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His Fiercest Fight *(Mike Donovan's Tales of 44 Years in Ring)* With Crony of Today



PROF. MIKE DONOVAN.

By Prof. Mike Donovan.

Of the hundreds of fights in which I engaged during the 44 years I was in the ring, the most terrific and the one I suffered the most in, was with Jim Murray in May, 1873, on an island in the Delaware river, at Philadelphia.

Up to that time no one inflicted such pain upon me that I could not shake it off and forget it in an instant. But the sting of Murray's blows remained; after each I'd grit my teeth to throw off the hurt, but it wouldn't go.

Murray's giant hands and tremendous muscles combined to make a blow the power of which was terrible. We started at daybreak. For an hour and five minutes we battled under "rules of the ring," which provided that the rounds ended only when one man was thrown or knocked down. We fought 42 rounds which means one or the other went to the turf 42 times. I was knocked down six times. Some of the rounds I fought in a daze, striking ineffectively.

I was quickly blinded by blood, Murray slashing my forehead and cutting my eyebrows. Both eyes began to close and to save myself I peppered at his right eye until I closed it. He broke my nose and continued to land on it. The nerves in my face were deadened by this time so I suffered but little. I turned to Murray's left eye, hitting it again and again, without result. Suddenly a dark lump popped out beneath the eye. This gave me renewed courage. Neither of us would give up, until the cry "Foul!" rang out.

I was never so glad to see a policeman as I was when they swarmed in to the ring. Murray afterward told me he, too, was glad.

NO TRAINER FOR JOHNSON

But Negro Says He Requires Training and that He Will Be His Own Boss in Fight Plans.

New York, March 28.—"Jack" Johnson, heavyweight champion, insists that he needs no trainer for his fight with "Jim" Jeffries. After dodging recent legal leads in this city Johnson gave a reporter an outline of training camp plans for the battle that is attracting worldwide interest.

"I have been fighting so long that I do not need to be told what to do," said the big negro. "Of course I will have a large staff of so-called trainers, but they will do what I instruct them. I am not hiring any one to tell me how to train. Joe Gans will be my corner, when I may need advice, but in the actual preparation for the fight I will follow my own way."

"What is it?" asked an awed listener. "Simply this," said Johnson. "I box with strong men and fast and do road work, eat and sleep, you, I do not say I do not need any. It's trainers I do not want." After making this distinction, Johnson was drawn into conversation again. His weight was discussed. "It worries me how much or how little I weigh," he declared. "My weight is all based on how I feel and how I could hit as hard, but I do not feel as well. I would not weigh a ton of 150. But common sense tells me 160 or 200 pounds is enough for weight and be at my best. I do not want to weigh an ounce more than when I meet Mr. Jeffries. It is not necessary for me to tip and wrestle with bears."

I couldn't see for six days after the fight, but when I got a glimpse of Murray I laughed despite my sore face. I had worried for fear I had not beaten him up as he had me, but I discovered my fears were groundless. "You hit like a mule, young fellow," Murray told me. We became fast friends after that and are cronies to this day. Murray now lives in Philadelphia.

I had held the middleweight championship for five years and had hopes of becoming heavyweight champion, when I met John L. Sullivan. I had been beating all the fellas up to this time. Sullivan stopped my dream. When I met him I knew the world would see a new champion when he chose to enter the arena. It was in Boston in 1879 that Jas. Ryan approached me and said, "Mike, I've got a youngster they call 'The Strong Boy.' I want you to fight over. He's only 22, but he has whipped everything around Boston." Sullivan came to my hotel and I saw he was an unusual man. I looked him over and said: "Young man, you've got the making of a great fighter in you." Six weeks later I arranged to fight him four rounds at the Athenaeum theatre in Boston.

Imagine my surprise when Sullivan came to me like a bull. I had a national reputation and supposed my record would daunt the boy. It didn't. He had no tricks, but possessed wonderful force and speed, and he hit like an ox.

"I know many tricks and they helped me, but I tell you I had to unpack almost the entire bundle before those four rounds ended. In the fourth I struck a bone in my right hand, swinging on Sullivan's cheek. Thereafter I sang Sullivan's praise, but that for a year I persuade Billy Madden he was the coming man. At that time I met Sullivan again at the Boston music hall. We went three rounds, when the police interfered. On the splendid showing Sullivan made Billy Madden took him on the road offering \$50 to anyone who'd stand before him for four rounds.

"Make it six," Sullivan pleaded. "Four it is," said Madden. "You can knock 'em all out." History proves Madden was right. I was in the party and saw Sullivan knock out man after man, some being giants. When Sullivan became angry at any one he'd hit him. During that trip he struck everyone in the party but Madden and myself.

Undoubtedly Madden saved Sullivan from companions who were dragging him down to their own low level. If it hadn't been for Billy Madden, John L. Sullivan would not have become famous. Very likely he would have finished with a local reputation and a short-lived one at that, because of his Boston associations.

(Note—Donovan seconded Jake Kilrain in his fight with Sullivan at Richmond, Miss., July, 1883. He tells in the third article the events leading up to the fight, the talk in the ring and Charlie Mitchell's effort to get Sullivan to pay \$2000 to have Kilrain quit.)

All I need is some outdoor work, a little boxing to retain speed, and I'll be there without an excuse prepared.

Johnson's training methods do not differ greatly from the old routine of training camps, excepting in the principle that the fighter is his own boss. On this point "Sam" Fitzpatrick and Johnson broke in Australia. There have been many reasons advanced for Johnson's sudden turn from Fitzpatrick, but the real story of the breach is in the following facts: Johnson had many visitors to the training camp where Johnson was getting into condition for his fight with Tommy Burns. Some of the well-meaning visitors did not like Johnson's style of preparing for a world's championship fight and they made suggestions. Johnson heard them and was quick to resent. From these training camp experiences developed the feeling of dissatisfaction which resulted in Johnson turning a valuable, conscientious manager and adviser adrift.

Johnson has some sound logic of an epigrammatic nature in his comments on training. He says: "A fighter when in the ring may wish he had some of the strength he wasted on a wisp of straw." "No heavyweight fighter needs to starve in order to be fast enough to enter the ring." "It is tax enough on any one's strength to fight, so it is better to save all your power by refusing to worry."

INSURANCE MEN THE WINNERS

Take Three Point Victory from Yanigans in City League—Macaulays in the Commercial Series.

The Insurance quintette bobbed up as possible winners in the City League last evening by winning a three point victory over the Yanigans. "Policy" men played a stellar game after the first string, while the Indians persisted in negotiating with the wind.

Last evening's match puts three teams in a position to first place. Some of the wise ones say it's the Tigers, and it looks like good dope. The Newmans and Insurance teams have a fighting chance however, and intend to "stay" until the last ball is sent down the waxed surface.

Insurance.

Macburn	.74	96	84	254-84.23
Gregory	.82	88	81	251-83.23
Atchison	.74	72	230	76.23
Covey	.85	88	84	253-83.13
Gilmore	.88	86	114	238-96

Yanigans.

Black	.89	89	84	272-90.23
J. Codner	.84	74	72	230-76.23
Jordan	.85	75	77	237-79
S. Codner	.86	83	81	256-83.13
McLellan	.91	92	82	265-85.13

Macaulays Win.

414	432	445	1291
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In the commercial league race the Macaulay Bros' team drew the long end of the score over Waterbury and Rising. The shoe men were away off especially in the second string and the haberdashers had 93 attacks to the good in that session alone.

Macaulay Bros.

McLean	.74	85	72	231-77
McCann	.78	93	86	257-85.23
W. Smith	.63	89	101	253-84.13
Latham	.85	99	77	250-86.13

W. and R.

Chealey	.83	89	80	243-81
Thomas	.83	84	86	233-77.23
Rising	.83	83	77	208-69.13
Holder	.68	69	77	214-71.13
Labbe	.85	79	105	269-89.23

Fredericton, Mar. 28.—Tommy Raymond, the well known driver and trainer, will arrive here this evening from Boston with the latest importation of speed for Fredericton.

John W. Coakley, of Boston, sold last week to John McCoy, of this city the seven year old chestnut pacer mare Belle End, (2:20 1/2) by Constantine (2:12 1/2); dam American Girl (p) (2:15 1/2) by Hal Boy.

This is the mare that Mr. Raymond is bringing here and she is expected to prove a good racing proposition in the 2:21 class.

M'LEAN TO FIGURE IN KLING DEAL

Hot Springs, Ark., Mar. 28.—That a deal is now being made which will result in the trading of Catcher Larry McLean to the Giants for another player who will be traded to Chicago along with a sum said to be fully \$20,000 in return for Catcher Johnny Kling, is the latest word of a gigantic move being made in the inner circles of the National League. McLean will leave Hot Springs early tomorrow for Cincinnati, he having formerly left the Reds and his hotel bill having been paid up to tonight by Manager Griffith. Griffith wired to McLean in Texas yesterday asking if he wanted McLean and what inducements he could offer for the star catcher of the Reds.

It is known that Kling and Murphy have never been able to agree and that it was this reason, purely a financial one, that Kling left the Cubs the year before last. Herrmann tried last year to get him and failed. It is said here by men who know Herrmann, that he will strain every nerve to get the famous backstop this year and that \$20,000 will be a small price paid for him.

Herrmann according to these men, argues that if his club can get \$40,000 out of the world's series, which he is said to count upon winning with Kling in harness, he will be several thousand ahead. More than that he will have a great backstop.

Manager Griffith admitted tonight that he's after a great catcher, and it is known that he has long wanted to be rid of the troublesome McLean.

HARRIERS FEET GREAT SUCCESS

Much Good Sport Witnessed at Last Night's Meet at the Victoria Rink --- Pat White Defeats Horsman in Fifteen Mile Race Abounding in Thrills---The Results in Detail.

Some good sport was witnessed last night at the indoor meet held by the Y. M. C. A. Harrier Club at the Victoria Rink. The track events were well contested and most of the finishes were close and exciting. The field got the best start and won by a good margin. The Harriers, the race was one of the best events of the evening. Judging from the form displayed by White he should make a good showing in the Boston Marathon next week.

The first event called was the senior 40 yard dash. There were six starters—Chester Brown, Harriers; A. W. Covey, Every Day Club; R. Garnett, Algonquins; F. Smith, Harriers, and W. L. Wood, Every Day Club. Covey got the best start and won by a good margin. Garnett was second, and Brown third. The time was 5:15 seconds.

The intermediate 40 yards was more closely contested. G. Melrose, of the Harriers, finished first with L. Dow, Harriers, second. The other competitors were D. Cameron, High School; H. Cunningham, Harriers, and F. Ryan, Fredericton, Y. M. C. A.

In the 220 yards senior there were three starters: R. Garnett, of St. Joseph's, C. C., took the lead at the start closely followed by Covey, with Willis some distance behind. Covey pressed his hand on the first lap but was unable to pass him. On the second lap Willis came up and beat out Covey for second place. The time was 27:15 seconds.

The 220 yards intermediate went to H. Cunningham, of the Harriers, with L. Dow, Harriers, second and F. Ryan, Fredericton, Y. M. C. A., third. The time was 33:25 seconds.

The mile run was well contested. There were four entries, G. Stubbs, of the E. C. C., took the lead at the start, followed by E. Sterling, of the E. D. C., George Melrose and W. Harper, of the Harriers, in the order named. Soon after the start, Sterling took the lead from Stubbs and reached the mile mark second position. Sterling started a sprint in the ninth lap and gradually drew away from the rest of the pack. He finished the lap and Melrose on the thirteenth. Sterling finished first with Stubbs about half a lap behind. Time, 4:34.25.

The eight mile race for boys, Manning came first; Vincent second and Crowley third. Time, 40 seconds.

The 220 yards intermediate hurdles were won by E. Sterling, of the Harriers. Megarity, of the High School, was second and C. Climo, Harriers, third. The feature of this event was the pitfall program put up by Climo, who received a number of bad falls, but came off safely in spite of his mishaps. The time was 35 seconds.

FIXTURES FOR READVILLE ANNOUNCED

Boston, March 28.—Derby day, Tuesday, Aug. 30; Futurity day, Wednesday, Aug. 31; Massachusetts day, Sept. 1; champion day, Sept. 2; freedom day, Sept. 3.

This is A. J. Welch's announcement for the Grand Circuit meeting at Readville this summer, and he is offering the race to the public.

Mr. Welch came to Boston yesterday, after a session with the management of the Grand Circuit, and he was filled with enthusiasm for the eastern section of the Grand Circuit.

"Stronger than ever," he says, and a talk with him would convince the most doubtful that this is the fact.

Welch has decided upon six early closing events for the Readville meeting, the American Derby, \$15,000, \$11,000 for trotters and \$4000 for pacers; The Massachusetts, \$10,000, 2:14 trot; the stallion championship \$5000, free-for-all trotting stallions; the Blue Hill, \$2500, 2:20 trot; \$3000, 2:14 pace, \$2500, 2:06 pace.

The Derby purse has very wisely been cut from that of the previous handicaps, and with the other changes that are to be made in the conditions should prove much more satisfactory to spectators and trainers.

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The senior 440 yards dash went to Covey who took the lead at the start and was never headed. R. Garnett was second and W. Willis, of U. N. E., third. Sterling who also competed, dropped out on the third lap. The time was 6:25 seconds.

The wheelchair race of two laps, went to Alexander and Bennett with Knodell and Hambro second; time 45 seconds.

Only two men faced the starter in the fifteen mile race, Pat White, the well known Cape Breton runner and J. F. Horsman, captain of the Harrier team. Horsman set a fast pace at the start. On the seventh lap White took the lead and when the first mile was finished in 5:16.45 he was nearly half a lap ahead. Horsman caught White when the mile and three quarter post was reached and held the lead until the beginning of the third mile when White passed him. Horsman soon took the lead again and when the fourth mile was reached was half a lap ahead. He continued to gain and lapped his opponent on the eleventh lap of the fifth mile. In the sixth mile Horsman commenced another sprint and was a lap and a half ahead at seven miles. He finished the lap and at eight miles again lapped his opponent.

On the ninth mile while the runners were out by sick White tripped and fell over the ropes and Horsman gave a splendid exhibition of true sportsmanship by slowing up and waiting for him to get on his feet and going again.

White started in on the tenth mile to cut down Horsman's lead of two laps and gained about a quarter of a lap. Horsman cut down the lead however and when the tenth mile was passed they were again running side by side. White started another sprint and slowly opened up a space between himself and his opponent.

When the eleventh mile was completed, White was accompanied at least a lap. During the next mile amid much cheering and excitement he caught Horsman and passing him started in to make up the other lap. He finished the mile with the Steinhilber mile was reached he had gained half a lap and soon after again caught his opponent.

Horsman was tiring and the rest of the race was all White's. He gained a lap on the thirteenth mile and was over five laps ahead when fifteen miles was completed. He finished with a magnificent sprint and received a great reception as he crossed the line. His time was 1 hour, 30 minutes, 52.25 seconds. Horsman finished in 1 hour, 34 minutes and 33.25 seconds, and was loudly cheered for the race he put up.

The time by miles follows: 5:16.45, 11:11, 16:48.25, 23:35, 28:16.45, 34:09.23, 40:01, 45:55, 52:07.25, 58:16, 1:04:30.25, 1:10:58.35, 1:17:34, 1:24:10, 1:30:52.25.

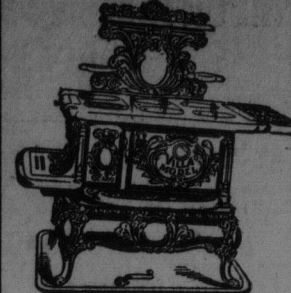
SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR THE THISTLES

That the members of the Thistle Curling Club had a most remarkable season is evidence from the summary of the matches, which Secretary A. G. Stevens has just completed. Not one match has these rinks lost during the season. While one portion of a series went to the St. Andrew's in the annual battle, this could hardly be counted a defeat, as the Thistles won the championship. While the season was a short one the Thistles played with several outside clubs and as usual, came out on top. Their record is a continuation of the excellent work performed in former years.

The annual meeting of the club will be held at the rink on April 7. Mr. Stevens will submit his complete report at the meeting. The following is the summary:

Jan. 15—Thistles, 237; St. Andrew's, 216; 14 rinks.
Jan. 18—McCaffrey series: Thistles, 78; Campbellton, 47; 4 rinks.
Feb. 4—Thistles 162; Carleton, 110; 8 rinks—friendly.
Feb. 5—Thistles, 200; St. Andrew's, 223; 14 rinks.
Feb. 7—Thistles, 80; Moncton, 52; McCaffrey series, 4 rinks.
Feb. 8—Thistles, 75; Sackville, 56; McCaffrey series, 4 rinks.
Feb. 12—Thistles, 250; St. And. rev's, 236; 14 rinks.
Feb. 14—Thistles, 65; Mayflowers, 35; 3 rinks, friendly.
Feb. 15—Thistles, 124; Fredericton, 60; McCaffrey series, 6 rinks.
Feb. 18—Thistles, 94; Carleton, 43; McCaffrey series, 4 rinks.
Feb. 19—Thistles, 113; St. Andrew's, 86; McCaffrey series, 6 rinks.
Feb. 25—Thistles, 112; Carleton, 103; 6 rinks, friendly.

The home club has a majority of 333 points in twelve games. This morning Mr. Stevens forwarded to R. S. Barker at Fredericton the scores in the last match for the McCaffrey trophy. The Thistles have won thirteen and lost three games in this series and will doubtless receive the trophy.



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Fight Stories By Prof. Mike Donovan

The Standard publishes herewith the second of a series of stories by Prof. Mike Donovan, one time middleweight champion of the world, and for 44 years a power in journalism. These stories have been secured by Tip Wright, The Standard sport expert. Donovan discloses hitherto untold ring history of an intimate nature.

In his yesterday's story Donovan told how as a boy he shook hands with Abe Lincoln, and years later bounced gloves off the nose of another president in Lincoln's old office in Washington. He retold his first fight, when the police chased the fighters, who continued the battle in another ring.

In today's story he tells of his fiercest fight, when he welcomed the arrival of the police, and how he discovered in John L. Sullivan the future world's champion.

In his Wednesday story Donovan tells how Charlie Mitchell urged Kilrain to fight Sullivan, and tried to have Sullivan pay \$2,000 to induce Kilrain to quit.

In his Thursday story Donovan tells about finding in Jim Corbett the man to whip Sullivan, how he raised money for the side bet, and how he taught Bob Fitzsimmons the shift and solar plexus.

In his Friday story Donovan tells of Ned O'Baldwin, the world's greatest fighter, champion of the world for six years, who offered to meet Jim Mace and Tom Allen in the same ring.

The Saturday story is by Tip Wright and is based upon his talks with Donovan in which the veteran astounds the writer with a challenge directed at a man he once befriended.

The only opportunity to read these stories by the man who at 63 is willing to re-enter the ring will be on the sporting page of The Standard.

NOTIONS OF THE ATHLETES

Jeffries Outlines His Training Methods at New Camp --- Will Do Plenty of Hard Work.

New York, March 28.—Jeffries has planned one of the largest training camps ever used by a pugilist in this country and will take possession in less than a week. The camp is located near Santa Cruz, in the mountains, at a place called Rewardennan, about 80 miles from San Francisco, and the accommodations are of the best. At least fifteen men. A handball court will be finished in a few days so that the big fellow can begin playing that strenuous game as soon as possible, and several cooks will be engaged to prepare food for the boilermaker and his assistants in a specially appointed kitchen. It is also possible, and at least to examine and instruct Jeff in the gymnasium, white boxing, bag punching, wrestling, rope skipping and exercise with weights and medicine ball. Several cooks will be engaged to prepare food for the boilermaker and his assistants in a specially appointed kitchen. It is also possible, and at least to examine and instruct Jeff in the gymnasium, white boxing, bag punching, wrestling, rope skipping and exercise with weights and medicine ball. Several cooks will be engaged to prepare food for the boilermaker and his assistants in a specially appointed kitchen. It is also possible, and at least to examine and instruct Jeff in the gymnasium, white boxing, bag punching, wrestling, rope skipping and exercise with weights and medicine ball.

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