

NINETEEN-NINETEEN HOLDS NO FOND MEMORIES FOR EITHER JESS WILLARD OR JOE BECKETT

LAST-ROUND RALLY GIVES KILBANE WIN OVER YOUNG CHANEY

After Seven Slow Rounds, Premier Featherweight Puts on Regular Fight in Final Frame and Baltimore Youth Runs Second Amid Howls From Mob

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

JOHNNY KILBANE, premier featherweight, performed here last night and managed to grab the decision from Young Al Chaney, of Baltimore, in seven slow rounds and one fast one. Johnny was entitled to whatever honors there were, but his work did not make a hit with the crowd. He was expected to waste in and knock Chaney for a three-bagger right off the bat and, when he failed to come through, the howling mob howled as only a howling mob can.

Kilbane evidently was trying himself out and allowed Chaney to take lots of liberties with him. The Baltimore youngster gained confidence as the bout progressed and made it more difficult for the champion to make a creditable showing. In the first, Johnny just fought on the defensive, blocking leads and laughing at the futile efforts of his opponent to land a telling blow. In the second, Chaney rushed out of his corner to end things then and there, but collided with a stiff right to the chin which almost knocked him on his back. Johnny, however, did not follow his advantage and allowed Young Al to recuperate.

From then on, it was a very slow affair. In the third, the crowd began to howl and it was worse in the fourth. In this round, Chaney did his best work. He did all of the forcing, while Kilbane did nothing but clinch and box a defensive battle.

JOHNNY started with a rush in the sixth and landed a few hard scalps, slaving Chaney considerably, but again did not step in and finish his man when he had the opportunity. Kilbane landed a stiff left to the nose in this session, and Chaney was bleeding at the bell.

Chaney Punished Severely in Last Round

THE seventh was another tame round, but it was different in the eighth. Johnny stopped his fooling and started after the Baltimore boy hammer and tones. He was like an unleashed tiger and thirty seconds after the gong had sounded, Chaney was staggering around the ring with Johnny landing lefts and rights almost at will. He tried hard for a knockout, but the blows either were too high or missed altogether. Chaney had wonderful recuperative powers and also took lots of punishment in this session. Kilbane never let up until the bell ended the battle.

Had he started this rally sooner the bout never would have lasted the limit. Johnny never gets started until it is too late and takes too many chances. He does not like to inflict punishment until he has to. That's a bad habit for a champion when he is boxing a strong, rugged boy. He is likely to stop a wild swing with his chin some day.

The bouts were held in the Amory over here, and a large crowd was present. Tubing from New York was a pleasant pastime for those on the other side of the river, but the natives had a climb. Most of them walked. Boxing is very popular here, however, for the customers arrived at 7:30 for the 8:30 show. Perhaps it was the only place to go.

DAVE DRISCOLL, the promoter, had things arranged for his guests. There was the usual lunch, which pleased the popular ones. "Little Annie Rooney," "Convales" and "After the Ball" made a hit. There also was a girl who whistled a few bars, just to show that all whistles have not gone dry.

Al Reich Takes Successful High Dive in Third

THE next best number on the program was the high-diving contest between Al Reich and Tom Cowler. Due to some mistake, the boys did not wear headgears like football players. That would have made the most thrilling and caused less wear and tear on the head. Reich dived three times and the last time failed to come up. He was plastered all over the ring by Cowler, who, by the way, remained on his feet during the entire performance.

Tom really inflicted punishment and Reich really took it. In the first Tom had all the best of it, and in the second Reich tried to balance himself on his chin on two separate and distinct occasions. All of this was such a big surprise that Al Lippe was speechless. It was such an unusual occurrence to see Cowler soaking the tar out of another bloke that Al wanted to know what it was all about.

Then came the third and final act. Reich tried to send Cowler to the mat just once, but Tom refused to do that little thing. Instead he walloped Al on the whiskers and Al did an Annette Kellerman. The dive so impressed Jimmy Johnson that he tossed water in the ring to make it more realistic. That ended the contest, for Referee Danny Sullivan awarded the verdict to Cowler on a foul. That wasn't necessary, however, for Al was through for the eve and wouldn't have arisen to the surface at the count of 350.

Cowler looked better than ever before, but that's not strange when you figure it out. Tom kept his feet and did not pass off into assisted slumber, as was usually the case, and they all look good when not stretched out on the canvas. Cowler now can challenge Spike McFadden.

That water-throwing episode was something worthy of mention. According to the rules, a boxer cannot receive assistance on his seconds while the bout is in progress, and if he does he is disqualified on a foul. Johnson broke the rules and Danny Sullivan without hesitation stopped the bout. Of course, Reich was on the floor at the time, and it was doubtful if he ever would arise, but Danny cared nothing for that. He made his decision and the crowd was with him.

SULLIVAN, by the way, is one of the younger referees and is one of the best I have seen in some time. He is fast, knows the game, makes the boys fight and will be a big success. Philadelphia promoters would make no mistake if Sullivan were invited to officiate in some of the big contests. He is efficient and fearless, and those are the things which make a good ring official.

Jeff Smith Scores K. O. in Substitute Act

THERE were other bouts, one being a substitute affair. Harry Greb, who was booked to collide with Augie Ratner, was taken ill and canceled. Ratner, by the way, is a very tough person and would have given Harry a stiff argument. However, he refused to meet Jeff Smith, of Bayonne, and Jeff was forced to meet a gent named Coyne. Mr. Coyne lost all interest in the proceedings in the second round and was swept off.

Gene Tunney, light-heavyweight champion of the A. E. F., was stacked up against a terrible ham named Bob Pearce, of Chicago, and won in two rounds. Pearce had one chance in a million and still was looking for that chance when his seconds tossed in the sponge to prevent murder. Tunney had the same effect on him as wood alcohol.

The A. E. F. champion has been highly touted, but he still has a lot to learn. He does not deliver his blows properly and seems to be shoulder-bound. Perhaps he will work this out after he engages in a few more battles.

THERE was a great little fighter in the preliminary. His name is Al Zimmer and he hails from Cleveland. Johnny Kilbane brought him East, and take it from us, that boy will be heard from later. He outclassed Joe Smith and was handing him so many slams that Danny Sullivan stopped the fracas in the second round.

Wall Street Wins in Battle With Curb

AS AN added attraction, a couple of broker's clerks boxed in the curtain raiser. It was a four-rounder between Wall street and the Curb market. Wall street won because he remained on his feet.

Many of our prominent Philadelphians were at the ringside. Joe Griffo, most recent referee at the National, got an eyeful of how ring officials act over here, and was much pleased.

Jack Hanlon, matchmaker of the Olympia, stood in the rear of the hall until the wind-up and then boosted Kilbane's work to the newspaper men. Kilbane boxes at the Olympia next Thursday.

James F. Dougherty, of Leiperville, entertained a party of friends at the contest. A pleasant time was had by all.

THIS was the first fight Kilbane has had since splitting with Jimmy Dunn. Johnny directed his own battle and missed lots of chances.

WONDER WHAT A TWENTY-ONE-MONTHS-OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT

Humorous cartoon strip with four panels. Panel 1: A baby playing with blocks. Panel 2: A baby holding a doll. Panel 3: A baby holding a doll. Panel 4: A baby holding a doll. Captions include: 'THE KID IS ALL MADE OF YARN OR SOMETHING. HE'S NEVER HUNGRY BUT I CAN PUSH HIS STOMACH WITH MY HAND.' 'HE NEVER SAYS A DARN WORD—JUST STARES AT ME—I DON'T THINK HE FEELS WELL.' 'REALLY IT'S A SILLY THING—I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT.' 'HAVE A COUPLE YOUNG DAUGHTERS TOO CHILDREN ARE SUCH A CARE.' Signed 'B7A1669/4'

NO \$500,000 OFFER TO CHAMP DEMPSEY

Cochran, English Promoter Here, Denies Report of Half-Million Dollar Purse

HAS CARPENTIER SIGNED

Charles H. Cochran, of London, who staged the recent "Joe" Beckett-George Carpentier bout, and who has come to this country to sign "Jack" Dempsey to fight Carpentier for the world's heavyweight championship, was in Philadelphia last night. He divulged for the first time that he has Carpentier under contract to meet the American titleholder and not only "under option," as has been reported.

Mr. Cochran said the fact that Carpentier was bound to him under contract to fight Dempsey, knocked the report of the New Orleans promoter, who has an option on Dempsey and who is said to have offered the American \$150,000 for the contest. Mr. Cochran made it clear, however, that he had made the contract with Carpentier only for the Dempsey fight and not permanently. The English manager denied the report that he has offered Dempsey \$100,000, or \$200,000, for the fight. He also said the rumor that he would "outbid" any other man was untrue.

"I would not think of 'outbidding' any man, as you say, and neither would I offer Dempsey \$200,000," said Mr. Cochran. "Although I have staged the fight primarily for the sake of sport, I would not do it unless there were a decent profit in it for myself."

"It is, however, true, that I have offered the American titleholder a large sum of money. I made that offer to him some time ago by cable, before I left England. Since my arrival in America I have opened negotiations with Dempsey by sending him the articles of a drafted contract."

If Mr. Cochran succeeds in coming to terms with Dempsey, he said, the bout will not be staged until the end of 1920. It will take place in the Olympia, in London. The price of seats, said Mr. Cochran, will be the same as those that were charged at the Beckett-Carpentier bout, ranging from \$12.50 to \$125. The fight, he said, would be a "twenty-round bout to a decision." The Olympia seats 20,000 persons.

BAD DAY FOR BONES

McAndrew's Ankle and Hudson's Wrist Reported Broken

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 30.—Eddie McAndrew, of Philadelphia, who failed to appear before the Liberty Club last night for a bout with Johnny Herman, of New York, was debarré from further appearance in Pottsville today by Mayor Mortimer's boxing commission.

McAndrews sent the excuse that his ankle was broken while coming on a train from Philadelphia and, when investigation of this was prompted, the audience the statement was changed to "sprained" his ankle. The audience booed the excuse.

Battling Hudson, of Philadelphia, who took McAndrew's place, broke his wrist in the fifth round.

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPS AND SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

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Decisions of Ring Boss

MEN who saw service in the great war are going on record as being against the tentative international heavyweight title between Jack Dempsey, laborer, and George Carpentier, politician. Many who were garbed in the light of Uncle Sam's representative fighters believe Dempsey is not entitled to the large chunks of currency his manager, Jack Kearns, demands for him, especially when he is passed up an opportunity to earn a monthly wage under the management of old bookish-wood Sam in the historic battle against Bill, the Kaiser. It is expected that American Legion Posts will make an effort to condemn the Carpentier-Dempsey bout. A resolution is to be voted taking such a stand against the proposed heavyweight battle. Says an ex-soldier: "In view of the attacks on Dempsey's patriotism, under the signature of prominent sports writers of America, I think that the ex-servicemen of the city, whose Dempsey had during the war, should assert themselves in such a way that it will not be known as the 'slander city.'"

Al Shufert will be the man to put Mr. J. P. Kelly in the ring against the title of the world's champion, New Year's after the style of the famous fight between Kelly and Al Brown, who has been fighting since Kelly's arrival in Philadelphia. Kelly is said to have a tough proposition.

Louisiana has been getting into condition for the fight with the other but Dinger will be a layover on the date as well as Kelly. This bout will be the first on the Olympia January 1 program. Kelly vs. Steve Latta, Billy Ablick vs. Willie Hamon, George Bonadick vs. Johnny Williams and Frankie Jerome vs. Frankie Conroy.

Joe Welch will be 50 per cent of the star attraction of the New Year's Day program at the Auditorium, A. A. His adversary will be a New Yorker, Johnny Sumner, who has made a promising impression on the Liberty Club fans recently. Welch is training daily with Johnny Abick.

Johnny Butcher, one of the A. E. F. champions, has been signed by Matchmaker Maxey Williams for a special performance at the Liberty Club. Other matches include: Danny Murphy vs. Bob O'Brien, Tommy Latta vs. Davis Moore, Kid Mawson vs. Tommy Langdon and Matt Barrett vs. Johnny Bradley.

Art Maciel will storm on Philadelphia as a knockout, following his two K. O. victories in Boston last week. Maciel will be a layover on the date as well as Kelly. This bout will be the first on the Olympia January 1 program. Kelly vs. Steve Latta, Billy Ablick vs. Willie Hamon, George Bonadick vs. Johnny Williams and Frankie Jerome vs. Frankie Conroy.

Harry Kadl Brown has proved himself a first class fighter in the Liberty Club. His services are in demand by all promoters in the city. Brown is scheduled for a bout in Pottsville, New Year's Day.

Joe Mendell fooled the audience when he gave Frankie Blue a terrific knock-out in the second round. Mendell will open the National show in combat with Joe Nelson, which will be the first of the six series of bouts who will have for overtures in a four-night show. The other four are: K. O. Leighton, Mike Moyle, Max Williamson and Frankie Brown, will box Billy Keener, Mikey Bob, Bobby Moran and George Chaney, respectively.

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NO TANGOS NO FAKES ALL REAL FIGHTS NATIONAL A. A. New Year's Day

Here is the Great Card: JOE MENDELL vs. NELSON, EDDIE MICKY MOY vs. DONLEY, K. O. WILLIE LOUGHLIN vs. KRAMER, MAX WILLIAMSON vs. DYSON, BOBBY BROWN vs. CHANEY, JEFF SMITH vs. MAGERL. Tickets at Donogh's, 33 S. 11th St.

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TY COBB AND HOPPE REAL INSTITUTIONS IN WORLD OF SPORTS

Stars of Diamond and Green Cloth Have Ruled Their Domains So Long They Take It as Matter of Course

By GRANTLAND RICE

MORE than one worthy entry had his crown knocked off and his scepter badly twisted through the now departing year, but there were at least two famous survivors. One is T. R. Cobb, the other is Willie Hoppe. This pair have become institutions. They have ruled their domains for so long that each is taken as a matter of course.

The only other entry who ever ruled a field with anything approaching the same control was Frank Kramer, and Kramer was deprived of his title, although few will admit the superiority of his conqueror.

Cobb and Hoppe are the marvels of American sport. Year after year they lead by such margins that all debate is annihilated.

IT IS something to lead a big field for even one season. But to lead all competitors, where the competition is usually keen, for campaigns after campaigns, for over a decade, is a turn of fortune that happens to only a few within a century of endeavor.

The Bulky List

A NUMBER of impassioned debaters in the realm of sports sprung an argument some days ago as to what constitutes the greatest single sporting achievement of the year. Quite a number of words were used up without any definite verdict being reached, so the case is still open for further inspection.

The list is a bulky one. The year was replete with sprightly surprises and swift action—with numerous engagements of rare interest and surpassing merit. There was no international uprising to speak of—nothing to compare with the polo matches and the Davis Cup battles of pre-war years along this line.

BUT the home production was unusually large and important. ANY decision made must rest between two features:

1. The victory of Jack Dempsey over Jess Willard. 2. The rise of the Cincinnati Reds to world champions. These two events towered well above the field of competitive play. There was no other carnival to approach either in general interest. If any one had suggested at this date last year that Jack Dempsey would have Willard groggy and practically whipped within fifty seconds after the gong tinkled the horse guffaw would have echoed loud and long. If any one had suggested on December 30, 1918, that the Reds were on the verge of winning the National League pennant, and then reading the American League champions for the main title, the merry uproar would have been as pronounced.

It's close to a toss-up between these two. Both absorbed the attention of a nation and cluttered the telegraph wires for a number of days. Both received far more attention from the press than any week's drive along the Argonne front.

FOR a single, one-day affair, the Dempsey uprising has the call. For complete spectacular effect through a longer run the Red revolt against Fate is the crowning feature.

All Ruth Did

AL Babe Ruth did last year to make twenty-six more home runs than all his mates thrown together. To make more home runs than Cobb, Jackson, Sisler and Veach tossed into a composite bunch—

HERE are a pair of queer truis for you: Out of 191 baseballs Ty Cobb pulled but one four-base blow. Veach picked up forty-five doubles and seventeen triples, but only three home runs. The two sluggers together ran up over 350 base hits, but only four went for the full route. The sordid statistic frequently has its balling aspects.

THERE are numerous presidential candidates. But the only one who maintains a high place in sport is General Leonard Wood. The general was a star football player in his youth. When at Georgia Tech he proved to be one of the greatest line-backers of his period. We have had tennis and golf performers in the White House, but so far no line-backers of merit have crashed through the classic portal.

AMONG those who will not look back upon 1919 with any fond fancy are Jess Willard and Joe Beckett. The old year may have done a lot for others, but it came pretty near spoiling most of their fun.

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