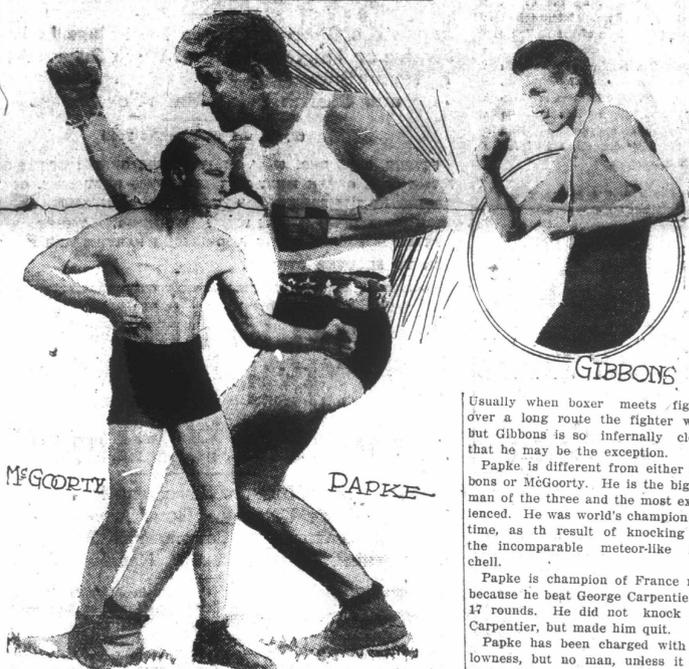


The World of Sport

Eddie, Mike and Bill to End Middleweight Dispute



The eternal triangle has bobbed up again—with the feminine angles missing—and the public sees Mike Gibbons, Billy Papke and Eddie McGoorty, claimants of the middleweight boxing championship.

Before the title settles upon the shoulders of one of the trio, this little old world will see the fanciest ring work since the day Lord Decies slipped the sash upon the third finger of the hand of the victor.

Gibbons, Papke and McGoorty are the world's middleweight class beyond cavil. They are head and shoulders above rivals, and the public has demanded, which shall wear the crown of Dempsey, Fitzsimmons and Stanley Ketchell.

McGoorty and Papke are big middleweights—men who must train faithfully to make 158 pounds ring-weight. Gibbons recently graduated from the ranks of the welterweights.

McGoorty is a slam-bang, knock-em-out-with-a-punch fighter. He has

beaten the champions of Australia and England, and when middleweights are scarce he takes on light heavies for exercise.

It was McGoorty who tickled Dave Smith, champion of Australia, under the chin with his left hand and then hung a right swing on the Smith ear, landing the antipodean upon his right ear. When he arose Eddie promptly knocked him out.

Mike Gibbons, whose 10-round draw with McGoorty has added to the middleweight fog, is a ring phantom. Jim Corbett says he is the cleverest of it the world. He is a master boxer, but like most clever men lacks the snappy punch that ends fights suddenly.

In a 20-round bout Gibbons would outbox any middleweight living—providing he was not knocked out.

Usually when boxer meets fighter over a long route the fighter wins, but Gibbons is so infernally clever that he may be the exception.

Papke is different from either Gibbons or McGoorty. He is the biggest man of the three and the most experienced. He was world's champion one time, as a result of knocking out the incomparable meteor-like Ketchell.

Papke is champion of France now, because he beat George Carpentier, in 17 rounds. He did not knock out Carpentier, but made him quit.

Papke has been charged with yellowness, but no man, unless it was Ketchell, ever made him flinch to any noticeable extent.

The "Kewanee Thunderbolt" is a boxer of the Jeffries type—whose blows crush rivals by degrees instead of dropping them suddenly, for the fatal count.

McGoorty and Papke should make a rattling good fight. Both are terrific punchers and about equal boxers. They have pile-driving rights and like to stand up and exchange blows.

side they should be worth going miles to see, and a meeting between them is inevitable.

Then, Gibbons for the winner. California will doubtless see these engagements. New York's 10-round bouts are not calculated to bring out the best in a fighter, and so important an affair as a championship should not be held over a route shorter than 20 rounds.

It looks like Papke and McGoorty, and then Gibbons with the winner, before the roses bloom again in in-



ERNE RUSSELL, Star forward of the Montreal Wanderers, a veteran among veteran hockey players.

star. He was turned back by the Detroit club. There's George "Sjats" McConnel; he was turned back by the New York American leaguers, but he won his way to the big show again. Dubuc went fresh from Notre Dame to Cincinnati and was deemed lagging his league calibre. He was tried with the Buffalo club and was again taboed, being sent to the Montreal club. You fans know where he is now and the record he made last year. Yet, he is a "come back." Loudon, now with Detroit, was another man with a double setback. He was sent by the Giants to the Newark club, and by them to the Montreal club. He is now with the Detroit Tigers.

Wagner, the best all round man in the world series of 1912, is another "come back." The Giants turned him back to Newark some time ago, but he fought his way back. Joe Jackson, now with the Naps, was formerly with the Phillies and was turned back to the New Orleans club. Of course, he came back. Even Tris Speaker is a "comeback." He was turned away to the Little Rock club by the Red Sox three or four years ago, but he is now considered the "most valuable man to his team" in the American league. Perdue, of the Boston Braves, was formerly with the Cubs and was turned back to Nashville only to be grabbed by the Boston team. Hall, of the Red Sox, was with the Cincinnati club and was turned back to the St. Paul club. He is now with the Red Sox.

And a "come back" could enumerate them until we were blue in the face. Just shows you that the "never come-back" chatter is chatter and nothing else. Because a few men are turned down and fail to muster enough courage and energy to pick up the battle anew is no sign the general run of athletes in all lines of sport are made of the same day.

These men that we have cited are real "come-backs." Some of them, Dubuc, Lavendar, McConnel, Foster, Moeller and Gandill were turned back, when a word of praise or a slight rebuke would either make or break them. They were just rounding the horizon of youth when everything is illusion and hope. They went up against it hard. It wasn't a fence that was placed in front of them. It was a brick wall and it was high and steep. They went back to the minors a good deal discouraged we can reason, but they hoped, they worked, they preserved and they won out.

Fate Inexorable.

You can't beat it. Straining may be painful, but in the end it's gaining. Fate is an inexorable bookkeeper. It may make a few slips in the rush of calculation, but the balance sheet always comes true. There's nobody on top who stays on top unless he proves he is entitled to the position. And a player down below who can muster a rebuttal against the fellow on top is going to land on top himself before long.

"They never come-back" is false in all lines of sport. Bat Nelson never came back the other night and one of our present day cracks, Leach Cross wasted a \$5 pair of boxing gloves on the Durable Dane's head incidentally proving that they "come back" even in the prize ring. Jeffries failed, but that is no reason why every other man who tries to "come back" in the ring should fail. No, there's little if any truth in that slogan, "they never

come back." It sounds catchy, but it muffs the truth. If a man fails to "come back" in sport, it's the fault of his will. When you hear a man saying that the ball players never come back, tell him he has a lot to learn. History would be a good text book for him.

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It will not be until Piping Rock yearlings are raced that a definite line will be possible on their relative merits, but as good a judge as Kimball Patterson has expressed the opinion that C. K. C. Billings has the pick of the lot in the Electioneer-Motley filly. Patterson saw all of those that came from Kentucky before they were shipped to New York, and he pronounced this handsome big gray miss as easily best. She is at Sheephead Bay in the care of John Mayberry.

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MRS. JOHN T. BRUSH, widow of late president of the New York Giants. Mrs. Brush will not attempt to manage the Giants, but has appointed her son-in-law, Charles Hemstead, head of the club and Muggsy McGraw will continue as manager under Hemstead's financial directorship.

Former Major League Players Prominent

In twenty-five games. He accepted fifty-one chances. "Rube" Waddell's name tops the list. He fielded .816.

Among the first basemen, Jones, of Milwaukee, the old American league player took first honors, making only twenty-six errors in 150 games and establishing a percentage of .984, but he participated in only twenty-two games.

Otto Williams, who has been in the association for many years, topped the second basemen with a mark of .970 for 145 games. Rockenfield, of Kansas City, who will be seen in the Western league next year, made a percentage of .979, but he was in only twenty-eight games.

Eddie Lennox, who started the season with the Chicago National league team, topped the outfield without an error and obtained first place in his list. Burns, of Toledo, however, accepted 387 chances and set a mark of .979, so he probably should be regarded as the leading outfielder.

Fielding honors in the catching department belong to Owens, who used to pitch in the American league, but pitched in the American league, but son for Minneapolis. In 135 games he made only fourteen errors, setting a mark of .983. Ray Seckel, who came to the Chicago Americans from Milwaukee, made seven errors in eighty games and is credited with a percentage of .985.

The Indianapolis club field .955 as a team and led the league, making it evident that they were weak in the batting department else they might have finished higher in the pennant race. Other teams fielded as follows: Columbus, .953; Toledo, .952; Minneapolis, .951; St. Paul, .951; Louisville, .950; Kansas City, .948; Milwaukee, .947.

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Many "Come Backs" Recorded In Major League Baseball

Several of the Most Brilliant Players in Both American and National Leagues Have Been Found Wanting and Sent to "Bushes," Only to "Come Back Stronger Than Ever."

"They never 'come back.'" Who said so? No matter how smart he may be, the fellow who gets away with that conclusion shows more slang than he does brains. There is always a rain check for the fellow who is an honest failure. Failing isn't always wailing. There is just as much room at the top for the fellow who has been there once as there is for any one else.

Ever hear the story about Gandill, the Washington's first baseman, acknowledge the "find" of baseball last year? He "came back." He was with Chicago White Sox two years ago and they didn't think he was good enough for a major league berth. Sent him a-flying to the Montreal team in the International league. Did Mr. Gandill give up, the fight? Did he listen to that "never come back" howl? He played right along as though he never saw the big league moguls. What was the result?

Grabbed by the Washington American league and now worth his weight in gold to the Senators.

Exception, you say? Then what about Moeller? He was formerly with the Pittsburg club and was turned back to the Rochester club. He came back. And little Foster, of the Senators, was turned back by the Yankees two years ago to the Rochester team and he made good last year with the Senators. Tom Hughes was turned back two years ago by the Washington club to the Minneapolis team and he is back into fast company. Pepper Germany Schaefer, with all his antics and side line attraction, was deemed unworthy of the big show by the Chicago Cubs and was sent to the Milwaukee team in the American association. He's back in the big show now and you couldn't pry him away from the Washington team.

Some "Come Backs." These are rare cases, you say?



HARRY HYLAND, of the Montreal Wanderers, who accepted terms with the Patrick Bros. hockey magnates, and then refused to make the jump to the Pacific coast.

Well, what about Jimmy Archer, one of the best backstops now in the game? The Detroit club turned him back to the Bisons several years ago and tagged him "unfit." And today he fits in where no other man could. And Jimmy Lavender, another Cub

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"I THINK MISTER SCOOP HERE? I HAVE A NOTICE FOR A SEVERE GARNISHMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON HIM!"

"THE NAME SOUNDS FAMILIAR—JUST WAIT A MINUTE WHILE I SEE IF THERE IS A MR SCOOP HERE."

"GARNISHMENT!—A WARNING OR NOTICE NOT TO PAY DEFENDANT'S SALARY UNTIL HE APPEARS, AND SETTLES WITH THE PLAINTIFF."

"OH YOU GARNISHEE!"

"WHY MISTER SCOOP IS NOT HERE ANY MORE—HE WAS BITTEN BY A FISH JUST YESTERDAY AND WAS GOING TO PHOENIX TO HAVE THE BITE EXTRACTED!"

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