

ELIMINATION FIGHTING S DEVICES AND SNARE FOR FAVORITE DOLLARS

NOTED CRITIC CAN'T SEE GOOD IN MIDDLE CONTESTS

By W. W. Naughton. (By the International News Service.) San Francisco, Cal., April 6.—The so-called elimination tournaments are a delusion and a snare. Like the... The best in store for any one who follows them is a glimpse of a mirage or something equally unstable and misleading.

Work Up Interest. The main purpose of elimination tournaments is to give promoters a chance to work up interest in the operations of a series of no good fighters. Just at present two big western main events are in the throes of middleweight elimination tournaments. McCarty of Los Angeles is running one, and Coffroth of San Francisco the other.

Klaus Disappoints. Klaus came to us heralded as the most promising middleweight in sight, with the possible exception of Eddie McGearty, and he has proved a good deal of a disappointment. In his first encounter he wasn't equal to the task of stopping the fellow who wears a blue jacket's uniform between matches and who knows more about the dog watch than he does about the technique of fighting.

It is said now that there is some hitch over the bringing together of Klaus and McGearty. They may box later in the year, but if the bout falls through together, so far as San Francisco is concerned no particular disappointment will be felt around here.

No Great Shakes. The local fight followers know nothing about McGearty, but if he is merely a rival of Klaus—and the term rival carries the usual suggestion of something approaching equality—it is felt that McGearty can be no great shakes. California patrons of boxing feel rather keenly the outlook of the middleweight class. With a cessation of activity among the lightweights, with the featherweight problem nearly worked out and with the heavyweight situation all head and tail on account of the main event of the year, it was thought that the middleweight class would be able to keep the ball rolling and supply good entertainment. But, judging from what has happened so far, the middleweights are a poor lot.

What would Stanley Ketchel have done to poor Dillon and Klaus? asked the man coming away from Coffroth's arena. "No Reason for Felling." "No reason for felling," said the man who was fighting well, or Hugo Kelley in his prime?" remarked another. "Of course, if a fellow recalls the boxer of even a year or two ago, he is accused of being in the past, but why should there be such a falling away in fighters when the world is progressing by leaps and bounds in every other direction?"

The middleweight division is certainly in an endemic condition and needs an infusion of new blood—good hot fighting blood at that. That there will be a Klaus-McGearty match is inevitable and it may be that Klaus will show better than he has yet done, but in the meantime there is suspicion that Mike Gibbons is the youngster who is likely to inject a little ginger into middleweight pugilism.

Word has been received here that Gibbons, finding himself growing heavier, is going to lose his champion to middleweight alley and give McGearty or the next best man to boot it. And, with no knowledge of Gibbons apart from what he has accomplished with the welter, there is more speculation in the west as to what would happen if McGearty and Gibbons got together than attaches to the contemplation of a Klaus-McGearty clash.

It is said that some foreigners will happen along presently. Dave Smith, the Australian champion, is expected and George Carpenter, the Frenchman, has threatened to invade America. But there is doubt as to whether Smith or Carpenter can bona fide middleweights. If they can conform to the 154 pound standard, they should be given a royal welcome, for even the most optimistic must admit that the middleweight class is in a moribund condition just at present.

Seven American Clubs "Lay For" Champs

Connie Mack, shrewd manager of the world's champion Athletics, watching his team from the bench, and three of his trump cards. Above is J. Franklin Baker, otherwise known as "home run" and "good-night" Baker, who holds down third base on the Philadelphia machine. Below are Eddie Collins, crack second baseman (at the left) and Chief Charles Arthur Bender, the great Indian right hander.



By Monty. New York, April 6.—"Beat Connie Mack!"

From all corners of the American league comes the cry to raise the Seven clubs have adopted the slogan, and they will fight to the bitter end to oust the world's champions from the title on which they have had a strange hold for the last two years.

The Athletics against the field. The Athletics are expected to develop a situation unprecedented in the history of big league baseball. The Philadelphia machine, almost universally conceded to be the superior of any other team that will do business this year, is confronted with the stern likelihood of having to lose the championship while still possessing "something on" every one of its competitors.

Every Manager After Him. Every manager in the league has his heart set on trouncing the Quakerstown team. The reason is self-evident. A single victory over the Athletics means more prestige—with consequent increased admission fees—than two wins over any other outfit.

So Connie Mack can reconcile himself to the dismal acknowledgment that his braves will be pitted against the best that can be presented by the hostile camp every time his men trot out to the greenward to do battle. The chief feature of these tactics will be seen in the saving up by each team of its best pitchers for the clashes with the Mackmen.

When the Athletics meet the lowly Washington team, for instance, they will face something more than a group of cellar division misfits. It will be the Athletics versus Walter Johnson, with the betting at even money. When they encounter the Boston Red Sox, Joe Wood will be found on the slab. Cleveland will send forward Ivanhoe Gimmore, New York will nominate Russell Ford.

AGGIE TRACK TEAM WILL BE WEAK IN COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEETING

COLLEGE RUNNING TRACK IN NO SHAPE FOR PRACTICE

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., April 6.—The Oregon Agricultural college will send 12 and possibly 18 men to compete in the Columbia Track Meet to be held at Portland on April 13. The prospects for a winning team are very low, as the Aggies will be without the help of George McFarland, the sure point winner in the broad jump and 128 yard dash, who will eliminate them from all chances at a first place, except in the 150 and 200 yard dashes, in which they will be represented by John Baker, who won the 200 in the most paid (three last year).

Distance Events Worry. The 440 and 880 yard events are causing Coach Swann a great deal of worry because of the small number of men not for these distances. "Whirling" Hernandez, the midday quarter on the football team, and "Red" Wallace are the only contestants for the former run, and Smith is a promising man in the latter. Hubert Williams, who holds the college record in the mile, is being shifted to the half, in hope that he will fill up the gap in the team at that position.

later in the season. Weatherford, in the 220, is showing up very well, but the meet Saturday these men will not be in condition, as the track practice has just started this week, the men having been running on the turf of the campus this week.

Powell, a freshman, has been showing up well in the high jump this past week, and is a possible choice for the team which will journey to Portland Saturday. Larsen, another new man, is making a strong bid for a berth on the varsity in that capacity.

WASHINGTON TEAM STRONG THIS YEAR

Coach Veatch Has Practically Settled Upon Men for Games.

The Washington High school track and field team for the coming season has practically been selected by Coach Veatch. Coach Veatch has been showing excellent form this season and Adams and Smock have also been doing good work.

DUNNE TO REQUEST PAYMENT OF FARE

Portland Man Thinks Westerners Should Be Taken to New York.

A meeting of the Western Selection committee of the Amateur Athletic Union for the Olympic games of 1913 will be held in San Francisco about May 18 or 17 next at that time.

TRIPLE B QUINTET MAY PLAY LOCALS

Billings Basketball Team Anxious to Joust With Multnomah Club Five.

The famous Triple B basketball team of Billings, Montana, may be seen in action here during the Elks' reunion which the Multnomah club quintet, if present plans do not miscarry.

HIP! IPI! 'URRAY SUN. GAMES OPEN

Multnomah League Promises to Be Hummer During the Coming Season.

New members of the Multnomah club who can stop and throw a baseball and handle the war club are earnestly requested to tryout for positions for the Sunday Morning league teams.

PRESENT DAY BOXERS LACK GRAY MATTER

Jack McAuliffe, the only retired, undefeated world's champion, gives his views of the abilities of the present-day fighter compared with the men of his period. During his brilliant career McAuliffe met the best and they all fell before his skill and strength.

While at the zenith of his career, McAuliffe met foemen who were more dangerous than they appeared. The strength exceeded his, but when it came down to the test McAuliffe always made his study of the many fine points of the game prove too much for his opponent's physical advantage.

By Jack McAuliffe. New York, April 6.—I was asked the other day if the fighter of the present time has improved over the fighter of the previous generation. "Fighter" is a word that covers a lot of ground. Now, no disrespect to the so-called champions or near-champions, especially in my class, I having been the first lightweight champion under the Marquis of Queensberry rules.

After being in retirement fifteen years I put on the gloves a few weeks ago with Knockout Brown, at the Fairmont A. C., for my own enlightenment, to see if the boys of the present time were like the old timers. Being more jealous of my old division, I took particular pains to find out how the newcomers box. In Knockout Brown I found everything that goes into making a champion so far as strength, gameness and speed are concerned.

Without brains it is impossible to make a finished boxer or a fighter. In the old days men were taught the art of self-defense. Naturally, they were finished artists when they entered the ring. In these times, take a strong young man, put the gloves on with him and if his wind is good he will travel six or ten rounds at siambang pace. Stop him in one of the rounds—ask him why he led his right or left, why he stopped at times. He would not be able to tell you. That all comes from the lack of learning the rudiments of boxing.

SELLWOOD JUNIORS BASKET CHAMPIONS

The Sellwood Y. M. C. A. Junior Leaders held the basketball championship of the city for the past season. The Juniors have not lost a game and have won three exhibitions and are arranging for the fourth, in tumbling, horizontal bar, parallel bars, and pyramids.

self defense." He laughed. A few nights later he went to Philadelphia, met a strong youth who tired him early, and Lavigne had to scramble through the best he knew how. If he knew self defense it would have been different. That little falling coat Lavigne money and prestige.

Peter Maher was another case. He said Maher was "yellow." He wasn't but he never knew really how to defend himself. I seconded him in his fight with George Godfrey in Boston. After the third round he was so winded that he honestly thought he was a beaten man. I was surprised at Peter for not knowing how to use his gray matter.

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