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Gossip and Comment

"ROUGH HOUSE" BOUT

Referee Declared It Was "No Contest."

Ackerman Allowed a Fall For Foul.

Although a few betters found fault with Billy Carroll's decision on Saturday night, his verdict was in the best interest of the sport.

Some of Conkle's friends are now saying that Ackerman was overweight. But that is old story—as old as the Bartl bout.

Jim Mace, one of the greatest boxers under the old bare knuckle rules that England ever knew, is down and out. Drink, which has stowed away many another noted pugilist, has led him to end his days in poverty, and last week, on the eve of his 78th birthday, he applied at a branch post office in London for an old-age pension of five shillings a week.

Mace won the heavyweight title of England in 1861, when he defeated Sam Hurst. After successfully defending it against Tom King, he lost to King in a second battle. He regained the championship belt in 1865, when Joe Wormald forfeited it, and came to this country the following year, when his first noted battle was the memorable draw with Joe Goss for \$1,000 a side. In 1870, at Kermere, he defeated Tom Allen, the champion of America.

The following year he drew with Joe Rouse at Bay St. Louis, Miss., for the title. He won several minor matches here, but the Column bout was his final American appearance.

Although he made large sums he squandered them as they came, and now he seeks a pension under England's new law, which will allow him a sum approximating \$1,350 a year.

Can Conkle conquer Ackerman in a fair match?

London Sketch: Do not let us think that we are civilizing Turkey because football has come to the city on the Golden Horn via Great Britain. Like diabolos, and a good many other games, football was played in China when Britons were blue-stained barbarians. The Chinese game of football, however, is not like ours. The young Chinese play it in the street and their effort is to keep the ball in the air. They kick the ball with the edge of the thick soles of their feet. In a way this is just as neat a fete as the headwork of a clever association player.

American Association fans may have an opportunity of seeing Joe Cantillon back in their midst in 1910 as the high mogul of the Minneapolis team, in which he owns a half-interest; his brother Mike owning the other half. Joe is now manager of the Washington Club, but is being urged to throw up the job a year hence and take up the managerial reins of the Miller Club.

The C. A. A. U. on Saturday issued an important permit to the Hamilton Tigers' Rugby Club for an athletic meet Saturday, May 15, to be in the nature of a benefit to enable Bobby Kerr to visit England and defend the sprint championship he holds on July 3 next.

The last annual report of President Eliot of Harvard University devotees some attention to the game of football as exhibited by the American colleges, severely condemning the exaggerated form and absence of real sporting spirit under which it is now generally conducted. Little progress has been made, he says, towards diminishing the undesirable features and tendencies, and the game remains unfit for college uses.

It affords a demoralizing spectacle for the immense crowds which gather to witness the chief games, and still provides on a great scale the opportunity for that variety of gambling called betting. The betting evil is gradually increasing by the practice of exhibiting the game in public halls in many American cities far remote from the scene of action. The popular excitement over football games is spread and maintained for commercial purposes by newspapers, transportation companies and hotels, which reap a considerable profit from those assemblies, since the public as prepared to spend large sums of money in order to witness these exciting contests. As a rule the undergraduate players in inter-collegiate games have no interest in the cause for the time and glaze, and it may, therefore, be hoped that these offensive features of American inter-collegiate sports will in a few years have disappeared.

The English schools and universities have never been afflicted with these vulgar evils in connection with their athletic games, and their wholesome habit of universal out-door exercise is maintained quietly and firmly without any such adventitious excitements.

It is reasonable to expect that the barbershop stage of public opinion and college opinion concerning athletics, which in this country has been partly the result of inexperience in competitive sports and partly of the general pre-disposition to exaggeration in pleasures which characterize Americans, will pass away before many years.

Not since the sensational fight between Joe Walcott and Ed Lavigne at Massey's in 1895, has there been such a contest as that provided by Stanley Ketchel and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, at the National A. C. on Friday night, says a writer in The New York Sun. It was the talk of the town to-day and those who had the good fortune to be eye-witnesses declared that even the Walcott-Lavigne affair had been surpassed in point of thrilling incidents. The wonderful gameness of both Ketchel and O'Brien was widely commended by the sporting set, also, the fact that the pugilists fought on the level.

CALIFORNIA OAKS

Won by Mary Davis, With Sorrowful Second.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 29.—Mary Davis, a filly from the string of R. E. Davis, won the Los Angeles Oaks horse Saturday from a good field, including

Ottawa, March 29.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Cricket Association, held at the Russell on Saturday night, was a rather quiet affair, last year's officers being re-elected without opposition. The question of the formation of the chief subjects of consideration, it being decided to have the *match* against the United States played in Montreal, the matter of dates, etc., to be arranged later. The gentlemen of Ireland, who are to visit the United States during

JEFF PROMISES TROUBLE IF JOHNSON COMES NEAR.

Boston, March 28.—Jim Jeffries in an interview Saturday promised quick trouble for Jack Johnson if the black champion makes good his expressed intention of coming here next week to talk business face to face. Jeffries declared that if he did meet Johnson the latter would get but little of the financial end of the affair, which makes it apparent that if

the big fellow does consent to take on Johnson he will do the dictating.

"Why not make it winner take all," Jeff?" said one of his friends.

"I do not think he would meet on those conditions," replied Jeffries.

"There will be no need of referee or ring," continued Jeff, "if Johnson persists in coming and seeing me next week. There will be a new champion in quick order if he does come near me."

BRITISH CHESS TEAM WON CHESS MATCH.

New York, March 27.—Complete reversal of the form on the part of the United States players in the eleventh annual cable chess match Saturday resulted in the British team carrying off the victory by a score of five games to four, with one unfinished game, which, according to the experts, will also result in a loss upon adjudication by Baron Albert De Rothschild, of Vienna, to whom the position will be sent as referee.

Starting with a lead of two wins, the results of the efforts of B. Hodges and H. G. Voight on Friday, the United States side added only one more victory, scored by Frank J. Marshall at the expense of J. H. Blackburn.

2—J. F. Barry, 1-2; T. F. Lawrence, 1-2.

3—A. R. Hodges, 1; W. Ward, 0.

4—H. G. Voight, 1; G. E. Wainwright, 0.

5—C. Howell, 0; J. H. Blake, 1.

6—H. Helms, 0; R. P. Mitchell, 1.

7—G. J. Schwitzer, 0; Dr. V. Wahlisch, 1.

8—S. L. Stadelman, 1-2; D. H. Holmes, 1-2.

9—S. M. Lotowski, 0; E. G. Sergeant, 0.

10—W. A. Ruth, 0; H. Jacobs, 1.

Total—America, 4; Great Britain, 5.

The record of these matches now includes six wins for America, four for Great Britain and one tie match,

CROKER'S STABLE WEAK.

Dublin, March 28.—There is much curiosity here as to what Richard Croker will do during the flat racing season this year. The number of horses in the celebrated stables has been considerably cut down, and racing men say Rhodora is the only animal worth consideration which Mr. Croker possesses. For this reason the belief is general that he will not be much heard of in the racing world this year. Indeed, it is stated in Irish racing circles that Mr. Croker has practically made up his mind to quit the turf.

SADDLE AND SULKY.

Fred Cook has just transferred his entire San Francisco racing string to Fred Leppert, former cashier of his bank.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. W. C. Barber, Montreal.

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It is hoped that during the season additional clubs will be brought into the Canadian Association. One from Winnipeg is particularly desired to make the C. C. A. representative.

FOOTBALL IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London, March 29.—(C. A. P.)—Games

for the coming season, will be asked to spend a week in Canada, playing matches in Toronto and Ottawa.

The officers are as follows:

Hon. President—His Excellency Earl Grey.

President—Mr. Hal B. McGivern, M. P.

Vice-Presidents—Dr. W. E. Dean, Toronto; Dean Moyse, of McGill University, Montreal.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. W. C. Barber, Montreal.

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The score at half time was 11 to 10 in favor of the intermediates, and the final score was 22 to 22 in favor of the Boys' Club. The line-up was as follows:

Boys' Club. Intermediates.

Forwards—Wright Kennedy.

Centre—Ross.

Defence—Wilson.

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Official was Jack McKay, who had more work handling that game than the Buffalo Germans. Silver fobs will be given to the winners.

MARATHON RECORD.

Sydney Hatch Made a New Amateur Mark.

Chicago, March 28.—A new world's amateur indoor record for the Marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards was set last night by Sydney Hatch, of Chicago, who won in 2:44:01-5 from a field of seventy starters. The former record was 2:54:25.25, and was held by Matt McNamee, the eastern amateur who recently became a professional.

Hatch is at the moment rushed to his dressing room, but Ackerman answered a call from the wild crowd. He thanked the crowd for the evidence of good will to him, and said he was prepared to meet Conkle in private with all holds allowed on public according to the recognized rules of the main game.

Two last preliminaries were provided, and the crowd saw some good sport in the glove line. Active Fair was awarded the decision over Burns' Keeler in the second round. This was Keeler's first public appearance, and he made a fine showing, and many friends.

The officials were Eugene, Billy Carroll, Timers, Billy Daniels and Hugo Hayes.

At KERMAN'S POSITION.

Before leaving the city yesterday morning for Boston, Ackerman posted \$25 as a deposit for a bout with Conkle for any sum of \$250 in private, with no holds barred. He said he would not wrestle Conkle in public again unless Conkle asks him to obey the rules, and that if Conkle violates them he is to be suspended the power of the match, and the public's money is to be retained.

Ackerman, however, said Harry Woods, the Verdin, Blated, and midgets, and making friends here during his short stay.

JOHNSTON'S GOOD WORK.

Montreal, March 29.—Alfred Shrubb, the speedy little English runner, showed his heels to a relay of three men at the finish on Saturday night, and pitted against Shrubb were three of the best home runners—Carroll, Mellor and McDonald. Shrubb ran away from Carroll and Mellor, and gained the tape on him in five miles.

Johnston, 12; Mer, Tailors, 11;

Leeds City, 12; Birmingham, 11;

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Wolverhampton, 12; Bolton, 11;

Southern League, 12; West Ham U., 11;

Southend, 12; Brighton and Hove, 10;

Millwall, 12; Crystal Palace, 11;

N. Brompton, 12; Brentford, 11;

Northampton, 12; Luton, 11;

Queen's Park, 12; Swindon, 11;

Plymouth, 12; Plymouth A., 11;

Bristol R., 12; Leyton, 11;

Watford, 12; Southampton, 10;

Norwich City, 12; Reading, 11;

Cup Semi-Final.

Barnsley, 12; Grimsby Town, 11;

Stockport C., 12; Cleethorpes T., 11;

Clapton O., 12; Burnley, 11;

Hull City, 12; Birmingham, 11;

Leeds City, 12; Bradford, 11;

Wolverhampton, 12; Bolton, 11;

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Queen's Park, 12; Swindon, 11;

Plymouth, 12; Plymouth A., 11;

Bristol R., 12; Leyton, 11;

Watford, 12; Southampton, 10;

Cup Fourth Round.

Celtic—County Championship.

Durham, 12; Cornwall, 11;

Eichemond, 11; United Services, 10;

Newport, 12; Blackheath, 11;

Cardiff, 12; London Welsh, 11;

Harlquins, 12; Mer, Tailors, 11;

Llanelli, 12; Northampton, 11;

Plymouth, 12; Cheltenham, 11;

Swansea, 12; Devonport, 11;

Neath, 12; Aberavon, 11;

Glocester, 12; Bristol, 11;

CUP FOURTH ROUND.

High runs—181, 55, 29; average,

22, 16, 22.

Slosson—4, 89, 0, 5, 22, 0, 4, 0, 0, 24,

33, 28, 2, 1, 11, 11, 0, 35, 0, 47, 32, Total, 331.

High runs—89, 47, 38; Average,