

# BRIT AND CORBETT READY FOR TONIGHT'S BATTLE

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## FIGHTERS AWAIT CLANG OF GONG

W. W. NAUGHTON DISCUSSES TONIGHT'S BATTLE FOR THE JOURNAL READERS—BOTH MEN ARE AT WEIGHT—SEATS BEING SOLD AT PREMIUMS.

(By W. W. Naughton.) (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, March 25.—Two well groomed young men, accompanied by a host of well known sports from all over the coast, met this morning at Harry Corbett's and shook hands. They were Jimmy Britt and Young Corbett, who are to meet tonight in one of the most interesting boxing contests that has ever been brought off in this city. Shortly after the meeting the two boxers went in separate directions. Britt to his father's home and Young Corbett to the baths, where he will take a little hot exercise and prepare for a rest prior to weighing in at 9 o'clock tonight.

Both fighters are at weight and in the pink of condition for the fray, and the battle will be one that will be worth the big prices being paid for seats, which, by the way, in large numbers have got into the hands of speculators, who are shouting their wares in front of the pool rooms this morning and selling at exorbitant figures. The five dollar seats are going at \$10 and \$12.50, and Harry Pollock, the well known New York sporting man, who is here with handfuls of Corbett money to bet, paid \$150 for 12 of the pastboards.

**Howl Over Odds.** There was a great deal of talk at the poolrooms this morning over the betting, and while a number of the Corbett bets have been placed at 2 to 1, there is an awful howl over the odds. The break has been made, however, and before night it will be flowing the Corbett way like water through a break in the levee. Britt money has tightened up to the surprise of the talent, and there were loud shouts from the counter for a chance to place Corbett at 20 to 11, with few takers. It is expected that they will have full pockets at the afternoon session, and that there will be no lack of coin when the betting straightens out.

Britt said this morning that the report that he was preparing for right-hand punches against his usual style of left-handed fighting is not correct. He is going to poke away with his left just as in days of yore, and he is depending upon that member to lead him to victory. He will avoid "low fighting" and punch for the stomach with a fair and square wallop. His tactics will be to have Corbett do most of the leading.

**Corbett is Confident.** Corbett was reticent and said that he had no plan of action that he cared to make public. "I am confident of success," he added, "and that is all I can say in addition to what I have already told you about my tactics." The Daverite was in the best of humor and looked more amiable than his wife went. During his training he became very peevish; but Harry Tutthill, his trainer, explained that this is customary with men who undergo the rigorous work of getting down to weight. "Spider" Kelly, Britt's trainer, and Tutthill had a long conference in a side room at Corbett's and arranged all preliminary programs to the satisfaction of both. Training will stay clear to the men all day and attempt to allow the principals to completely relax from the arduous work of the past 10 days. At 6 o'clock all who will take part, directly or indirectly, in the contest will meet at Corbett's to weigh in. There will be only the fight principals and promoters, referee and the newspaper men admitted.

## MULTNOMAH WINS FROM Y. M. C. A. TEAM

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic club's basketball team won the first game from the Y. M. C. A. team in the city championship series at the Multnomah gymnasium last evening. Both teams played an excellent game, and the contest was close and interesting from start to finish. The final score was 15 to 12. The lineup: Position. Y. M. C. A. Steadman ..... Forward ..... Mackie Brandon ..... Forward ..... Thornton Rasch ..... Center ..... Freeman Nicholson ..... Guard ..... Livingstone Percy ..... Guard ..... Lowengart

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.**

| Standing of Clubs. | Won. | Lost. | P.C.  |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|
| San Francisco      | 1    | 0     | 1.000 |
| Los Angeles        | 1    | 0     | 1.000 |
| Portland           | 0    | 0     | .000  |
| Tacoma             | 0    | 0     | .000  |
| Seattle            | 0    | 1     | .000  |
| Oakland            | 0    | 1     | .000  |

**Yesterday's Results.** San Francisco 1, Seattle 0. Los Angeles 4, Oakland 3. Portland-Tacoma game postponed.

## MCCOY-PLACKS CONTEST.

(Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, March 25.—Announcement has been made of the postponement of the six-round fight between "Kid" McCoy and Placks, the heavy-weight champion of Holland, which was originally scheduled for tonight. The present understanding is that the contest will be pulled off April 5. McCoy is reported to be putting in some hard knocks at training up at Albany, while Placks is getting into condition in Brooklyn.

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OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM. Reading from left to right, beginning at the rear, the men are: H. Zophar Tharp, Coach; Coates; Physical Director Trine; second row, Stokes (mgr.); Stetler, G. Gate, C. C. Gate; third row, Rhinehart, Moore (Capt.); Swan. The present basketball season has been a successful one for the Oregon Agricultural men, and much pride is taken in the aggregation by Corvallis people, as well as collegians.

## ENGLISH OARSMEN READY FOR RACE

(Journal Special Service.) London, March 25.—Oxford and Cambridge oarsmen meet on the Thames today to determine whether the dark-blue or the light-blue shall fly to victory. Connoisseurs of rowing without exception agree that Mr. Taylor, the celebrated Cambridge coach, has every reason to hope to win, yet Oxonians declare that their slight will make a heroic effort to snatch the laurels from their rivals' grasp. Much may depend on the tides. If Oxford wins it may gain a considerable advantage by choosing a sheltered position. Then, should a Cambridge oar or rowlock momentarily lose his head, the buoyant weavers of the pale blue might suffer defeat. However, accidents aside, Oxford is scarcely expected to do more than prove a respectable second. There is as much interest in the event as in any previous year, and the contest will be witnessed by an immense throng of spectators, although, owing to the court being in mourning for the Duke of Cambridge, there will be no royalties on the banks. Both crews took their final practice spin today, several thousand people, a goodly number belonging to the betting fraternity, turning out to form their final judgments on the performances of the two crews.

The races between Oxford and Cambridge date back to 1346, when they were rowed in tubs over the course from Westminster to Putney. Since 1844 the contesting oarsmen have swept the historic path along which the struggle to-morrow will be waged, from Putney to Mortlake, but in the meantime the racing craft have evolved from crude, unwieldy skiffs into the keelless, outrigger shells that skim over the water like swallows. Sliding seats were used by the crews for the first time in 1873.

## GYMNASTS TO MEET.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 25.—Yale, Princeton and New York university in the east and the University of Minnesota in the west have entered strong teams for the sixth annual intercollegiate gymnastic championship contest to be held at New York university this afternoon and evening. The contest this year is regarded as of unusual importance, as the entries in each of the events include the strongest men in intercollegiate gymnastics. The program of events is about the same as in previous years, and includes the horizontal bar, sidehorse, parallel bars, flying rings, tumbling and club-swinging.

## REILLY HAS TROUBLES.

(Journal Special Service.) Spokane, March 25.—The Spokane baseball club here seems to be having a little hard luck in completing its team for the season of 1904. On two or three occasions Manager Reilly has about signed up a good man, and then something happened and the player could not be secured. Hoffmeister, the big first-sacker of Crookston, was to have come here, but something happened at the last minute and Reilly was informed that he could not have the big fellow. Hannahan, another good man, whose terms had been accepted by Reilly, may also be taken away and Spokane lose another good man.

## TO ATTEND COLUMBIA MEET.

(Journal Special Service.) Corvallis, March 25.—At the meet to be held by the Columbia university at Portland, April 16, it is probable that a field and track team from O. A. C. will be entered. The local team will be chosen the first part of April, and will include 10 men, more or less.

## RAIN INTERFERES WITH FIRST GAME

On account of the excessive rain in Oregon this season of the year, the opening games in the Coast League have been transferred to California, where the weather is always fine, and the gods so kind to ball clubs that rain never interferes with opening day games. This year, however, the rule failed to work, as all were looking forward to the game with unusual interest. Los Angeles opened with an immense attendance and trounced the Oakland Aggregation. Dillon, Mr. Morley's "watch charm," was relegated to the back bench by Umpire O'Connell, under orders from President Bert. Mr. Morley secured an injunction from the court, restraining the umpire from removing Dillon, but Jack O'Connell was not to be hindered by a mere injunction, so he bounced Francis Kicker Dillon. For refusing to abide by the court's order, poor Jack O'Connell may be sent to jail for a short time. Meantime the fight goes merrily on. Morley says that Dillon will play and President Bert says nay. Mr. Edwin Hanlon of Brooklyn claims Dillon and the latter has been awarded by the peace committee. The result will probably go against Morley, as it should. Portland had to pay a smart price for Castro, and why shouldn't Morley pay out a few shekels for his "watch charm."

## OREGON CITY FANS WANT A BALL TEAM

(Journal Special Service.) Oregon City, March 25.—The local baseball-players are beginning to wonder what is the matter with the Oregon City people on account of no steps being taken to organize a ball team. Most of the players have signed with other teams, and unless the promoters of the sport are active they will lose the rest of the players who are staying on in the hope of playing at home for the season. Salem has secured two of the Oregon City players of last year. They are Evelyne, Calif, pitcher, and Ward Lee, left-fielder. Calif needs no introduction, and Lee has won himself renown with his stick, being the high man for hitting on the Oregon City team for the past three years. He is anxious to get in the game again, and it is to be regretted that Oregon City will lose such a good hitter. Roy Martin, Oregon City's catcher, is in town from Vancouver. He has a number of propositions for backstop work for the coming season, but is undecided. He has received offers from Salem and Vancouver. On the other hand, he has a business proposition in Washington that looks good to him, and he does not know whether to wear duds the coming summer or assume the dignified position of a business man.

## DAVE SULLIVAN TO FIGHT CHAS. NEARY

Milwaukee, March 25.—Dave Sullivan, who recently fought Young Corbett for the championship, is to try his prowess against Charlie Neary, the local featherweight, in a six-round bout before the Milwaukee Boxing club tonight. As both fighters are of the aggressive and hard-hitting class, the contest is expected to be one of the liveliest and most interesting pulled off in the Cream City this winter. Much interest is manifested in the bout and a good crowd is expected to be on hand.

## FINALS FOR LADD PRIZE.

The finals for the Ladd prize will be played off tomorrow afternoon at the Waverly golf links. The contestants are Mrs. W. B. Auer and Allan Wright vs. Mrs. W. J. Burns and T. A. Lintin. Many golfers are going to the links to see the finish.

## CONDENSED SCHEDULE OF COAST LEAGUE

In the following condensed schedule the dates mentioned are of Mondays beginning the week:  
March 24—Seattle at San Francisco; Portland and Tacoma at Fresno; Oakland at Los Angeles.  
March 25—Oakland at San Francisco; Portland at Los Angeles, and Tacoma and Seattle at Fresno.  
April 4—Oakland and Portland at San Francisco; Seattle at Los Angeles, and Tacoma and San Francisco at Fresno.  
April 11—Oakland and Seattle at San Francisco; Tacoma at Los Angeles, and San Francisco and Portland at Fresno.  
April 18—Oakland and Tacoma at San Francisco; San Francisco at Los Angeles, and Seattle at Portland.  
April 25—Los Angeles at San Francisco; Portland at Seattle, and Oakland at Tacoma.  
May 2—Los Angeles at San Francisco; Oakland at Portland, and Tacoma at Seattle.  
May 9—Oakland and Los Angeles at San Francisco; Tacoma at Portland, and San Francisco at Seattle.  
May 16—Oakland and Los Angeles at San Francisco; San Francisco at Portland, and Seattle at Tacoma.  
May 23—Portland at San Francisco; Oakland at Los Angeles, and Tacoma at Seattle.  
May 30—Oakland and Portland at San Francisco; San Francisco at Los Angeles, and Seattle at Tacoma.  
June 6—Oakland at San Francisco; Portland at Los Angeles, and Tacoma at Seattle.  
June 13—Oakland at Portland; Los Angeles at Seattle, and San Francisco at Tacoma.  
June 20—Los Angeles at Portland; San Francisco at Seattle, and Oakland at Tacoma.  
June 27—San Francisco at Portland; Oakland at Seattle, and Los Angeles at Tacoma.  
July 4—Los Angeles at Portland; Oakland at Seattle, and San Francisco at Tacoma.  
July 11—Oakland at San Francisco; Portland at Seattle, and Los Angeles at Tacoma.  
July 18—Oakland and Seattle at San Francisco; San Francisco at Los Angeles, and Tacoma at Portland.

## DIAMOND GLISTENINGS

They're off! 1904 race is on. "Frisco and Los Angeles in the lead. Seattle and Oakland two lengths in the rear. Portland and Tacoma got left at the post. Well, we did not lose the first game, anyway—as yet. Frank Dillon, did not play with Los Angeles. Jack O'Connell spent an unpleasant half hour before the game yesterday. It is a good thing to have an umpire like O'Connell on hand in a controversy like of which arose at Los Angeles yesterday. Jack won't be bluffed. According to all fair-minded fans, Morley's claim on Dillon is just, but the league has ordered that the player shall

## LOCAL INTEREST IN TONIGHT'S CONTEST

Portland fight followers are greatly interested in tonight's battle at San Francisco between Champion Corbett of Denver and Jimmy Britt of San Francisco. Britt fought in this city once and lost to Jack O'Keefe on a foul. He had many admirers here before that contest, but the wall he set up after losing cost him many friends. Young Corbett also boxed here with George Memis of Chicago and made a good impression upon all who saw him. In the battle tonight Corbett has more friends in Portland than Britt, but the wise ones are going to keep their eyes squarely on Britt. He will be worth watching tonight. The complete story of the fight will be reported for The Journal by expert W. W. Naughton, and other competent writers.

## NEW TRAINER FOR PACIFIC.

(Journal Special Service.) Pacific University, March 25.—Track Trainer McCauley will arrive in Forest Grove April 26. The men are all hard at work, getting into shape in anticipation of his coming. Trainer McCauley, when he arrives, will find the fastest aggregation that Pacific university has ever had, and a few weeks' efficient coaching will develop a track team that will make the other school teams hurry some.

## CARTER AND COLE TO MEET.

(Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, March 25.—A six-round bout between "Kid" Carter and George Cole is the attraction offered to Philadelphia ring-followers for tonight. Cole pugilistic stock has taken a rise since his defeat of Harry Foley, the Pacific Coast champion, and his local admirers expect him to give Carter an interesting argument.

The account and score of yesterday's game will be found elsewhere in this paper.

## AGRICULTURE TO SEND TRACK TEAM.

(Journal Special Service.) Corvallis, Or., March 25.—The Oregon Agricultural college athletic committee has decided to send a track team to compete in the meet at Columbia university at Portland on April 14. Those who are to make up the team will be selected later.

## ILLINOIS TO MEET THE ALCO.

(Journal Special Service.) Salem, Or., March 25.—The Illinois bowling team of this city has arranged to meet the Alco team of Albany at that city on Saturday evening.

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