

LATEST Ring Track SPOTTING Field Diamond NEWS

WHILE FAMILY AGT SERVE AS HODOO IN COMING BATTLE

History of Ring Shows Fighting Brothers Have Invariably Been Worsted When One Set Out to Revenge Himself.

By C. E. Van Loan. New York, Feb. 7.—There used to be a man in Chicago whose proud boast it was that he had "paralyzed" three delinquent stores into a system for beating the racket and when he had the system perfected he had no more stores than a jackrabbit.

It is absolutely impossible to dope horses except in true run races barren of racing luck, good or bad. It is also impossible to dope fighters, because you never can tell what a man is going to think when he catches a stiff prod on the point of the chin.

Unique Doping System. I have a letter from a man who figures Johnson to win on the most unique system of dope I have ever heard of. It is good enough to print in the papers:

My Dear Sir—I am not a palmet but I have brought out a new line of thought in connection with the Jeffries-Johnson match which may interest you.

Those Forbes Boys. First we will take Clarence and Harry Forbes. Harry was the bantamweight champion at one time. Clarence fought Frankie Neil, and Neil knocked him out cold.

There are three acts of fighting brothers whose careers I have followed. Of course, there may be other fighting brothers, but these were all famous and at one time or another there was a champion in each family.

Mike Twin Starts It. Then to start the fight year Twin Mike hooked up with Ketchel. Ketchel knocked him kicking with one punch. That was February. In May Jack Twin, the middleweight, went into the ring to square matters for the honor of the Sullivan clan.

Jack Goes in a Punch. Anyway the men fought and Jack Jeffries, hard as he was to stop, was downed by a single jaw punch, which dropped him cold for five minutes.

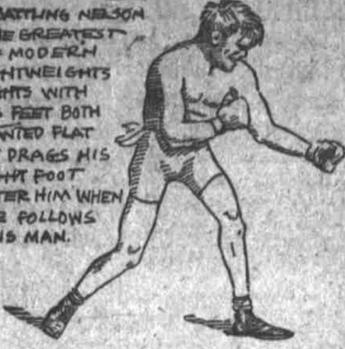
So True Line in Sight. Until two men have been seen in action against each other there is absolutely no true line on the result of a meeting between them. You can't tell what a will do to B because A has whipped C and B hasn't.

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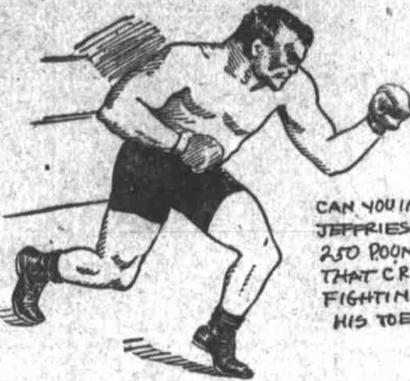
Chemawas Play Ashland. Chemawa, Or., Feb. 7.—The Chemawa Indians will try out this evening with the fast bunch of ball tossers from Ashland, who are touring Oregon.

TAD SHOWS FLATFOOTED POSES OF OUR GREATEST FIGHTERS

BATTING NELSON THE GREATEST OF MODERN LIGHTWEIGHTS FIGHTS WITH HIS FEET BOTH PLANTED FLAT. HE DRAGS HIS RIGHT FOOT AFTER HIM WHEN HE FOLLOWS HIS MAN.

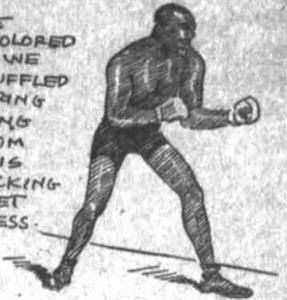


OLD FITZ SET HIS FEET FLAT ON THE FLOOR WHEN HE STARTED TO SLOG. HE PUT ALL OF HIS WEIGHT IN IT THEN.



CAN YOU IMAGINE JEFFRIES WITH HIS 250 POUNDS AND THAT CROUCH FIGHTING UP ON HIS TOES?

JOE GAN'S THE "FINEST" COLORED LIGHTWEIGHT WE EVER SAW SHUFFLED AROUND THE RING SELDOM LIFTING HIS FEET FROM HIS FLOOR. HIS CLEVER BLOCKING WAS THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS.



JACK JOHNSON KNOCKED KETCHEL OUT WHILE HE WAS WAITING WITH HIS FEET PLANTED SOLELY ON THE FLOOR.



The above cartoon repudiates the statement recently made by James J. Corbett, one time heavyweight champion, that no good man ever fought flat-footed. Corbett's contention is that the best fighters worked on their toes. Billy Madden, the veteran trainer, takes exception to this, and says that all the best men in the ring fought flat-footed. Corbett afterward said flat-footed meant defensive fighters.

CUE EXPERT CHANGES POOL GAME

As the balk line revolutionized billiards, so will the proposed new "open break" work a great improvement in the game of continuous pool, according to Thomas Heuston, former pool champion.

Experts who have experimented with it say that Heuston's idea is entirely practicable; that it would make the game more spectacular in that much safety play would be eliminated; that it would permit long runs without the safety pauses, and that among expert players it could be easily manipulated.

Instead of placing the cue ball anywhere behind the first two diamonds at the beginning of each new frame, the player who pockets the last ball in the previous frame continues to shoot from where the cue ball rolls after the final shot in the preceding frame.

It is Heuston's contention that expert players can manipulate their position play so as to pocket the spot ball and at the same time swing into the pyramid with enough force to scatter the balls and thus continue to run without pausing to play safe.



Thomas Heuston.

GREAT "CY" YOUNG LOOKS OVER OREGON

Veteran Big League Pitcher May Settle on Farm at Cove.

Denton Tecumseh Young, known wherever baseball is played as "Cy" Young, tarried a few hours in Portland yesterday, spun a few yarns and then lit out for Biga, Or., to visit a farmer brother and listen for the call of the simple life on a western ranch.

To speak of Cy as declining is almost a sacrilege. Men may come and men may go, but like the babbling stream, Cy goes on forever. Better still, the sage of Olean grows stronger each year. Today there are few better pitchers in the major leagues.

He will go from Cove direct to the south to report to the Naps March 1.

St. Louis now has both Rebel Oakes and Rube Ellis, the two fifty outfielders who went from Los Angeles in one year to the big leagues and stuck fast as jeeches. Originally Cincinnati had both of the ex-Angels but wanted to turn Ellis back to Los Angeles.

Charles Somers of Cleveland says the coast youngsters are always the hardest to sign up, because they are accustomed to getting paid for eight months' work on the coast, and are only offered pay for the sixth month season of the American and National leagues.

Buster Armbruster is keeping himself in splendid trim this winter and some of the fans will be surprised at his showing on the ball lot. Walter McCredie regards Butler as the greatest coach of young pitchers that ever came to the coast and attributes the success of Harkness and Carson to the veteran backstop's careful grooming.

Oto Johnson is rarely seen around the places where the fans love to congregate. All winter long Oto has been in the habit of showing up about once in a week, saying "hello" to his friends and then going back to his solitude.

J. CAL NOW PROMOTING ANOTHER BALL LEAGUE

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—If the efforts of J. Cal Ewing and other baseball promoters are successful, California will have another league under the sponsorship of organized baseball when the season of 1910 opens.

Representative of eight cities which will compose the circuit met last evening and elected officers. E. H. Raymond of Napa was chosen president.

WRESTLER'S BRAUN LIKE MERCURY

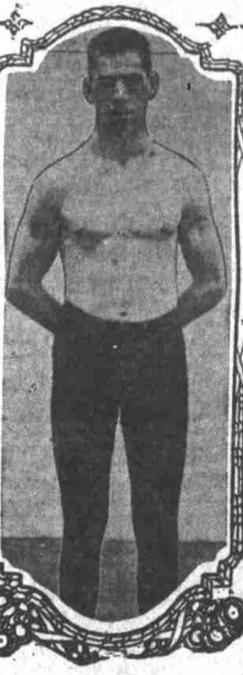
Eddie O'Connell's brawn resembles the mercury in a barometer. One hour he is close to the 142 pounds that he must make for his \$1000 match with the Jap Matsuda in Merrill's hall next Thursday night, and in another he is some six or eight pounds off.

After a hard workout and half an hour in the Turkish baths in the morning he will weigh around 144 pounds, but in the evening he tips the beams at 147 or 148 pounds. It is this that is worrying the Multnomah instructor.

Strong Men Wealings. Eddie made the strong men of the club look like kindergarten pupils yesterday. Some half dozen of them engaged him in a follow-the-leader stunt, with the wrestler as the leader. None of them finished. Some dropped out in the running on the track, while others found the medicine ball their Waterloo.

That O'Connell fears him is shown by the way he is training. He has a long string of victories, his experience on the mat covering many more years than O'Connell's.

Word was sent from Spokane that the Jap and some of his backers would reach Portland Wednesday morning. Among the local Japanese colony much interest is being manifested over the bout, and a number of wagers have been placed by the Japs working about the various hotels with the Caucasian employees.



Eddie O'Connell.

ESPEE HELPING COFFROTH WIN \$1000

San Francisco Fight Promoter Puts One Over on Railroad Company.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Friends of Promoter James Coffroth say he has "put one over" on the Southern Pacific railroad and thereby takes his place today with a small, exclusive and unidentified party of gentlemen who have accomplished that remarkable feat.

The Southern Pacific is bending its best energies to win one thousand dollars for Coffroth, by getting him here before 12 o'clock tomorrow night and thereby winning the bet which Coffroth made in London that he would be in his office in San Francisco at Midnight, February 8.

It is not because the Southern Pacific loves Coffroth—not by any means—but because Coffroth has contrived to attract the attention of the public to the question of whether the Espee's star train, the overland limited, will arrive on time tomorrow evening.

The Overland was two hours late when it pulled out of Omaha last night, but that is a small matter and easily can be made up.

The point is that there must be no delay. The train is due here at 12:00 o'clock tomorrow evening. If it gets in three hours late Coffroth can easily win his bet.

But a teup anywhere along the line would make it hopeless and that is what the Espee is taking special pains to guard against.

Realizing the advertising feature of the stunt the Espee is making to win Coffroth's bet for him and all Coffroth has to do is to look out the window and admire the winter scenery.

DALLAS HAS PERFECT BASKETBALL RECORD

Chemawa, Or., Feb. 7.—The Willamette Valley Basketball league is nearing the completion of its schedule, there being yet 12 games to be played.

Table with columns: P, W, L, P.C. for Dallas College, Philomath College, McMinnville College, Pacific College, Chemawa, Albany College.

This Date in Sport Annals. 1849.—At Rock Point, Md., Tom Hyer defeated Yankee Sullivan in 14 rounds, in fight for \$10,000 purse.

EASTERN LEAGUE SELECTS DATES

(United Press Lined Wire.) Montreal, Quebec, Feb. 7.—The Eastern league owners, after two sessions, adopted a playing schedule for the 1910 season today.

President Powers said tonight that he probably would not again preside at an Eastern league meeting.

HESTER MAKING HIS FINAL PERMIT FIGHT

Wolgast Wants Slice of Picture Money That Bat Regards as Insurance.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—Sid Hester is making his final effort today to secure a permit in San Mateo county for the Nelson-Wolgast fight and with the optimism that has marked his conduct since he began negotiations for the match, the boy promoter, still has hope of landing the coveted document.

Hester went to Redwood City early today to attend the meeting of the board of supervisors and when he boarded the train he stated that he had an even chance of winning out. If he fails he will go to Point Richmond, where a 45 round permit awaits him.

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The Spartans made 20 points from field throws and three from the foul line, Washougal making eight points from the field and two from the foul line. Eleven fouls were called on each team.

The Spartans played one of their fast games, but the fighter home team remained with them and were satisfied to hold them to the lowest score for the season.

The Spartans played their usual lineup. The Washougal team was as follows: Hogford, Starr, Good, Forward; Wall, center; Wood, Palmer, guards.

The Harvester, 3:06 1/2, will go after the stallion record this season. The mark is held by Creecous.