

CHAMPION KILBANE TELLS OF HIS MOST INTERESTING LIFE

Popular Featherweight Champion of the World Enters Enthusiastically Upon Review of His Career for Evening Ledger Readers—His Opinion of Last Night's Fight With "Willie" Houck.

HOW LAST NIGHT'S OLYMPIA FIGHTS RESULTED

Main bout—"Johnnie" Kilbane, world's champion featherweight, defeated "Willie" Houck, of Mount Airy, N. C., in three rounds at a good clip. Houck's work was most commendable.

By "JOHNNIE" KILBANE

World's Featherweight Champion. "Willie" Houck deserves much praise for the manner in which he fought last night at the Olympia A. A. in the main bout with me. "Willie" was shaded, of that there was little doubt, though he proved to be a tough customer.

The newspapers in that city and in Cleveland were divided in their opinions about that 12-round affair. Until the ninth round, when I was butted by Mandot and nursed a bad cut, I had the fight, so that all that was needed was a final spurt and the victory would unquestionably have been mine.

Prior to the Mandot fight I had not fought since July 5, when I knocked out Mars at Cincinnati.

How did I start fighting? Well, it was this way. When "Jimmy" Dunn, then in his prime and incidentally I might mention here that "Jimmy" afterward became my manager—needed a companion to train I was shipped over by a Cleveland friend of mine to Brooklyn.

TWO FIGHT CLUBS HAVE BOUTS TONIGHT

Mount Airy Club Here and Palace at Norristown Announce Cards.

Manager "Jack" Wynne has a nice card for his regular entertainment tonight at the Fairmount Athletic Club. A double wind-up will be the main attraction.

The preliminary program looks good from any angle. In the opening bout "Billy" Cristie, of the 18th Ward, will meet "Kid" Boots, of Manayunk.

The Palace A. C. at Norristown will stage a ten-round wind-up tonight between two of the most promising lightweights in the East.

Collins Defeats Baker. LANGFORD, Pa., Dec. 13.—Charles Collins, of Philadelphia, defeated Harry Baker, of Philadelphia, in a ten-round bout at the local club.

White Stops Murphy. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Charles White stopped Harry Murphy, of Chicago, in the second round of a ten-round bout at the local club.

Belmont Stops Fight. NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 13.—The referee stopped the fight between Belmont and another fighter in the second round of a ten-round bout.

Shearman Outplays Catton. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Jack Shearman outplayed Catton in a ten-round bout at the local club.

Helm Wins From Manopans. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Edward Helm defeated Manopans in a ten-round bout at the local club.

Jeckey Righttime Dies. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 13.—Johnny V. Jeckey, who was stricken in the pocket during a fight with Thursday, died yesterday of Bright's disease.

Herrity Wins Fights. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Herrity won two fights in a ten-round bout at the local club.

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Shearman Easy For Gibbons. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Shearman was easily defeated by Gibbons in a ten-round bout at the local club.

How much to Dunn, for since that time he has plotted me over the rocks and we have been returned a winner.

After several months' work with Dunn I got the fever and through his effort I was matched with "Tom" Mangan— that was December 2, 1907, and I won in three rounds.

It was in January that I met "Tommy" Kilbane, and we fought a draw at Lorain, O., in three rounds. When we were rematched, on February 10, we fought another draw.

I do not say it because I am swell-headed, but because it is a fact, that there are no men in the country now who are able to worry me. I believe that I have cleared the horizon of featherweight championship contenders.

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I have met several of the Philadelphia experts and remember two fights with "Tommy" O'Toole, two with "Eddie" Moy and a like number with O'Keefe, and one each with "Kid" Thomas and "Frankie" Daly here.

My manager is well known in this city, as he beat "Freddie" Welsh in his city in 1908. "Jimmy" and I are both married and until a week ago I had been my pleasure to answer the query as to how many children I had by saying twice as many as "Jimmy." Now it is different.

YACHTSMEN MEET AT BINGHAM TONIGHT

Many Clubs Will Be Represented and Schedules Discussed.

Delegates representing the different clubs affiliated with the Delaware River Yacht Club will meet at Bingham tonight.

Last year the glass cabin contest was run from the West End Yacht Club, of Chester, to the Yvonne Yacht Club, Trenton.

RUPPERT NOW OWNER

Reports From French Lack Give Colonel the Yanks.

FRANCIS LACK, Ind., Dec. 13.—The New York American League Club has been sold to Colonel Rupert.

NEW COACH FOR TIGERS. PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 13.—Princeton's new coach for the football team has been announced.

Swimmers Making Ready. Contestants of the aquatic sport are manifesting much interest in swimming.

Stars Are Barred. The Northern High School basketball team will not play tonight.

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FLASHLIGHT MADE AT OLYMPIA A. A. LAST NIGHT WHEN KILBANE MET WILLIE HOUCK

It is interesting to note that two world's champion fighters were in the same ring on the same night at the Olympia Athletic Association last night. "Johnnie" Kilbane, the titleholder among the featherweights, who met and defeated "Willie" Houck, the light-weight top-notch, were the men to enjoy this distinction.

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CORNELL VARSITY IN TWO BIG RACES EARLY IN SPRING

Will Row Princeton and Yale on May 15 and Harvard at Ithaca on May 22.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The Cornell varsity crew will take part in two important rowing engagements before the Poughkeepsie regatta next spring.

The Cornell varsity crew will row the Princeton and Yale varsity crews on Carnegie Lake at Princeton on May 15.

For Johnson, the Oar, by his interviews judged. Forgets all his stunts of a few decades back.

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SOCCER IS POPULAR BECAUSE POOR BOY CAN ENJOY PASTIME

Because Game Is Not Expensive, Means That It Eventually Will Become Quite as Favored as Baseball.

The game which is bound to be popular in any country is the game which the poor boy can play without great expense.

Speed, brains and ability to see the feet with as much accuracy as the hands are necessary in the making of a great soccer player.

Some of the great English teams have been known to come over here and set a setback that no one expected then did the American baseball teams that first went to Cuba and found the islanders could every now and then put one over on them.

It is not 60 years old. In the early '50s it was tried out in England and an association formed, in which the rugby game was discarded and the players not allowed to handle the ball with their hands.

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SHORT HOLES TEST OF GOOD GOLF COURSE

Canadian Amateur Meeting Permits All-comers for First Time in Its History This Year.

Golf courses always stand or fall on their short holes, for it is the one-shot holes that are recalled vividly to the player's mind after a round of the course.

Perhaps the best short hole on any of the courses in the Philadelphia district is the sixth on the new Merion course.

The short holes at the Philadelphia Cricket Club have also been well thought out, and from present indications the Canadian amateur should draw a large number of entries from this country.

George Lyon, the present amateur golf champion of Canada, has won the classic times title in a wonderful record, although it is not quite so wonderful as the record of John Ball, Jr., who won the British amateur title eight times.

The Canadian amateur championship was for the first time open to all-comers this year, and this will be so in the future.

All Eastern League cages will be dark tonight and tomorrow night, as there will be no games in Philadelphia.

Trouton is scheduled to meet Camden at Alpha Hall on Wednesday evening. This means that there will be practically no changes in the standing of the league before the end of the week.

This official statement has been given out this far on attendance in the league, but it is certain that the up-to-date figures this year are in excess of those of last season for the same period of time.

Standing of the Clubs. W. I. P. C. De Nerl... 9 3 750 Camden... 6 9 500 Reading... 7 4 588 Trenton... 5 8 385

TRIDENT, N. J., Dec. 13.—The Tigers came through with remarkable rally during the closing minutes of the game last night, and by a score of 10 to 15.

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