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OLD TIME BOXING MANAGER AND HIS LONDON PROTEGE ARE HERE



Ringside followers of a quarter of a century ago may shake hands this week with Zeke Abrams, former manager of Solly Smith, Abe Attell and Jack Johnson, who brought Danny Frush, the English featherweight, to Portland to meet Joe Gorman at the next show of the Municipal Boxing commission. Frush has been beating all of the boys around San Francisco on his tour of the West, and Gorman appears to be in for a busy session.

WEDNESDAY MITT CARD LOOKS BEST OF BOXING SEASON

Matchmaker Henry Has Some Classy Material Headed This Way, Veteran Zeke Abrams and Danny Frush, Briton, Arrive for Gorman Bout, Which Should Be Hummer.

By R. A. Cronin

FROM where we sit, it looks very much as if Gee Percival Henry, the dapper little matchmaker of the municipal boxing commission, had matched up the best card in his short and interesting career as mixologist for the organization.

Gee Percival is introducing a flock of outsiders who, you might say, have been decorated with the order of pour le merite for bravery in the ring. And he has also brought to town as an added attraction one Zeke Abrams, the only manager in captivity who has led four champions, Solly Smith, who won the featherweight title from George Dixon; Australian Billy Murphy, who also won the feather title and the Richard K. Fox belt from the Belfast spider; Abe Attell, the long time feather title holder, and Jack Johnson.

Abrams had Johnson when the big negro was chasing Tommy Burns around the country after a match, finally sending him to Australia to take Burns' title in the Sydney stadium.

Abrams did not accompany Johnson for the reason that a daughter was born in his family a few days before they were ready to sail and he preferred to stay at home. He tore up Jack's contract and declares him a free lance, following which Johnson picked up Sam Fitzpatrick as manager.

Abrams is an uncle of Captain Jack Speler, the Portland harbor-master. He enjoyed visits from a number of the old timers yesterday at the Imperial, and his stay in Portland is bound to be pleasant for him—that is, if Danny Frush succeeds in taking the measure of Joe Gorman next Wednesday night in the Hellig.

It's Double Main Event Frush is billed in the double main event, the other pair being Jake Abel of Chattanooga, Tenn., who won the welterweight belt at the intercollegiate boxing tournament in London, and Tillie Herman, the local welterweight. Abel is one of the classiest boys of his weight in the country. It took Ted Lewis 10 hard rounds to gain a decision over him and he has beaten such fellows as Joe Mandot and Johnny Griffith.

It looks as if Herman is in for the time of his life when he tangles with Jake, judging from the latter's advance notices. Abel is due in tonight from the south.

Regardless of the fact that Alex Trambitas whaled Steve Dalton Friday night in San Francisco, the bout with Tillie should be a good one. Dalton is a rough and tumble fighter and it was expected that the clever Trambitas would beat him. But Tillie beating Dalton is a question, as they fight along the same lines.

It is expected that the Billy George-Pat Bradley bout will be another slam bang affair that will delight the fans.

Stanley Willis will meet the veteran Lee Johnson, and George Franklin, the jockey, will take on Billy Ryan.

Johnny Schauer Arrives Among the arrivals in our fair city yesterday was Mike McNulty, the St. Paul manager, bringing one of his string of boxers for a seeking tour of the Northwest. The boxer is Johnny Schauer, who looks as if he might cut up a few of the coast boys.

Schauer is ready to meet any of the lightweights on the slope. He is not unknown out here, having boxed in San Francisco and Oakland and has decisions over Joe Miller, Battling Rudy and Willie Robinson.

Will Stay Till June We saw Jack Fahie in San Francisco during the week and he informs us that he and the Trambitas boys, Valley and Alex, intended remaining in California until June. Valley is quite a favorite there and made a big hit when he jumped in at the eleventh hour and saved the soldiers' benefit show for Captain Dan O'Brien, boxing a draw with Kaye Kravonko, who was to have met Battling Ortega.

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Bet Is on Hoss Race and Tommy Burns Is Freed

San Francisco, April 12.—Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion pugilist, was discharged in the police court yesterday on a charge of passing an alleged worthless check for \$225 on a local cigar dealer.

Burns, who is known in private life as Noah Brasso, was recently brought here from Los Angeles after a warrant for his arrest had been issued. It was partially admitted at the hearing that the check in question was given to be placed on a horse race.

FOREIGN MEN WANT A CHANCE

European Battlers Would Like to Try for Heavyweight Championship Crown.

By Des E. Chamberlain LONDON, April 12.—(U. P.)—(By Mail)—American monopolization of the world's heavyweight championship may soon be challenged by Britain or France.

While Americans are centering their attention on the coming battle between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey, British fans are quietly staging a series of elimination contests among its best heavies, with a view to pitting the best man against Georges Carpentier, famous French fighter.

So far the contests have resulted in placing Joe Beckett, who served through the war as a non-commissioned officer in the British air force, at the top of the list, and the elimination of Charlie Wells, who lost the British championship to Beckett in February.

Goddard in Way Only one man stands in the way of Beckett getting a crack at Carpentier. He is Frank Goddard, who met soon. The winner will meet Carpentier in a 20 round bout here in the autumn for the European championship. The winner of this bout will invade the United States under the direction of Charles B. Cochran, wealthy theatrical man and a keen fight fan.

Cochran has been instrumental in boosting the fight game here and it is not unlikely that he will be able to put up a big purse for a long bout with an American before a London crowd. There is a good reason to believe a bout with Willard or Dempsey may be staged.

Just what chances any of these European stars would have against Willard or Dempsey is hard to figure. Carpentier looks fit and the question would be whether his cleverness would be able to offset the weight of his American opponent. A match between Mike Gibbons and Carpentier would probably be more interesting than a fight with Beckett. Such a scrap is not improbable, as Eddie Kane, Mike's manager, told the United Press when he was abroad that he had had an offer to match Gibbons with the Frenchman. It was proposed to stage the fight here.

Beckett a Fighter Beckett is more of a fighter than he is a boxer. His best punch is a left hook. But he also has a good right. He doesn't hit as hard as he looks like to start.

British fans would like to see Beckett meet Willard. Jess isn't overly-loved by British sporting critics, who seem to think he has the money itch. But give these Britons reason to believe one of their countrymen has a chance to cop the title and Willard or Dempsey may have a chance to gather in a fortune.

Efforts to match Jimmy Wilde, the flyweight champion, with Pal Moore, the American bantam, are still being made. Cochran says the only hitch is the "unreasonable terms" Moore demands.

Philadelphia Will Build Motordrome

Philadelphia is to have a new motordrome at Point Breeze Park. It will be six-tenths of a mile long and will follow the same plan as the Ponce de Leon motordrome of Paris, the speedway being egg-shaped, having two 165-yard straight ways, with two hairpin turns. It will be operated by the Cyclone Racing association and will be a member of the circuit including Boston, Newark, Brighton Beach, Milwaukee and San Francisco. It will open May 30.

New Faces in Marathon

Many new faces will be seen in the Ashland to Boston marathon race on April 19 and only a few of the athletes who have made history in that famous test in the past will run this season. Many of the athletes are serving with the army in foreign lands.

GEORGIA OUT AFTER PITT TEAM

Golden Tornado Gridiron Team Seeks Revenge for 1918 Defeat; Heisman to Return.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Pittsburg would better look to its laurels, for Georgia Tech has a rip-roaring eleven in the making, which will be 35 per cent stronger than the one of last season. Tech journeys to Pittsburg again next fall for its second meeting with the Panthers, and throughout the 1918 season they will concentrate their efforts toward perfection for the Panther game.

Coach Heisman is positively coming back to Tech. He has written the authorities of the local institution that, although he had received other offers, he would return to his old place, a salary boost probably playing a big part in his decision to return.

Indian to Be Missed Joe Guyon, the fleet-footed Indian whom Walter Camp left off his All-America entirely and selected Ralph Flowers instead, will not be back at Tech next fall.

The redskin is now in New Mexico, where he owns a ranch. To retain this property he is compelled to remain on it for six months of each year. Although a star baseball player, Joe had to leave school and go out to his ranch. The ruling of the S. L. A. A. that the 1918 season would be thrown out gives Guyon another year at Tech, but he will not play again.

Old Stars Return

However, several of the old stars of 1917 will be back in school. "Dip" Phillips, All-America center of 1917, who entered the marines, will be out for the berth. Herschel Day, 1918 All-America center, is back again, and he probably will be shifted to a guard or tackle position. Everett Strupper, the famous halfback, who has been in the army, is expected to return, and, in addition, the Backets will have Ralph Flowers, Judy Harlan, who played with the Cleveland naval reserves in 1918; "Shorty" Gull, a star back; Ham Dowling, the giant linebacker who left school in midseason of 1918, and John Rogers, another husky tackle.

Frank Ferst, Brainard Adams, Wally Smith and several other good men of the 1918 backfield, will be out again for positions. Bill Fincher, captain and end of last season, will not return.

Referee Is Veteran

J. T. Howcroft, who refereed the inter-league soccer match between the English and Scottish league teams recently, is in his 21st year as a soccer league referee. It was his 21st international or inter-league match.

DENNANT PROSPECTS for 1919

HUGO BEZDEK faced much the same kind of a problem that other major league managers were called upon to face when the training season opened—uncertainty whether or not some of the players he was depending on would be mustered out of the service in time to start the 1919 campaign.

Two of the Pirates in service, and both in France when the team went to Birmingham, were Pitchers Elmer Ponder and Harold Carlson. Carlson, in particular, looks good to Bezdek. Then there were other players who were figured as uncertainties. Bill McKechnie, one of Hugo's infielders, decided at the last moment to quit the game and go into business.

Sweeney to Help

The Pirate catching staff was another bugbear confronting the erstwhile great backfield man of the Chicago university football champs of other days. Finally a trade was made with Toledo, which assured the Pirates of a seasoned catcher to help Schmidt and Smith. The Pirates got Ed Sweeney, the veteran ex-Yankee, trading Hoke Warner and Gus Getz to Toledo for the backstop.

With the catching staff rounded out by Sweeney's addition the Pirates seem pretty well fixed, though none of their big mitt artists is exceptionally brilliant.

The infield, as it will probably be made up when Pittsburg opens the season, will consist of Mollwitz on first base, Cutshaw on second, Catton at short and Boeckel at third. Once again the Pirates may be said to have a combination that in itself is well balanced, though not a world-beater by any means.

Star Ball Player Retires From Game To Enter Business

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Alfred von Kolnitz of the White Sox will not return to baseball this season. The major leaguer enlisted in the army as a private at the close of last season, and, although he was never sent overseas, he proved to be a valuable asset to Uncle Sam, acting as a flying instructor at Camp Gordon, Georgia. When the armistice was signed he was a major and was recently retired as a lieutenant colonel. He is at present at his home in Charleston, S. C., and in a few weeks will move to Pennsylvania, where he will be put in charge of his father's business interests. Kid Gleason, manager of the White Sox, has made an unsuccessful attempt to lure the player back to the diamond.

Bender Is Crack Shot

Chief Charles Albert Bender, famous as a pitcher for the world's champion Philadelphia Athletic baseball team, has three times in succession in weekly stunts broken his quota of 50 targets without a miss.

MINTING WILL RACE THIS YEAR

Young Colt Secured for One Dollar Entered in Grand Circuit Events.

THIRTY-FIVE years ago the name of Mintage was flashed around the world when he won the English Derby. His victory, however, will not be a marker to what is expected of another colt now bearing the same name, which will start in the William Penn purse for two-year-old trotters at Philadelphia's Grand Circuit meeting next August.

This Mintage was bred at Naiswick farm and was got by Sidney Dillon out of The Leading Lady, 2:07, by Bingen. His ownership was transferred for a dollar. It was brought about last year when Al Saunders was giving a Bay Cross meeting at Belmont Park. In order to boost the gate receipts, A. B. Cox presented the colt, and each one who contributed a dollar was given a numbered ticket, a duplicate of which was dropped in a bag.

Refuses Good Offer

When the selling stopped, E. T. Stotenburg selected one of the tickets at random and the holder of the corresponding number became the owner of Mintage. It proved to be Gus Wilson of Frankfort, Pa. He was offered \$200 for the youngster, but refused it. Later on he formed a partnership with Herman Smith, who will look after the development and racing of Mintage. That the colt has not been idle during the winter months is evidenced by the fact that he worked a mile to a high wheel cart on March 24 in 2:43.

Has Chance to Win

During the next four months Mintage will be trained to meet the fastest youngsters in the country, and as he comes from a family with the "winning habit" in colt stakes, he has a chance to become a real star. Young Precece will thrill the race goers just as the Santa Claus colt William Penn did at Lexington in 1892, when he won two races inside of five days from the best two-year-olds in training.

Promising Rider Signs '19 Contract

New York, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Walter J. Salmon obtained a promising rider when he signed Godfrey Precece Jr. for the coming season. Precece was second on the list of winning jockeys at New Orleans, although he did not go there until late in the season. Godfrey and his brother, Quintin Precece, were two of the best youngsters riding on local tracks last year, and both promise to become real stars. Young Precece will have some good horses to pilot for his employer this season, as Mr. Salmon has strengthened his string considerably during the winter months.

Harvard Coach to Help Union Club

Coach William Halmes of the Harvard university rowing squad will also look after the development of the Union B. C. of Boston. The club's senior eight is steered by Charles B. Lund, who stroked the Harvard crew which won the Grand Challenge cup in the Royal English Henley in 1914. Its only engagement so far is in the American Henley regatta at Philadelphia, May 31.

STAR NATATORS OF NORTHWEST WILL COME FOR RACING

Chairman Hosford of Multnomah Club Is in Communication With Big Clubs and Answers Are Favorable for Large Outside Entry List; Swimmers Turn to the Out of Doors.

SWIMMERS and divers from all amateur clubs in the Northwest will be entered in the annual Pacific Northwest association championships to be staged under the auspices of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club Saturday, May 3.

Chairman O. J. Hosford of the swimming committee is in communication with Dan Salt of the Crystal Plunge of Seattle and he expects that Seattle club to send at least four prominent swimmers to Portland. The Vancouver and Victoria clubs will be represented by their best performers and the Spokane Amateur Athletic club will send a team of four men to the meet.

It would not be surprising to see some records fall this year. Myron Wilsey, who hung up a new state record for the 500-yard event a short time ago, will go after the 500-yard P. N. A. record which was made in 1914 by Norman Ross, who is now representing the Illinois Athletic club.

The present P. N. A. records are: 50 yards—28 1-5 seconds; J. McMurray, M. A. A. C., 1914. 100 yards—1 minute, 1 second; Norman Ross, M. A. A. C., 1914. 500 yards—7 minutes and 31 seconds; N. Ross, M. A. A. C., 1914. 50 yards (women)—38 seconds; Mrs. G. Putnam, 1917.

No records are listed among the association marks for the 200 and 100-yard back stroke events. The women's 50-yard record of 29 seconds may be shattered in this year's meet.

The list of events announced by Chairman Hosford follow: 50 yards. 100 yards. 200 yards. 100-yard back stroke. 500-yard free style. 50 yards, women. 50 yards, women, breast stroke. 50 yards, women, butterfly. P. N. A. diving championship, men and women.

Thelma to Dive Again Thelma Payne, who defended the National women's diving championship title, in the A. H. meet at Detroit recently, will be a contender for the Northwest crown this season. Competing against the champion will be the best talent in the Northwest, including several of her club members.

The Multnomah club has an exceptionally strong swimming team this season and although the outside clubs will send strong teams to the meet, the "Winged M" waterdogs are expected to walk off with the championship honors. The swimmers have started training diligently for the meet.

Next Is 3 Mile Event This will be the last indoor swimming meet of the season. The swimmers will then turn their attention to the national one mile championship event to be staged in the Willamette river during the early part of August, the winner to be sent East to the national marathon championship event. Officials for the meet will be selected in the near future.

Reed Freshmen Have Pins That Are Ambitious

Reed college freshmen, encouraged by success in winter sports, have started their summer games with a 40-mile relay race, each mile to be stepped by one freshman and an upper class rival. The race will start somewhere around Mount Hood, and automobiles will be commandeered to transport the runners to their respective miles. The upper class men, though outnumbered by the freshmen giving the challenge serious consideration. It is a decided enlargement of the annual custom of a 12-mile relay race from Oregon City to the Reed campus.

As Atlas' backers have confidence in him, they say they will accept Geesk's challenge, which is the first stepping stone on Atlas' road to the middleweight championship.

Prominent Portlanders Make New Business Connections



First Lieutenant Clyde L. Meach. A. C. Pannell.

Return to city to take charge of department in the C. J. Mathis & Co. Store

First Lieutenant Clyde L. Meach, having recently returned to Portland, has been introduced to the city by the best hat departments in the city. At the time of the trouble with Mexico Lieutenant Meach again enlisted and remained in the service until last week, when he was on the border three months. When war broke out with Germany, Lieutenant Meach again enlisted and remained in the service until last week, when he was on the border three months. When war broke out with Germany, Lieutenant Meach again enlisted and remained in the service until last week, when he was on the border three months. When war broke out with Germany, Lieutenant Meach again enlisted and remained in the service until last week, when he was on the border three months.

Having received a cigar lighter from France and a gift of gasoline from Gene Maniqu, who wants to be the next donor!