

SPORTS OF THE DAY

MAJOR LEAGUES BEGIN TUESDAY

Conservative Fans Predict Baseball Season Will Be Greatest in History.

EXPENSE OF BIG CLUBS REACHES TO MILLIONS

Fortune Expended in Railroad Fares Alone—St. Louis Americans and Pittsburgh Nationals Scheduled to Travel Longest Distances.

Facts and Figures Concerning Major Leagues
Season opens April 14 and closes October 4-5; National league to play 134 games and the American league 152 games.
Opening games in National league—New York at Philadelphia; Boston at Brooklyn; Pittsburgh at St. Louis, and Chicago at Cincinnati.
Opening games in the American league—Detroit at Chicago; St. Louis at Cleveland; Philadelphia at New York, and Washington at Boston.
The conflicting dates for the entire season have been reduced to 14, which emphasizes the spirit of peace between the two leagues.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, April 11.—Weather permitting the baseball season of the two major leagues will open Tuesday, judging from the attendance at the preliminary and practice games, the interest in the national game is more widespread than ever this year. Predictions are made that this will be baseball's banner year. Some of the minor leagues that were in existence last season have disbanded, but more than enough new organizations have sprung up to take their place. In fact, the number of professional leagues that will be seen in competition this year is larger than ever before.
The 16 clubs that comprise the American and National leagues are reported in good shape and ready for the umpire to cry "Play ball!" According to the experts who have closely studied the clubs in both the big leagues since they have been in training, the race for the championship in the respective organizations will be closer than it has been for several seasons past.

Expense Is Exorbitant.
It is estimated that the total expense of the two major leagues for the season of 1908 will amount to more than \$3,000,000, including ground rent, salaries, training expenses and railroad fare for the season. A fortune is expended in railroad fare alone. In order to fill their scheduled championship dates for the season the clubs of the American league will have to travel 25,722 miles and the National league teams 21,465 miles, making at the rate of 2 cents per mile and at the average

Sterling Dogs Which Will Strive for Prizes in Portland's Coming Bench Show



"BELLEVUE'S VENUS BOSTON TERRIER"
OWNED BY BELLEVUE'S KENNEL, SEATTLE



"TEDDY MOHAMMET ENGLISH BULLDOG"
OWNED BY J. L. TETZLAFF



"AIREDALE BELLEVUE'S COURAGEOUS"
OWNED BY W. B. BAILEY, SEATTLE



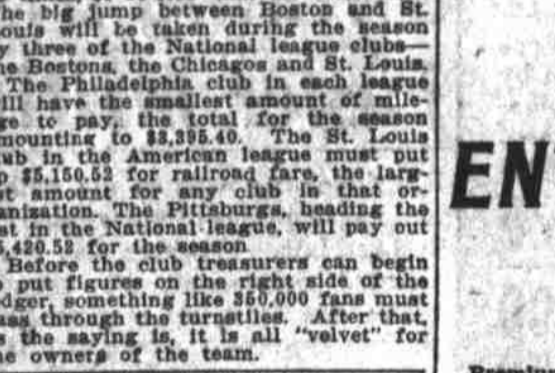
"GASPORT ENGLISH BULLDOG OWNED BY H. M. PAPST"



"HANDSOME JIM A PRIZE FOX TERRIER, OWNED BY DR. A. W. SMITH"



"KILBURN MISS MARQUESS ENGLISH BULLDOG OWNED BY J. C. HARRALCON"



"CHAMPION MULTNOMAH BLUE FOX TERRIER, OWNED BY W. D. FECHHEIMER"



"SECRETARY ENGLISH BULLDOG OWNED BY J. C. HARRALCON"

ENTRIES FOR PORTLAND DOG SHOW FLOCK TO SECRETARY

Premium lists and entry blanks for the coming dog show were sent out last week and entries are coming in in a satisfactory manner. Greater interest is evinced this year than ever before, and inquiries from many Oregon cities outside of Portland have been received. It is certain that Oregon, Washington, California and British Columbia will be well represented, and it is probable that several crack eastern dogs will also be seen on the benches. Local dogs, however, will predominate.
Entries for the show close April 23, and all must be in not later than the evening of that day, or if mailed to the club must be postmarked not later than April 23. Entries may be made and entry blanks and premium lists obtained at room 229 Lumber Exchange building after the middle of this week.
Many Cops Donated.
Club officials report that many handsome cups are being donated by the club's friends, and that this year's offerings in the prize line will be exceptionally good.
The Oakland show, which opened last Wednesday and closed last night, was one of the best ever given in California. Three hundred and twenty dogs were shown, and this gives the winners a rating of four points for their wins. Two Portland dogs were shown, and won in this class. Both were described by the judges as being good bulldog terriers in California than in any other state in the union.
The dogs shown there were Frank Watkins' fine bitch Iris, which won first open and winners and special for the best bulldog terrier of either sex, defeating among others Ch. Edgewood Biddy, Ch. Silkwood Ben All and Ch. Silkwood Brassie; Brooklyn Patry and other well known California winners.
J. C. Moore's young dog Williamette Demon, which was bred by Mr. Watkins, won two seconds and one third, the third being for the best heavyweight open class, where all the best ones were shown. This win stamps him as a very good dog for his age, as he met the best in the west in this class.
These dogs will be shown at the Fresno, Calif. show this week, under George S. Oldham. The Oakland judge was E. M. Oldham of New York.

San Francisco Show.
Following Fresno, the big San Francisco show takes place, with Charles Lyndon judging, and it is expected that 600 dogs will be shown, which will exceed any show ever held west of Chicago. In addition to the local dogs now in California, W. B. Feckheimer will show his young fox terrier Multnomah Rex, and it is probable that several others will be sent down, as a win at San Francisco is counted to weigh more than a win at any show excepting New York.
Following San Francisco comes Portland, and then Seattle. Seattle expects to have its banner show, and now the way for the big coast championship exhibit which will be held there next year during the exposition. This year the show will be held in Dreamland rink, and John Bradshaw of Pasadena will judge all classes. Seattle has followed the local club's example, and is making its own benches. This is an excellent idea, as it saves great ex-

pense for the club and can be used yearly for many shows.
Portland expects to have the largest show, with the exception of San Francisco, held this year on the coast, and in order to do this must have more than 250 dogs benched, which was Oakland's number. This is more than the local club has ever had, but if all the fanciers and dog-owners work together this can be done.
Flea to Financier.
The directors are asking every financier to take a personal interest in all good dogs or the breed he particularly favors, and see that they are all entered. If each will do that, it will greatly increase the entries and interest for the show.
Owing to the absence from the city of Henry L. Corbett, his resignation as a director was accepted at the last club meeting, and H. M. Papst was selected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Papst is an efficient and experienced officer owing to his long connection with the San Francisco Kennel club, and also to his having acted last year for the local club.
Intending exhibitors are earnestly requested to remember to get their entries in before April 23. The club will appreciate early entries as they are of great benefit in the compilation of the show catalogue.
Fine Bull Specimen.
Gasport is a fine specimen of the English bulldog, recently purchased in the east by H. M. Papst. His owner confidentially expects him to take the measure of any bulldog on the coast at the coming show.
Bellevue's Courageous is a nice, upstanding Airedale terrier that will be hard to beat. He is owned by W. H. Bailey of Seattle and was purchased recently by him at the New York show from J. S. Holgate, a prominent Airedale breeder of England. The big fellow will be exhibited at all the coast shows and will make it interesting for the best of them.
Kilburn Miss Marquess is another

English bulldog of class. She has a lengthy pedigree and is bound to attract attention during the show. She is owned by J. C. Harralcon.
Champion Multnomah Blue is a fox-terrier owned by W. D. Feckheimer of Portland. A six-month-old brother of this pretty fellow was recently bought by William Rutherford of the prominent New York fancier, for \$1,000. Mr. Feckheimer believes his dog has the ability to beat all comers.
Teddy Mohammed is a fine young English bulldog puppy, sired by the famous \$5,000 champion, Mohammed. The youngster is owned by J. L. Tetzlaff, and will be seen at the coming bench show. The dog is well thought of locally and no doubt will win a number of prizes.
Prize-Winning Terrier.
Bellevue's Venus is a prize-winning Boston terrier, which is bound to be highly rated by the judges. The dog is owned by the Bellevue kennels of Seattle.
Handsome Jim is a familiar sight. He is a prize-winning English terrier owned by Dr. Alan Welch Smith of this city. He has been a consistent winner on the benches, and is a good worker in the field. He is an exceptionally well bred dog and an excellent sire.

BURNS' MANAGER TO BET \$5,000 ON FIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, April 11.—Billy Neal, manager of Tommy Burns, the heavyweight champion of the world, arrived here yesterday from abroad with the announcement that he will deposit \$5,000 as a bet that Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight, can't stop Burns in 20 rounds. Neal said he had heard that Johnson had posted a forfeit of \$3,500 that he could whip Burns, so he wanted to see him one better by betting \$5,000.
He says he will not match Burns with the colored fighter unless he is guaranteed \$50,000 as his share of the purse, win or lose, or unless his man, being champion, is allowed to dictate the terms. The proposition of James Corbett of San Francisco to offer a \$25,000 purse for the fight was rejected as being too small. Neal will visit his home in Ontario, and then will go to Denver and Oakland, California. It is probable that if a fight is agreed upon it will be pulled off in Nevada.

McFARLAND PUTS OUT JIMMY BRITT

Fight at San Francisco Goes Six Rounds and Is Very Fast.

NATIVE SON GAME, BUT IS OUTCLASSED

Chicago Boy Sends His Opponent to the Mat Three Times in Final Round, When Britt Sr., Jumps Into Ring and the Fight Is Over.

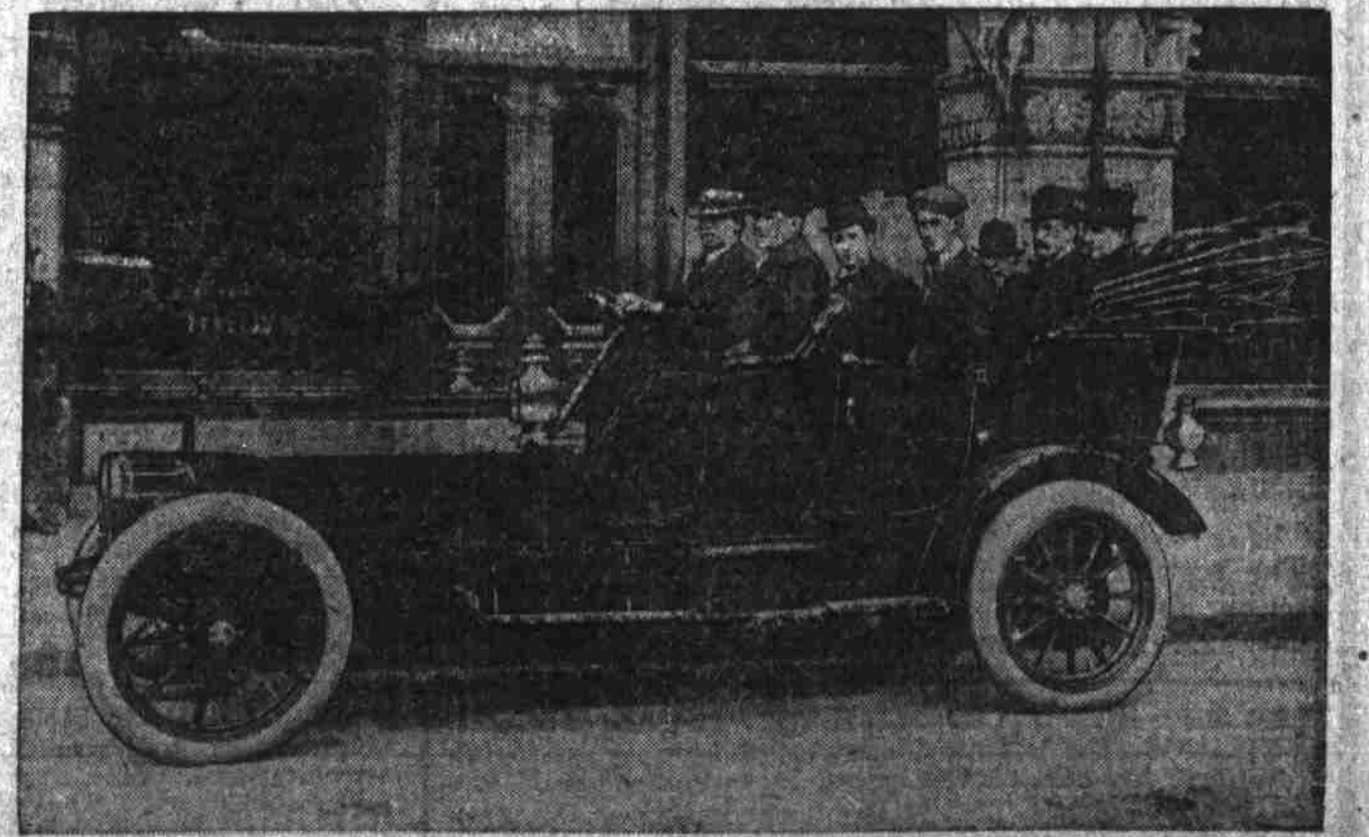
By W. W. Naughton.
(Special News by Longest Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, April 11.—Packer McFarland knocked out Jimmy Britt in six rounds, and while working his way to victory proved conclusively that he is the Native Son's master at every description of ring work.
So far as condition was concerned it was a test between a youngster who seemed to get stronger the further he went, and a faded lightweight on whom the fast pace told unmistakably. Whether or not, however, Britt would have been match for the champion in his best days is a question that can never be answered.
McFarland was probably the coolest man ever seen in a ring. He devoted the first round to sizing up Britt's system of mugging. Jimmy, whose one best bet always was a left underwing for the stomach, began to operate with his favorite assault, but Packer knew how to protect himself from the punch which had distressed Britt's rivals in other battles.
The Middle Westerner's forearm was there as a bulwark for Britt's wicked wallop or else Packer drew in like a bending jackknife and allowed Britt's glove to pass over his head. It was not always this way, however. Sometimes in the excitement of the fierce whirl of slugging with which the bout abounded he was ready to grab his fist on the mitt, never, however, in a way to hurt McFarland, although Spider Kelly, Britt's earl, in the second round, jumped up "viciously" and applauded whenever Britt landed.
Struck Opponent's Style.
McFarland devoted the entire first round to reconnoitering. He put in little clips and jolts, but they were merely for drawing out Britt's wicketed hand on his face, and when he answered the bell for round two, the fight was on in earnest. The Chicagoan used straight lefts, and as often as an opening occurred snapped his right over the jaw.
When Britt, under the stress of weariness and punishment, tried to clinch, McFarland showed himself as good a brawler as a stand away fighter. He pulled Britt's guard away and rammed in spiteful uppercuts. Sometimes he wore his right glove entirely around Jimmy's crossed forearms, using a loop-the-loop punch, which rattened Britt's ears. When Britt cut down and fought back, Packer covered himself marvellously well.
Britt looked half dazed as he sat in his corner after the second round, and when the bell brought them together he was soon in dire trouble.
McFarland blocked and dodged in close quarters. Then he sent home tearing punches which tossed Britt's head. He was hammered back into a corner in the following round he was beaten to the floor. Luckily for Jimmy the finishing sounder sounded while the count was in progress.
Does His Level Best.
Britt was urged to do or die in the fifth round and he certainly fought desperately. The other man was self-poisoned himself and Britt's best-meant blows were wild ones. It was only a question of minutes then, and when Britt Sr. bounded into the ring after Jimmy had been sent to the mat three times in the sixth round, everyone felt that the defeated man's father had done the right thing at the right moment.
McFarland fought an exceedingly clever battle. He did not become flustered at any stage, and every punch he sped landed cleanly and contributed to his ultimate success. He is a change artist, varying his style and being highly effective no matter which manner of fighting he employs.
About the only thing Britt could be given credit for today was pure grit. He judged distance badly and floundered a great deal. He took his medicine, however, like a man.
Enter the Ring.
The preliminary went the full eight rounds, LaGrave being given the decision. Britt took a world of beating, but was game. McFarland and Britt.

CONFIDENT OF WINNING BOUT

Wrestler McLagen, Who Is to Meet Dr. Roller, Has Advantage in Weight.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, April 11.—Victor McLagen, the young giant wrestler, will leave this city for Portland Sunday night. He is to wrestle Dr. Roller there at the Hellig theatre Wednesday night, and McLagen says he is going to win the contest if it is within the power of human strength to do so. He has trained carefully and is in excellent condition. The big fellow says he will go on the mat weighing 215 pounds. This will give him an advantage over the Seattle wrestler of fully 20 pounds, as it is almost impossible for Roller to weigh more than 195 or 200 pounds at the most.
Yesterday McLagen took his customary spin on the South Tacoma bicycle track and in the afternoon he boxed and wrestled for more than an hour. He wrestled with his brother Arthur and with Professor Moore, the wrestling instructor of the local Y. M. C. A., and when he had finished his work on the pad he took on Leo Croft for a whirl with the gloves.
Croft is the amateur heavyweight champion of the Seattle Athletic club and is pretty nifty with his mitts. He and McLagen mixed it in good shape but it was plain that the amateur champion was no match for McLagen, who jabbed him repeatedly with his left and looked him with the right when the boxer came closer together.
Yesterday Dr. Roller phoned to Biddy Bishop, sporting editor of the Tacoma News, asking him if he would consent to referee the contest between himself and McLagen but Bishop declined, saying that it would be impossible for him to act. Roller is worrying about getting a referee who will not stand for rough wrestling, which, he claims, he has been given to understand McLagen will employ.
McLagen stated he would agree to any Portland man who was familiar with the rules, to referee the match. He would accept Bishop, but preferred the Portland man for the reason that the match is to be decided there.
McLagen will complete his training at Tommy Tracey's gymnasium in Portland. A number of local sports will be in Portland Wednesday night to see the wrestling match.
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THE PHYSICIAN-WRESTLER.



Dr. Benjamin Franklin Roller, who meets Victor McLagen at the Hellig theatre on the night of April 15. Roller will leave Seattle for Portland Monday night.