

CAN YOU BEAT IT? AND HIS NAME IS CLARICE--By "Bud" Fisher



LANGFORD HAS BIG SEASON ON HANDS

Boston Black Anxious for Whirl at Jack Johnson at Any Time.

By W. W. Naughton. Los Angeles, March 21.—Sam Langford, who defeated Jim Flynn so signally at Los Angeles St. Patrick's day is not likely to find the time hanging heavily on his hands. Manager Woodman is receiving telegrams from promoters all over the country, and it is very evident that Langford is regarded as an excellent card. It almost seems as if Sam for a while might do his own picking and choosing in regard to his opponents, although of course, there is high class pugilistic company where Sam will receive very little attention.

Langford has already agreed to meet two men within the next six weeks. He will box Jim Barry 20 rounds at McCarrey's Vernon arena, Los Angeles, on April 5, and on April 27 he will meet Stanley Ketchel in a six round fight in Philadelphia. The latter event, by the way, bears about the same relation to a regulation prize fight as an oyster cocktail does to an aldermanic banquet, but that's another story, and will be dealt with at another time.

Talks of Big Fight. Of the prospects of a fight between Jack Johnson and Langford, Woodman is never done talking. He thinks the pair will be seen in a ring somewhere about next Labor day. This is the way Woodman reasons the thing out.

"Jeffries will surely whip Johnson, and then we will see Johnson on his feet, easy to approach on the subject of a match with Langford. Our reason for thinking that Jeffries will defeat Johnson is that I believe Langford is a better man than Johnson, and I do not dream for a moment that Langford as a fighter could hold a candle to Jeffries."

"Of course, if Johnson should happen to down Jeffries, it will not deter us from camping on Johnson's trail. No matter whom Johnson defeats, I will still be of the opinion that Langford is Johnson's master. I simply think it is not on the cards for Johnson to defeat Jeffries, and, as I figure that Johnson will be ready to fight with somebody a couple of months after the Fourth of July affair, I incline to the opinion that a Langford-Johnson match will be one of the star events of next September."

Woodman makes no bones about saying that Johnson is afraid of Langford.

Decision Years Ago. "You will not forget," said Woodman, "that whenever Johnson was asked who he did not fight Langford, he replied, 'I've kicked him once, and don't want anything more to do with him.' Now to begin with that's not true. Johnson gained a decision over Sam on points once in a 15 round bout at Chelsea, but there was no kicking attached to it. That's not where the joke is, however."

"Anyone who knows anything about Johnson's record knows that he has been losing the most men down and over again. It would be hard to keep track of the times he has fought Sandy Ferguson, Sam McVey, Joe Penante and a few others. Such being the case, why should he refuse to meet Langford a second time? There is only one answer to the question, and that is, Johnson doesn't relish the idea of running against my coming world's champion."

Ad Wolgast says he will not meet Battling Nelson until next fall.



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RAIN STOPS BEAVERS; GOSSIP FROM TOSSERS

Special Correspondence. San Jose, March 21.—More rain fell in San Jose yesterday and the Sunday game was also canceled. The Beavers leave this morning for Madera, where they play Wednesday with the nine at that place. The date at Modesto was called off and McCreddie will fill in at Madera with a practice game between the Regulars and the Yarnigans so as to lose no time for workout on the trip. While McCreddie did not make as much money in San Jose as he anticipated, what he got from the two games played here will go a good ways toward paying the expense of the training trip. If he runs into no more stormy weather he still hopes to come out pretty nearly even on his \$1500 expenses.

Netzel's Introduction. Pretzel Netzel's introduction to the Portland players was somewhat funny. When the bunch, with which Netzel was delayed at Ogden arrived in Santa Maria at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the Dutchman immediately hit out for the park, being the only one of the arrivals to show up. He afterwards explained that he wanted to take a shower. Nobody had ever seen him before, and he caused a stir when he entered the clubhouse with his uniform roll. "Whom have we here," was Gus Fisher's salutation. Netzel, who is quiet even if he is somewhat of a talker, answered in a long time. In a quiet way until they threatened to roughhouse him unless he told his name. This had a good effect and there was handshaking all around.

About Bill Rapps. Bill Rapps is as dark as a Spaniard and as graceful as an American Indian. On the field he is as full of tobacco as a West Point cadet, but off he is almost as quiet as Jesse Garrett.

Real Story Teller. Manager McCreddie is the real story teller on the team. Whenever anybody comes up the big fellow always has a yarn to spring. Some of his entertainment is quite original.

McCreddie Regular Martinet. By the way, Manager Mac is getting to be a regular martinet on the training field. Mac joshes as much as anybody off the field or in the clubhouse, but once out at work his men is forbidding. Nobody dares take any liberties with him. He talks to the oldest player on the club about as cleverly as the youngest hustler. His instructions are quick and snappy and he has the bushes jumping sideways. Experience has taught him that this is more effective than talking gently to the new ones.

Here's a Lovely One, Girls. Oh, girls! Just wait till you see Ernest Krapp. He is a regular Gladstone Graney. He's a boyish, good-looking fellow with a quiet disposition and if he weathers the training season it'll be a mortal clinch that a feminine sledge will be made on his heartstrings.

Howard Guya Turns Slowly. The showing of Howard Guya has not been as promising as McCreddie would like. He is in splendid condition, but does not seem able to get his control when he cuts loose with the ball. He is hitting nicely and is a pretty fielder and that may hold him in his job until he can gather his pitching accessories.

Pitchers Almost Sure. Those pitchers who are almost sure of their berth now for a couple of months at least are Garrett, Kratzberg, Stein, Krapp, Ryan and Harman. This next spring up above all the others Tom Souton had a setback in the San Jose game. He had no form at all and will have to go a while longer before he can get up with those already named. He is showing much better of late and it looks as if he will give some of the regulars a run.

Armbruster Shows Much. Manager McCreddie doesn't hesitate to say that "Dutch" Armbruster has shown him more to date than at any time since he joined the club. Fisher is working nicely but has not reached the form of last year. Murray is working good as a reliever but has not done anything with the stick. Fisher has also slumped with his batting. Armbruster is hitting and throwing to second as he did in the old days with Boston. He used to be particularly noted for his quick arm and it has returned to him since he mounted the springing cart.

Ort Hits High Ones. George Ort would be a more valuable man to the club and better secure his utility position if he tried to keep the ball on the ground. He is inclined to hit them all in the air and more often than not they light in some waiting fielder's jaws. He takes a wild, high swing on the ball and is giving the pitchers have got on to his weakness. McCreddie is trying to correct this fault. Ort is fielding much better now.

Garrett and His Bark. Here's one you forgot to tell about that occurred in the first Regular exhibition game at Santa Maria. Casey chose the saliva artist, to pitch his first five innings. When Jess showed his hand into his pistol pocket he discovered somebody had been there before him and stepped all his upper limb, a succulent bait that Jess used to provide moisture for his spitball. He accused Buddy Ryan of poisoning the stuff. At any rate the Yarnigans made something a homey by Ryan, and there were no spitballs served that day.

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JOHNSON SNORTS AT GLEASON'S SAY

Colored Champion Knows a Thing or Two About Training for Fights.

Chicago, March 21.—Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight, was indignant today when told that Promoter Jack Gleason now enroute for Chicago might attempt to compel him to go into training 90 days before the fight. "If Gleason or anybody else thinks they can make me train three months for this fight they are crazy," said the so-called champion. Johnson said that he had fought enough battles to know just how long it will take him to get into condition and that the time necessary was not three months. He all probability, however, Johnson will be seen tracking westward toward the broad Pacific before many moons and the fans are of the opinion that he will be in training within the prescribed three months limit, despite his declarations to the contrary.

Alleged Forger Caught. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Hermiston, Or., March 21.—Deputy Sheriff Ross Newport has captured A. C. Smith, who it is alleged passed several checks on the merchants of Portland. For the past two years officers in the northwest have been looking for this man, and Officer Newport had the description of the man and located him in this city yesterday. Smith was in jail when the break was effected at Pendleton.

Second Baseman Peckinpah is doing nice work with the Cleveland Naps at Alexandria.

CHIMMIE'S COLUMN

Tonight is the night, at the Exposition rink. The Rose City smoker will have something doing every minute.

The latest dispatches from Los Angeles, have Billy Sullivan, the White Sox catcher, in danger of losing his leg on account of blood poisoning, he contracted by stepping on a nail.

The way that McCreddie is hitting the sphere would indicate that the "chief" has his lamps on the ball for all time.

There never was any question regarding Olsen's ability to make the team. He is such a cute boy, too.

Jess Garrett will have some juice on that spitter of his and will have the batsmen crazy looking for the "dry side of the ball."

Nothing kidding on that old talk about second place for the Beavers. Six on that stuff. First or nothing.

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BOXERS IN PERFECT CONDITION TONIGHT

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SULLIVAN WILL NOT LOSE LIFE OR LIMB

Los Angeles, March 21.—Although Billy Sullivan, the White Sox veteran catcher, is still in a serious condition at the Clara Barton hospital, the report that he will lose his leg if his life is to be saved was declared today unfounded.

Sullivan stepped on a rusty nail while at practice more than a week ago and two operations, necessitated by blood poisoning, were performed.

It was feared last week that amputation might be necessary. Mrs. Sullivan, who came from Chicago to be with her husband, stated today that his condition is satisfactory although he probably will have to remain in the hospital three weeks.

Connel Bluffs, Iowa, March 21.—After having swindled people out of \$5,000,000, John C. Maybray and 13 of his associates have been convicted in the United States district court. Illegal use of the mails was the direct cause under which conviction was had.

Shortly before noon yesterday the jury returned a verdict of guilty against John C. Maybray, Leon Loser, Thomas S. Robinson, Willard Powell, Clarence Chase, Edward Leach, Edward K. Morris, Robert, Clarence Forbes, Harry Forbes, Frank Scott, Edward McCoy, W. S. Harris, Bert R. Shores and William Marsh. The latter three practically pleaded guilty to the charge. Two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 is the maximum penalty that can be inflicted in each case.

The Maybray gang had laid carefully and brazenly plans to rob people through prize fighting, foot racing, wrestling, wire tapping, horse racing and other sporting events. The scheme comprehended work in every state and in all the large cities.

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EASTERN TURF MEN LOOK FOR BIG YEAR

Tracks Pool Interest for Summer Racing and Management Looks for Coin.

New York, March 21.—Eastern turfmen are looking forward to the best year for the sport of kings which has been enjoyed by followers of racing since the fierce war against the track began several years ago.

While it is true that the managements of several of the eastern tracks do not believe their properties will pay any dividends this year they do hope that they make expenses, and expect a good attendance.

Brighton, Empire City, Jamaica and Aqueduct, with thrifty prudence, have pooled their interests, and as a result while they may not make money, none of them is likely to suffer a heavy loss. These four tracks have allotted to them 80 days of racing—Aqueduct and Jamaica, 28 days each; Empire City, 12 days, and Brighton, 14 days. The last two tracks declined to hold fall meetings, and it was on this decision that the suggestion was made that the four tracks pool their interests.

It is easy to understand how difficult it is for a race track in the east to make money since the regular betting was barred. Every race goes probably knows that one of the biggest revenues of a track in the old days came from the bookmakers, who paid high for their privilege.

When regular betting was done away with the receipts of the race track fell off at once. And to make matters worse the attendance, too, fell off for a time. Last year, however, the attendance began to build up again, and a big patronage is looked for this year.

COMMUTER LEWIS GOES TO VANCOUVER'S CLUB

Vancouver, B. C., March 21.—Manager Bob Brown, of the Vancouver baseball team, announced today that he has completed a deal whereby Charlie Lewis, the star catcher of the Oakland Pacific Coast league team for two seasons, will don the uniform of the Beavers this year. Lewis led the coast league last year and the year previous in catching and is considered by Brown an invaluable acquisition to his bunch of ball tossers.

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KLING'S CHANCES OF GETTING BACK POOR

Chicago, March 21.—Local fans are of the opinion that the chances of Catcher Johnny Kling for reinstatement by the National Commission are poor. They base their opinion on the fact that the commission has been very slow in reaching a decision regarding Kling's case.

According to dispatches from Cincinnati last week the commission was to meet at Redwood Tuesday and decide on Kling. Something must have occurred, for no decision was made, for the simple reason that no notice of the meeting was issued.

It is believed that Kling is reluctant, usually he is outspoken and his unusual attitude is taken to indicate that Kling is having trouble in getting back into the game.

Mark Twain—A Thing Apart. From the Los Angeles Times. As long as the American still remains a distinct type, Mr. Clemens' works will live as the sturdy ancestors of American literature.

He has been more than a funny man. Nearly any writer can be funny. Being funny is about the easiest accomplishment of a pen. That it was quaintly, deliciously funny was the least of the virtues of Tom Sawyer, or of Huckleberry Finn, and in spite of all the other books Mark Twain has written, these two pictures of life in America before it was crowded to suffocation by European immigrants, will remain as his monument.

Books are written every year by the ton. There are so many books turned out that it makes one physically weary to think of them. But they all flow by or stagnate in puddles and Tom Sawyer still stands there.

John has produced a Kipling, and we have produced a Mark Twain. There is no such thing as being "as good as" or "better than" or "comparable with" them. They are just Mark Twain, who stands by himself in our literature, a thing apart.

Robt. Marquard of the Clients, is pitching like a \$11,000 beauty at Marlin, Texas.