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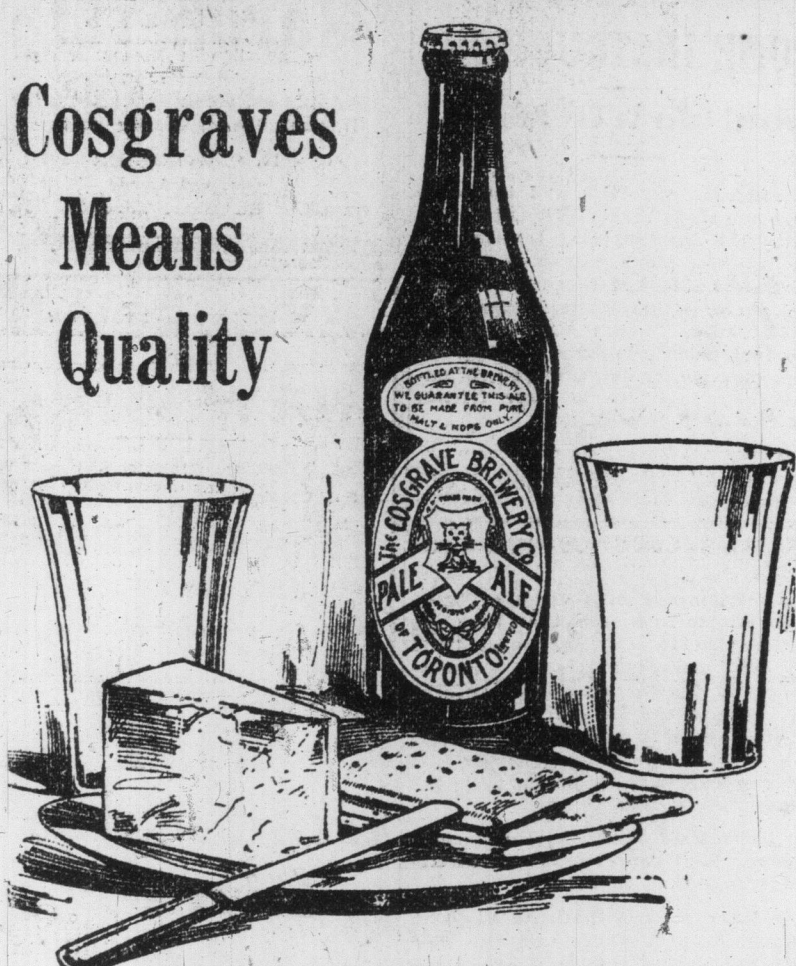
TOLEDO, March 1.—With one week of the thirteenth annual tournament of the A.B.C. concluded today, and a new world's record for five-man teams established, the outlook for further higher scores is bright. The work of the bowlers on Friday was sensational throughout. The events scheduled today will begin at 10 a.m., when the first set of two-man teams will take the floor. The Chicago all-star squad will be the feature of the schedule tonight. This squad includes the Lipmans, who held the five-man team record until defeated by the Overlands of Toledo last night.

READY TO MEET VARSITY THIRDS

KINGSTON, March 1.—Regiopis College, by defeating the collegiate institute team last night, goes into the finals against Varsity third. The game was one of the most bitterly fought matches ever put up in the junior intercollegiate series. Jim Stewart, the speedy centre player of the institute, knocked out Norman Millan of the Regiopis team by a blow from his stick in the back of the neck. Millan was badly used up and had to be carried off the ice. Millan's father threatens to take an action for assault against Stewart.

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'FRISCO WRITER THINKS LUTHER SHOULD WAIT

Willard Should Be Disposed of Before Wells is Taken on—Twenty Round Bout the Order.

SHORT ROUTE NOTHING

Championships Can Not Be Decided on No Decision Bout and the Long Route it Should Be.

By W. W. Naughton.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Luther McCarty's seeming disinclination to meet English Bombardier Wells in a ten round, decisionless bout, in New York, has raised quite a controversy, and from what the writer can gather the majority of the critics seem to think the Bombardier has the best of the argument.

Well, as the pugilistic world wags nowadays, it is no very serious complication, nor can McCarty be charged with any violent offense against Queensbury ethics if he sets his face against the ten-round, no-decision proposition to the very last.

What the writer would like to know is why the Bombardier is so persistent in holding out for a short bout, and why he is content to dispense with the services of a referee.

To hark back a little. This fellow McCarty has been a commendably busy man since the process of working out the hopes of the world began. Fired by the ambition to get into the title of White Champion, he has engaged in several contests, and among those who were considered the toughest pale faced heavyweight set.

He beat Al. Kaufman in big time and he took a little longer to dispose of that rock-ribbed warrior, Jim Flynn. With his hands crippled and only a week or two between fights, he went against the hardest of them all—Al. Falzer.

This match, when it was arranged, looked like the final test for America's heavies and to add eclat to the occasion, Promoter Tom McCarey furnished a championship belt.

McCarty won, hands down, almost, and the very next day the sports began talking about the Bombardier Wells-Luther McCarty bout to take place on the following Fourth of July.

In the meantime, one Jesse Willard, who had outpointed Luther in an eastern short bout, began to inquire why Luther should be looked upon as the kingpin of American heavies.

"Why don't you box Jesse Willard for the championship next Fourth of July?" Billy McCarty asked.

Well, it does not matter much what Billy said. The one thing apparent was that there was a desire to sidetrack Willard in favor of the Bombardier. Something was sprung about the Wells-McCarty prospects having an international flavor and it was argued that there was nothing to prevent Willard hooking up with the winner later in the year.

McCarty, the belt-provider, liked the Wells-McCarty idea.

"The British have done so much for the game of the gloves that I think we ought to display a hands-across-the-sea spirit and extend courtesies to any representative fighter they send us," said Uncle Tom.

The British papers liked the idea. They were a unit in extolling Bombardier Wells as "the representative British heavyweight" and they declared he would command lots of backing from his own country when America selected a man to compete against him.

Has Wells ever shown an inclination to hook up with McCarty or anyone else on this side in a regulation championship encounter?

After all the nice things the English press said about him one might expect to find him fired with the ambition to strive for the championship in the orthodox way. I have no doubt that some of the old-time Britishers on this side of the pond had visions of the Bombardier tying his colors to the ring-post in his corner and coming to the scratch for the championship tussle with the grammatical formula, "May the best man win," on his lips.

But the Bombardier wants ten rounds and no decision.

In justifying his position he said recently:

"Any sane persons knows it is better to take \$10,000 for a ten-round bout than for a 20-round affair, particularly if there is no decision rendered. If McCarty should be out-pointed I will agree to meet him in a 20-round bout in California on a winner-take-all basis and bet him \$5,000 on the side. If McCarty declines the offer, he will stand convicted of cowardice and I will promptly claim his title. If I don't hear from him I will go out on the road and challenge McCarty in every big city in which he shows. I take this means of proving to the American public that I really mean business."

This line of talk is no better and no worse than the ordinary "guff" that emanates from ringmen who are as a rule more boastful than belligerent. In proposing to fight a real championship battle later the Bombardier is putting the cat before the horse. We should have the referee first and the no-decision affair afterwards.

Had Better Wait.
As to claiming McCarty's title the Bombardier had better wait until McCarty defaults in an out-and-out championship contest. Championships are not disturbed by no-decision bouts or by failure to engage in them.

As for following Luther around the country and challenging him wouldn't it be the deuce if Wells and woolly Willard in some wild and woolly western spot where Jess is not barred?

And wouldn't it be terrible if Jess said: "Seeing as how you can't land McCarty, and not liking the idea of your going back to England without a match, I'll fight you myself." Well, whichever way the cat jumps will be the right way. There are no hard and fast rules for top-notch fighters to follow and if Wells can badger McCarty into a ten-round, no-decision match no one will blame Wells.

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