratulate himself if he gets two out of six.

PLAGUE OF THE NIGHT

Keeps Thousands of People in
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ON WAVERLY LINKS.

"No," said the fat man as he ordered another high ball, "I have given up golf. I thought I was making some progress, but I never again. Last Sunday finished me."

"I started out early and thought I could sneak off by myself for a little practice before the others. But a miserable little caddy boy followed me up to the tee and offered to caddy around for me for 50 cents."

"Never mind son," said I, "I'll get along."

"With that I made a magnificent drive at the ball and missed it by three feet. The boy snickered and tried to look mischievous; then I made another grand swipe with the same results."

"Say, mister," said the caddy, "I'll go around with you for a quarter."

"I declined. Then I made another swing and drove the ball about 10 feet. The boy laughed and retreated out of reach."

"Say, mister," he called, "I'll go around with you for 10 cents."

"I was rattled by that time and when I tried to hit that ball I made a worse mess of it than I ever did before, and I repeated it three times more. And then that little demon got back about 30 feet and yelled: 'Say mister, I'll go around with you for the fun of it.'"

"That let me out. I told him to go to another place, packed up my things and came back home."

GANS AND TRACEY

Both Fighters Working Hard for
Their Coming Battle.

Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, now in this city preparing for his meeting with Tom Tracey on about May 13 or 14, before the Portland Pastime Club, win or lose with the local favorite, announces his intention of visiting England next fall. George Dixon, the erstwhile world's champion boxer, now in London, writes Gans advising him that he will do very well across the water. Gans, according to an Eastern paper, has come forward with an offer to meet Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia, and the same authority states that, "although Gans will be at a disadvantage by at least 30 pounds, he thinks he will be successful. O'Brien, however, does not take the challenge seriously. He declares that he would not gain any further prestige by defeating the Baltimorean."

Arlington Defeated The Dalles.

Arlington played their second game of the season Sunday, defeating The Dalles by a score of 6 to 3, the feature of the game being the superb work of Arlington and the pitching of the Arlington twirler. The score was:

The Dalles	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	5	2
Arlington	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	4	9	9

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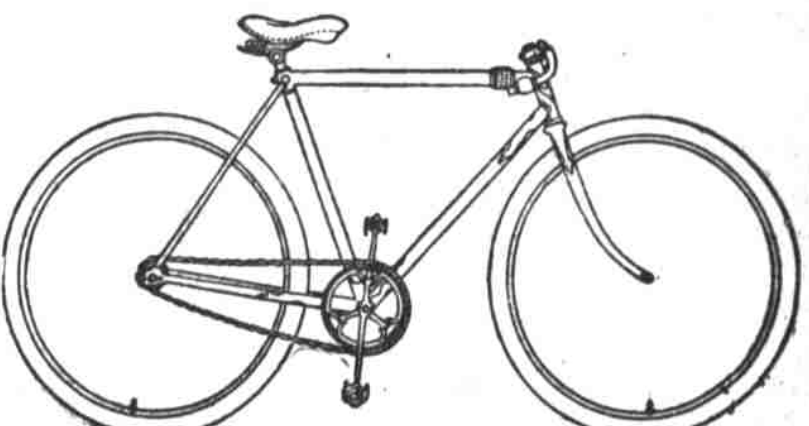
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