

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

KID CHOCOLATE WINS DECISION OVER LABARBA

Dusky Hued Battler Given Unpopular Nod; White Boy Favored

NEW YORK, May 23. (AP)—Kid Chocolate, Cuba's ebony boxer, has not yet reached the top of the bantamweight class, but his flatter tips are growing at the bank. The "Kid" lost a possible chance for recognition as champion when he came in overweight for last night's victorious battle with Fidel Labarba, his outstanding rival for the vacant throne. Before the fight started the New York state athletic commission decided not to recognize the winner as the logical successor to the title.

Chocolate failed to gain a decisive claim to recognition through last night's furious battle, although the Cuban kept his record of 147 fights without a defeat unblemished. Both proved to the 18,000 excited fans that they were outstanding among the contenders.

A close vote of the two judges and the referee gave the decision to Chocolate after ten rounds. The ringside experts were inclined to call it a draw while the fans favored the Californian. One of the judges voted no decision while the other and the referee within the ring decided in favor of Chocolate.

Labarba's steady aggressiveness carried plenty of weight with the crowd, which rewarded him with a large share of its hoarse cheers after the decision was announced. He rushed and slugged through every round except for a brief period near the middle of the fray when both boys were glad enough to take a breathing spell. He failed, however, to land as cleanly as the Cuban did or with such telling force.

The smiling, skilful kid proved time after time that it is close to boxing suicide to miss an attack directed at him. Every time Fidel failed to land with one of his furious rushes the Kid had him in danger. Chocolate's best chance came in the seventh round when Labarba missed his first wallop and the Cuban sent him staggering to the ropes with a stream of blows but his greater strength and experience enabled him to weather the storm and he came back to stagger Chocolate with a burst of speed.

In several other rounds Labarba was in trouble through his failure to outguess the smooth-bodied "Kid." In the second and ninth frames he was able to

McGraw Rates Good Average In His Trade

MR. MCGRAW, SO FORTHY YOUNG RECORDED MANY OF YOUR DEEDS THAT TOOK PLAYERS LIKE ROBERT HOBBS AND JACK WILSON FROM YOU.



By AL DEMAREK (Former Pitcher New York Giants)

It has always been a debatable question among baseball people, expert and otherwise, whether John J. McGraw during a period of years, made more good trades than bad ones. Some of the New York manager's recent swaps, particularly the one that cost him Burleigh Grimes, have caused many of the experts to give him the name of a bad trader in baseball flesh.

McGraw has always claimed that he never regretted a trade he ever made and as he has been the most successful manager in baseball history over a period of years, the scribbles will have to let him get away with that statement.

I will say one thing for McGraw and that is he is not stubborn and has an open mind. If he sees he has made a mistake in letting a ball player get away he will wait for years till he sees an opportunity of getting him back.

GANS FLOORED IN FIRST BOUT FINALLY WINS

DENVER, Colo., May 23. (U.P.)—Baby Joe Gans, Los Angeles welterweight flash outpointed negro welter to win a 16-round judges' decision here last night.

The feature of the match came shortly after the opening gong when Jenkins hit the Pacific titleholder flush on the jaw with a powerful left that sent Gans to the canvas. Gans recoiled to his feet and again fell to the floor but was up after a six count. Gans held on the rest of the round and came back strong in the second round. He outpointed the Denver negro the rest of the way.

Stand off the rush and give the Cuban trouble in return on other occasions only his ability to take it pulled him through in safety.

Two American Women Beaten In Hard Match

PARIS, May 23. (AP)—Helen Willis received the first setback of her 1929 tennis campaign today when she and her fellow-Californian Edith Cross, were beaten in the women's doubles quarter finals of the French championships by Lili Alvarez of Spain and Ken Bouman of Holland. The scores were 8-6, 6-4.

Miss Willis, never at her best in doubles, played well, as did Miss Cross, but their play lacked the close synchronization and team-work of their antagonists.

The first set provided some of the most absorbing tennis ever seen in a women's doubles match here as the Americans watched a brave fight to gain the lead.

At the start the Americans went ahead by two-love in games as Helen won her service and helped to break through that of Sororita D'Alvarez. But then the Dutch-Spanish pair reeled off four games to go 4-2.

The winners are looked upon as practically certain to win the championship and today's match held all the tension and interest of a final round encounter for the title.

FIGHTERS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE FOR BIG CARD

Tomorrow night's fight card will represent the boxing commission's attempt to atone for the "no contest" main event of the last card when Frankie Forbes and Johnny Cline disappointed the cash customers by putting up a miserable fight.

Every fighter on the card have been told that the fight game in Klamath Falls depends on their showing and each pug has promised that he will put up the best fight he has ever staged.

There will be a double main event—each fight will be for six rounds. Jesse De Motte, who has been fighting the best light heavies in California for two years meets the ambitious Earl Beebe of Portland. De Motte was born and raised in Merrill and has many friends in Klamath. He has fought such boys

as Armand Emanuel, Dusty Miller, Ray Pelky, Oakland Johnny Burns and Race Horse Roberts. His style of fighting is a combination of slugging and boxing. Beebe is a dangerous fighter, a hard hitting, rugged pugilist, willing to take two or three to give one.

The other side of the twin bill will feature Frankie Warneke and Spud Murphy. Warneke has appeared twice in Klamath Falls. In his first appearance he knocked out Swede Oson in two rounds and in the second gave Mike Daley of Pelican City an unmerciful beating.

Warneke carries the fight to an opponent but he will more than half way by Murphy who is noted principally for his knock-out wallop. Both boys weigh 160 pounds.

The semi-windup looks like a "natural" Ray Huffman, who has been flattening fighters in Portland meets the "Oregon Lobo", Billy Church, who is one of the best fighting machines ever seen in a Klamath ring. Church is slim, fast and carries a dynamite punch in either hand. He is the ideal audience pleaser with skill and punch combined.

Huffman has won his last five starts and the last three over the knock-out route.

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