

Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

NEED FOR RING IDOLS GREATER THAN REFEREES' DECISIONS

Boxing promoters and fight followers of California take a very gloomy view of the future of the sport. According to Jim Coffroth there is small prospect of boxing being restored to the state where so many championships have changed hands. He even expects the game to die a natural death in the east for lack of interest, due to the fact that championship matches have been practically wiped out.

Coffroth naturally is not inclined to underestimate the importance of the bout he promoted and the effect they had on the fortunes of the sport in general. He underlines the possibilities of boxing under the no-decision clause for which he professes the utmost scorn. That interest has fallen off to some extent since California raised the bar against the sport is true but that has been the result of having such uninteresting champions as Freddy Welsh and Johnny Kilbane at the head of two important divisions.

That there is a great need of decisions is admitted even by those who fear the scandal that invariably ensues when a ring arbiter makes an honest mistake as well as when he intentionally robs the real winner of a victory. But what is needed even more than decisions is a ring hero for fight followers to worship just as baseball fans worship Mathewson, Cobb and Wagner.

Stanley Ketchel was the last real interesting fighter the ring has had. Were he alive today and at the height of his form the fact that decisions are not allowed would in no way lessen the interest in his battles. The same can be said of Bob Fitzsimmons, Terry McGovern and scores of others whose names live in ring history. Those men were great fighters because they fought for fighting's sake. It is impossible to imagine Fitzsimmons being spotted by the fact that under the no decision rule he could safely stall through ten rounds without losing his title. He took too much pride in his work for anything like that.

The boxers of today lack personality. There is little about any of them that appeals to the imagination. Their conversation and thoughts are devoted to money matters exclusively. The sporting spirit is entirely absent. This is not so much the fault of the glibbers themselves, who are gamblers by nature or they would not have entered the game in the first place. It is the men who control them who are responsible. Most of the stars are controlled by a few men who make a business of managing fighters. These fellows care nothing for the sporting side of boxing and they quickly discourage any tendency in their men to take a chance. As a result the boxers are taught to hug and wrestle instead of fight in the open and to steer clear of opponents who appear dangerous. The manager who neglects to demand all the money in sight when making a match is lamer at by the other members of the clique not immediately concerned in the affair and the fighter is told that he is a sucker to have such a pilot.

Even Ketchel, with all his reckless ways that made him a public idol, would soon have his carefree spirit subdued if he were alive today and a member of a modern manager's string.

Young Ahearn's challenge to all the heavyweight contenders sounds like a real sporting offer. Ahearn has done some good work since he returned from England but the memory of his decisive defeats by Paddy McFarland and Mike Gibbons has kept him from obtaining recognition. However, they happened when Ahearn was merely an undeveloped youngster and they should have no bearing on his present status.

That Ahearn is equal to the task he sets himself is not improbable. Although strictly a middleweight he has enough speed and skill to offset the heft of the slow moving giants in short bouts. In England he was held in high favor and was thought to be a match for Georges Carpentier, and

CATCH AS CATCH CAN ON BOARD A STEAMSHIP.



Catch as catch can wrestling match between a cat and two monkeys is shown in this picture. The contest was staged aboard the steamship City of Agra. We cannot give the winner, at the match was still on when the photographer left.

ed to retire, while Quinn had little difficulty in holding Chicago safe. The score:

First game—
 Baltimore 00000300—3 7 1
 Chicago 010700120—11 14 1
 Batteries: Bailey, Conley, LeClair, Suggs and Owen; Hendrix and Clemmons. Baltimore, 5; Chicago, 1.

Second game—
 Baltimore 00220000—5 8 1
 Chicago 000000100—1 5 1
 Batteries: Quinn and Jacklitch; McConnell, Black, Prendergast and Fisher. St. Louis, 5; Brooklyn, 5.

St. Louis, July 26.—St. Louis today defeated Brooklyn in a game featured with three home runs, one three base hit and four two base hits. St. Louis used three pitchers and Brooklyn two, but none was able to stop the slugger. The score:

Brooklyn, 1; St. Louis, 5.
 St. Louis 10200020—5 10 1
 Brooklyn 00410010—6 7 1
 Batteries: Wilson, Seaton and Simon, H. Smith, Watson, Crandall, Plank and Chapman.

Newark, 3; Pittsburg, 1.
 Pittsburg, July 26.—The Newark Federal League team won today's game with Pittsburg by a score of 3 to 1. The score:

Newark 00100020—3 7 3
 Pittsburg 10000000—1 5 1
 Batteries: Moran and Raider; Knoster and Berry. (Only three Federals scheduled.)

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.
 Rochester, 4; Harrisburg, 1.
 Rochester, July 26.—Erickson held Harrisburg safe except in the third inning, while the home club batted Goodbread hard and took advantage of their opponents' poor fielding, winning today's game, 4 to 2. The score:

Harrisburg 00200000—2 6 1
 Rochester 000201010—4 9 1
 Batteries: Goodbread and Heckinger; Erickson and Williams.

Postponed Games.
 Providence, July 26.—Providence-Toronto, postponed, rain.
 Jersey City-Buffalo, postponed, rain.
 Montreal, July 26.—Taking advantage of Russell's wildness and the inability of Harrington to hold the ball Montreal won from Richmond this afternoon, 9 to 7. The score:

Richmond 15010000—7 9 1
 Montreal 20040030—9 13 1
 Batteries: Russell, Morrisette and Harrington; Dowd, Fullerton and Maden.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
 No Games Scheduled.

American League Standing.
 Won Lost P.C.
 Boston 56 31 .644
 Chicago 56 33 .629
 Detroit 54 34 .614
 Washington 44 44 .500
 New York 42 44 .488
 St. Louis 35 53 .398
 Cleveland 34 54 .386

BASEBALL IN THE BIG LEAGUES

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
 Pittsburg, 2; New York, 1.
 New York, July 26.—New York closed a profitable home stay here this afternoon by dividing a double-header with Pittsburg. The visitors won the first game by a score of 2 to 1, while the Giants won the second game by a score of 3 to 0. The first game resulted in a close pitching battle between Adams and Mathewson, the former winning in the eighth inning when the veteran Wagner singled, took second on Viox's sacrifice, and scored on Baird's double.

In the second game, Tesreau shut out Pittsburg with five scattered hits and struck out seven men. The score:

First game—
 Pittsburg 000010010—2 6 3
 New York 000010000—1 6 0
 Batteries: Adams and Murphy; Mathewson, Schner and Doot, Meyers.

New York, 3; Pittsburg, 0.
 Second game—
 Pittsburg 00000000—0 5 0
 New York 010002000—3 8 1
 Batteries: McQuillan and Gibson; Tesreau and Meyers.

Brooklyn, 13; St. Louis, 8.
 Brooklyn, July 26.—The Brooklyn finished up the series against the western invaders today with a 13 to 8 victory over St. Louis. The score:

St. Louis 000211022—8 11 1
 Brooklyn 100002400—13 14 2
 Batteries: Sallee, Perdue, Ames and Snyder; Appleton and McCarty.

Boston, 1; Chicago, 0.
 Boston, July 26.—The Braves ended their home series today by winning the fourth straight game from Chicago 1 to 0. The score:

Chicago 00000000—0 7 1
 Boston 000100000—1 5 1
 Batteries: Adams and Archer; Ragán, Hughes and Gowdy.

Philadelphia, 6; Cincinnati, 2.
 Cincinnati, July 26.—Bancroft's home run in the fifth, with two base, started the leaders to score and Philadelphia won easily from Cincinnati today, 6 to 2. The score:

Philadelphia 00002100—6 8 1
 Cincinnati 010000100—2 13 3
 Batteries: Demaree and Killifer; Schneider, McKenney and Clarke.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.
 Chicago, 11; Baltimore, 3.
 Chicago, July 26.—Chicago and Baltimore divided honors in a double header today, Chicago winning the first game 11 to 3, and losing the second 1 to 5. Hendrix pitched in fine form in the opening contest, while the visitors played erratically. In the second game McConnell was hit hard and fore-

Grand Circuit Racing

Detroit, July 26.—After the first three races on today's Grand Circuit programme had been disposed of in straight heats, three starters in the final number staged one of the prettiest battles seen here in several years, going five rounds to a decision. In the opening day of the Blue Ribbon meet at the State Fairgrounds. The track was heavy at the start, as a result of recent heavy rains, but dried out later in the day.

Only three horses went to the post for the 2:38 pace. Margot Hal acted badly in the first two heats which The Climax won in hard drives. In the third heat, McDonald kept his mare on her feet, taking the lead at the half mile and holding it to the wire. Fred Russell met at the State Fairgrounds. The track was heavy at the start, as a result of recent heavy rains, but dried out later in the day.

AB R H PO A E
 O'Regan, 3rd 3 0 2 1 2 0
 McNulty, ss 3 1 0 1 1 0
 Brittain, c 3 0 0 1 1 0
 J. Callaghan, 2b 3 1 0 1 2 0
 G. Callaghan, 1b 2 0 0 1 0 1
 Costello, lf 1 0 0 0 1 0
 Arsenau, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
 Gale, rf 2 0 0 0 0 0
 Thompson, p 2 0 0 1 1 1

EAST END LEAGUE.
 Glenwoods, 2; Alerts, 0.
 In a fast five inning game the Glenwoods won from the Alerts last evening 2 to 0. Parlee pitched winning ball for the Alerts, holding the Glenwoods to five hitless innings, but errors by Lawlor and Stewart proved costly. Thompson pitched great ball for the Glenwoods allowing only two hits. The official score and summary follows:

Glenwoods.
 AB R H PO A E
 O'Regan, 3rd 3 0 2 1 2 0
 McNulty, ss 3 1 0 1 1 0
 Brittain, c 3 0 0 1 1 0
 J. Callaghan, 2b 3 1 0 1 2 0
 G. Callaghan, 1b 2 0 0 1 0 1
 Costello, lf 1 0 0 0 1 0
 Arsenau, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
 Gale, rf 2 0 0 0 0 0
 Thompson, p 2 0 0 1 1 1

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 Arsenau, cf 2 0 0 0 0 0
 Gale, rf 2 0 0 0 0 0
 Thompson, p 2 0 0 1 1 1

SOUTH END LEAGUE.
 Lantics vs. Tartars.
 The game in the South End League last evening on the Barrack Square was between the Lantics and Tartars. The game was called the last of the fourth inning when the Tartars were leading by a score of 7 to 5.

LATE SHIPPING
 Boston, July 23.—Ard: Schs Virginian, Nova Scotia; Genevieve, Shulee; N.S. Lulu W. Bopes, Ellsworth; Nellie Eaton, St. John.
 Portland, July 23.—Ard: Sir Fort Dalhousie, Taylor, Chatham, and cid. Rockland, July 23.—Ard: Sch James L. Maloy, Grand Manan.

ST. JOHN TEAM AT MONCTON ON SATURDAY

The Moncton fans were given a treat on Saturday afternoon and evening when a team from St. John played two excellent games of ball with the Moncton team. The afternoon game went twelve innings, and the score of 7 to 7 could not be broken. The St. John boys got to the Moncton pitcher in the seventh inning, making all their runs in that inning. The Moncton team won the evening game by a score of 3 to 2. The summary:

St. John.
 A B R H P O A E
 O'Regan, 3rd 4 1 0 1 1 1
 McNulty, 2nd 6 0 2 1 4 1
 Brittain, c 5 1 0 8 3 0
 Donnelly, cf 6 1 1 0 0 1
 Callaghan, rf 6 1 2 0 0 0
 Costello, lf 6 1 0 2 0 0
 Gibbons, ss 5 0 1 3 7 2
 Robinson, 1st 5 1 2 0 0 0
 Thompson, p 5 1 2 1 5 0

Moncton.
 A B R H P O A E
 Edington, lf 5 0 2 2 0 0
 Armstrong, ss 6 1 0 1 0 0
 Walsh, cf 6 1 0 0 1 0
 J. Swetnam, 1st 4 1 1 16 0 0
 McLeod, 2nd 6 0 1 15 2 0
 Carroll, rf 5 1 0 1 0 0
 G. Swetnam, 3rd 5 2 3 1 1 1
 Lockhart, 2nd 5 1 3 0 2 2

TWILIGHT LEAGUE BASEBALL

ST. PETER'S LEAGUE.
 Roses, 7; Shamrocks, 1.
 In the St. Peter's Y. M. League last evening the Roses won from the Shamrocks by a score of 7 to 1. Heavy batting in the third inning by the winners settled the fate of the Shamrocks. Wm. Howard was the umpire.

The teams lined up as follows:
 Shamrocks. Catcher Sharkey
 McIntyre PITCHER
 Butler 1st Base
 P. Howard M. Garvan 2nd Base

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