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STILL DISCUSSING THE BIG FIGHT.

DeLaney is Sorely Distressed at Johnson Posting Forfeit for Ketchell Bout.

New York, April 16.—If Jack Johnson should decide at the last moment to sidestep Stanley Ketchell the way he has dodged the fight with Langford in London, it would cost just \$5,000 in cash, which Johnson has already posted with James Coffroth to guarantee his appearance in the ring at Colma, Cal., on October 12. Johnson has no forfeit up for the Langford mill, so that it was an easy matter to duck out of it, but before Coffroth would take the negro's word or even allow him to put his name to articles of agreement, he compelled the posting of the above amount. The old party about this Johnson-Ketchell match, which has caused no end of talk both here and abroad, is the fact that the big negro would not agree to 45 rounds, demanded by Ketchell. Johnson insisted that 20 rounds would be enough and ingeniously explained that because of Ketchell's size and weight a shorter bout would prove more attractive to the sporting public.

On the surface, Johnson's unwillingness to indulge in a 45-round bout, which is practically a finish fight, is taken to mean that he is not so sure that he can outgame and outstay the wonderful young fighter from Michigan. Johnson's desire for a 20-round bout on the other hand is regarded as a sure sign of his belief that his remarkable defensive tactics can keep Ketchell at bay for that length of time, and that at the end of the limit, the negro will look for the decision of the referee, either in his favor or a draw. Johnson's record shows that he is not a knockout artist. His failure to put a second rounder like Burns to sleep when he outwitted the latter by 30 rounds or more, was excellent proof of the weakness of his blows. Furthermore, the fact that Johnson felled such such dubs as Hank Griffen, Mexican Pete Everett, and Frank Chius in uneventful round bouts in 1902 while after that such men as Denver Ed. Martin, Sam

McVey, Sandy Ferguson, Marvin Hart, Joe Jeannette, Joe Grim, Young Peter Jackson, Sam Langford and Sailor Burke escaped even the semblance of knockouts, would seem to indicate that Johnson has little confidence in his ability to put Ketchell away.

In all probability Johnson has figured it out that if he adopts the same tactics with Ketchell that he used with Burns he will make it impossible for the Michigan boy to get to him with a knockout punch and that because of superior height, weight and reach he can defeat Ketchell on points. It is conceded that Ketchell's only chance to win the title from Johnson is by means of a knockout, which was the reason why the mid-dleweight champion wanted the fight at Colma to be scheduled for 45 rounds. There is no doubt that Ketchell will be the one to force the issue for the reason that he knows no other method. He is like Fitzsimmons in this respect, always boring in for a chance to land terrific punches at close quarters. Ketchell can outpunch Johnson right now, and because of that fact the negro probably realizes that he will be taking chances, especially if Ketchell is able to break down the defence which Burns found impenetrable.

"Johnson is a coward," says Billy DeLaney. "He's taken on little Ketchell because he thinks it's a cinch. Ketchell is a nice young fellow, but he will be outclassed by the negro, who is afraid to tackle Kaufman, a man of his own size and weight. Because Kaufman failed to stop Ross, a tough man, in ten rounds, does not mean that he cannot whip the negro in a fight of 45 rounds, but the fact that Johnson would not agree to go that far with Ketchell shows the negro's calibre up very clearly. Kaufman will be ready to fight the winner of the Johnson-Ketchell battle at a moment's notice. We are very much in the ring."

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ONE FROM SCARBORO.

Flanagan Will Not Put Two Teams in The "Tri-City" Baseball League.

Important Meeting Here This Evening.

A meeting of the Tri-City League magnates will be held in this city this evening, to try to whip things into shape. A draft schedule has been prepared by the secretary, but as it was drawn up on the basis of two teams from each of the three cities, it will not do, now that Toronto will have only one team. Mr. Thos. Flanagan will attend the meeting and explain his position in the matter. Regarding the case, Mr. Flanagan's Toronto organ said last night:

"Toronto will have only one team at Scarboro." This will be in the game with two from Hamilton and two from Brantford, unless the latter towns object to there being only one nine here. In that event Scarboro will play independent ball, bringing in the best independent teams across the line for games. Already half a dozen players have been signed and the foundation is a good one."

The Brantford teams will demand that they be allowed a larger rebate in fares when playing Toronto dates, as the players will lose a whole day. It is stated that Scarboro Park will be available for baseball on only six or seven Saturdays, as the Toronto lacrosse team will play championship matches there and it is proposed to run several athletic meets. Unless another park can be secured in Toronto, some of the Toronto home games will have to be transferred to Hamilton or Brantford.

The Hamilton part of the league is the only one that is not worrying the officials. Both the W. E. P. C. and the St. Patrick's Club managers have not teams in sight and satisfactory arrangements have been made for playing at Britannia Park on a sharing basis.

Charlie Conkle will manage the W. E. P. C. and he reports that he has the following players signed up:

Memory c., Howard c., Southon p., Lucas p., Carter p., G. Smith c., Hennessey c., Launing 3b, Hackbusch 1b, Pickard 2b. Fred Bradley will be assistant manager of the team.

Fred Howie will captain the St. Patrick's and will pitch and play in the outfield. Other players signed are:

White, Patton, Beatty and Kid Smith.

SHEPPARD TO MANAGE IT.

Toronto, April 16.—"Doc" Sheppard has been secured to manage Tom Flanagan's Irish-Canadian baseball team for Scarboro Park. The Scotman will handle the men from the start and will call over his material very carefully, with a view of having one of the strongest teams in Canada. Doc knows the game down to the ground, and has seen Toronto's pennant winners over the Don. Since then, until last year, he has been connected with ball in Ontario and Toronto every year until last season, when illness compelled him to lay off.

KELLEY IS PERSISTENT.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 16.—Joe Kelley tried to secure several of the Athletics' players who were let out by Manager Mack yesterday, but as the Athletics' youngsters had been promised long ago to other clubs Toronto will not be a kindergarten for any of the Philadelphia American League players this summer.

Kelley was too late in seeing Mack, although there may be a chance later on for Joe when Mack starts to weed out again. The Athletics today let out Outfielder Jackson, Pitchers Selvie and Files and Catcher Koehler. Kelley last night tried to get Jackson and Pitcher Selvie, but as the former had been promised to Savannah and the latter to Johnston

Joe's request was too late. The Athletics have two other young outfielders in Heilmuller and Strug, but Mack refused to listen to any proposition offered by Kelley for their release.

The Toronto manager also made efforts again to get a player or two from Manager Lake, of Boston, but the latter stated to a reporter that he had not turned over any player to Kelley as yet. Thomey's Blues have caused a shake-up in the Boston line-up, and Lake intends to hold on to his youngsters until the regular team shapes up in championship form.

IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At New York—For nine innings yesterday the Brooklyn did not get a hit off Red Ames, but in the thirteenth the Brooklyn got to him for a triple and three singles and made three runs. There was a crowd of 30,000 people in the Polo Grounds to see the opening battle and it was a magnificent duel between Wilhelm and Ames, with each getting splendid support. Ames struck out ten men, but did not last as well as Wilhelm. Score:

R. H. E.
Brooklyn 3 7 9
New York 0 4 1
Batteries—Wilhelm and Bergen; Ames and Schlei.

At Chicago—St. Louis 4, 5, 5; Chicago 10, 10, 1.

At Cincinnati—Pittsburg 2, 7, 2; Cincinnati 7, 9, 8.

IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Washington—Vice-President Sherman saw the New York Americans defeat Washington 4 to 1. He was in a box with Senator Carter, of Montana, Representative Loudenslager, of New Jersey, and Clifford Berryman, the cartoonist. Score:

R. H. E.
New York 4 4 0
Washington 1 6 1
Batteries—Quinn and Kleinow; Groome and Street.

At Detroit—Chicago 1, 39, 1; Detroit 3, 9, 2.

At St. Louis—Cleveland 4, 6, 2; St. Louis 3, 10, 0.

POWERS' CONDITION IMPROVED.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 16.—The condition of Catcher Powers, of the Philadelphia American League Baseball Club, who underwent an operation on Wednesday for gangrene poisoning of the intestines, is improved, and he has a good chance for recovery. It was first thought that the popular catcher's indisposition was due to indigestion, but the physicians say that Powers' injury probably was sustained during play of the game. In the early part of the contest between Boston and Philadelphia on Monday Powers went after a hard foul fly and the physicians say he probably hurt himself in the action.

FOUL TIPS.

Rule Waddell has kept fairly quiet during the training season. He seldom begins nagging till the campaign is really under way.

It is a remarkable feature that the present crop of ball players includes so many giants. The day of the little fellow seems to be passing.

It is given to few men to catch as well as John Kling can catch, and on top of that he has been given to few men to whom that gift has been given to be able to turn his back upon it.

New York Telegraph: Devore looks at the game like a child, a youth to be taught and back him up. He has wonderful speed in circling the bases, and has the general make-up of a genuine ball-player.

Charlie Murphy and Charley Comiskey have formed a trust to keep all the pennants in Chicago. The next way to bust this trust is by the application of the big stick from April to October.

Orville Page, the University of Chicago pitcher, set an early season record yesterday at Marshall Field by twirling a no-hit no-run game against De Pauw University team, and incidentally winning the contest by 4 to 0. Page struck out eleven men.

Artie Latham, great ball player once, humorist always, and at present professor of coaching with the New York Giants, was made an umpire in 1906 in the Tri-State League. One day at Harrisburg, Pa., a friend met Artie and rode out to the grounds with him. "Artie, you don't appear to be as funny as you once were," said his friend.

Latham only smiled and replied: "Wait



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COMMENT AND GOSSIP

A Christopher discovered America, but our own Christopher discovered Brantford-Hamilton Marathon course, and is \$500 out by the discovery. He spent that amount in buying silver cups for the race and the C. A. A. U. refuses him a sanction.

The one-mile roller skating race between Willie McMichael, of this city, and George Crispin, of London, will take place at the Britannia rink this evening at 8 o'clock.

Addie L. Richardson will likely be offered the position of official scorer for Hamilton for the "Tri-City League. No better man could be secured here.

Toronto Mail: The entries for the Canadian Marathon Derby, to be run on May 1st, continue to come in. John D. Marsh has declared that he will carry the starter with the rest of his countrymen who are to fight for the national championship. The Winnipeg man is going to be one of the favorites in the contest, and the public will have a hard task roping out whether or not he is faster than Fred Simpson, the Oilway Thundebolt, Red Hawk, the Mississippi Indian, W. P. Cumming, R. Booth, Jimmy George and William McNeil are all training hard, and going to be there or thereabouts when the money is given out.

President McCaffery, of the Toronto Ball Club, yesterday afternoon announced that Lieutenant-Governor Gibson would pitch the first ball in the opening game of the Toronto Ball Club in Toronto, on May 6th. Col. Gibson will enjoy the novelty, no doubt, as he is an old baseball fan.

Ex-President Pittaway, of Ottawa, who looks as young as any of the delegates at the last lacrosse convention, and represented the Capitals at the meetings before Mr. Foran started his famous

campaign for straight professionalism, lost his job, "from water boy to President of the league," as he expresses it. He was the only man who ever sat more than one term in the President's chair.

Here's a cruel thrust from the Toronto World.

Is it a Marathon war? or are they only talking press agent stuff a la Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries? The amateurs, too, are at it. Because Toronto keeps Hamilton on the horse race map is no reason that long distance races are exclusive in the mountain region around the twenty-fourth of May. One has been sanctioned for Victoria. Day in Hamilton, and if the Scarboro track is ready Parson Morrow will assuredly get permission to show the human long distance gallopers the Saturday before.

Deutscher Sport of Vienna announces that an American trainer, who had intended settling down to pursue his avocation under the auspices of the Jockey Clubs of Austria and Hungary, has been compelled to abandon that idea owing to the refusal of the two clubs to grant him the necessary license. The refusal is not based on any personal objection against the applicant, but is founded on the decision of the two clubs not to encourage, after the experience they have gained, nor to welcome any American trainer or system of training in a country where turf legislators claim that they are "not taking any more."

A baseball fan, with an eye for statistics, recounts the fact that the American League has tried out more than one hundred catchers in seven seasons. There are only five in the league who were on the job in 1902, including two old Toronto men. They are Bemis and McGuire, of Cleveland; Sullivan, of Chicago; Criger, of St. Louis, and Powers, of Philadelphia.

BIG COCKING MAIN WAS RAIDED.

Montreal, April 16.—A big cockfight was raided yesterday afternoon by Secretary Innes, of the S. P. C. A., with two of his inspectors at Depatie's Hotel, Cartierville. Mr. Innes received word that the main was to come off this afternoon and was prepared. When the officers arrived at the arena there was a crowd of about sixty sports around the pit, and a couple of birds were engaged in a hot fight, with steel gaffs and all the paraphernalia of the game. As soon as the officers were in sight there was a wild rush on the part of the crowd to get away, and all escaped save eight, who were arrested, and summoned to appear in court. A number of others were recognized, and will be served with notice to appear when the case is called. A number of fighting cocks were captured, with their implements of warfare. Several birds from Ontario points were among those taken.

GUN CLUB MAT.

The first of a series of Saturday matinee shoots of the Hamilton Gun Club will be held to-morrow at 1 o'clock sharp. There will be five regular events on the programme of twenty targets each, with three average money prizes for the day. The division of money will be on the Rose system of five, three and two. A number of outside shooters are coming, and a very pleasant day is looked for. All the members of the Hamilton Gun Club are requested to turn out and make the day pleasant for all who attend.

First-baseman Carney and Catcher Larkin, of the Holy Cross team, have been tied up by Connie Mack after they finish their college career. Jack Flynn, Bill Carrigan and many another good one came from that institution.

To baseball captains: Send in the scores of your ball games. Write plainly and address the Sporting Editor of the Times.

The King Edwards defeated the Quick-Faglesham and Farmer; Adams and E. Weber.

Knocking Down the Pins

In the International Harvester Ten Pin League last night four games were rolled at the H. B. & A. C. alleys. The S. I. R. and Malleable teams won three games each, and the O. S. & P. R. and Machine took two each. The scores:

First game:
S. I. R.—
Crowther 147 148 146 441
Hamilton 136 129 188 453
Fricker 198 193 167 558
Dodd 116 146 180 442
Berkely 139 168 122 429
Total 736 784 803 2324

Main Office—
Turry 128 158 137 403
Laird 172 167 209 549
Ward 123 154 116 393
Bellisle 95 199 133 541
Irwin 201 152 188 541
Total 719 720 774 2213

Second game:
Tool—
Smith 126 151 180 457
Jento, Fred 140 134 120 394
Gerhardt 172 154 114 440
Jento, Ford 176 156 133 463
Masterson 162 156 180 498
Total 776 751 747 2274

O. S. & P. R.—
Burwash 296 166 191 563
Herald 169 137 172 478
Hughes 82 129 119 330
McMullin 178 163 143 486
Robertson 184 165 163 452
Total 819 702 788 2300

Third game:
Machine—
Kay 130 139 140 409
Wessman 159 168 112 439
Baker 134 150 107 391
Muldoon 121 156 160 437
Mason 140 158 148 446
Total 684 771 667 2122

Knife and Bar—
McFadden 135 146 138 419
Green 131 183 144 458
McLeod 148 115 145 408
Daly 147 161 104 412
Bolton 130 181 158 469
Total 711 792 680 2192

Fourth game:
Sales—
Cook 135 111 146 392
James 88 100 78 266
Kemp 139 130 117 426
McKibben 117 99 138 354
Talmage 130 137 146 413
Total 629 597 625 1851

Malleable—
Mathieson 155 131 137 423
Bradshaw 133 134 153 420
Farley 114 139 151 384
Lewington 170 158 113 441
Clancy 149 131 172 472
Total 721 713 706 2140

In Class C the Royal Distillery defeated the Spectator team three straight games:
Spectator—
Waite 179 170 182 531
Hawkins 135 113 111 360
Ladlaw 144 146 148 438
Moore 137 178 148 463
Campbell 132 131 120 383
Total 728 738 700 2175

Royal Distillery—
O'Brien 170 163 166 499
Mitchell 174 153 141 468
McLarty 135 156 163 456
A. Ballantyne 130 133 148 411
G. Robbins 141 187 141 469
Total 770 792 761 2323

At the H. B. & A. C. alleys last night Messrs. Robertson and Burwash rolled a friendly match. Robertson swept the pins down in great style in his first game, and but for a bad split in the tenth frame would have scored well over the double century.

Burwash came strong after his first game, but could not overcome the lead earned by his consistent opponent. The scores:
Robertson 185 175 170 530
Burwash 124 186 207 517