

WHEN DANNY KRAMER GAVE JOHNNY SOLSBERG THE K. O. HE PREVENTED ANOTHER BOXER UPRISING
FORMATION OF NATIONAL BODY FOR PURPOSE TO UPLIFT BOXING GAME WILL BE ATTEMPTED NEXT MONTH

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THE formation of a national governing body to direct the conduct of the boxing game throughout the United States will be attempted in New York next month, when representatives of eighteen states where boxing is permitted under law and delegates from other states where the sport is conducted under local option will meet in a three days' session.

The idea is to draw up a new code which will be effective in every state where boxing bouts are held; in other words, to standardize the rules. Plans will be discussed to elevate the professional ring sport to a plane never before experienced in this country. Rules which have corrupted the sport in the past will be aired and a concerted effort made to eliminate them. Everything will be done to give the public clean, honest, wholesome, up-and-up boxing.

According to present plans, holders of championship titles will be compelled to defend their laurels at stated intervals to be fixed at the coming meeting. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the forfeiture of the title. An effort also will be made to abolish the inflated purses which appear to be quite popular now, and also establish a scale of admission prices to be operative all over the country which, in the opinion of the governing officials, is reasonable. Taking moving pictures at boxing bouts also will be done away with, according to the plan.

The most important ruling of the new body will be to take seriously, in order to cut down the size of the purses given to boxers. Nobody objects to an athlete getting as much money as possible, but when he demands exorbitant fees and refuses to appear unless his terms are met, then it is time to take action. Boxers now are getting more money than they ever dreamed of. Ordinary fighters, who never have had championship purses, are making as much as \$25,000 a year up. Stars have incomes totaling six figures. The public pays for this and gets little for its money.

Here is an example. Benny Leonard meets Ritchie Mitchell in New York next month. It is a championship fight, but Benny should worry. He knocked out Mitchell in Milwaukee in seven rounds a couple of years ago. At that time Benny was not drawing down big money. A purse of \$5000 for an ordinary battle was tops. Now, in a return match against what virtually is a set-up, he is to receive \$40,000. From now on the chances are that Benny will not consider matches unless the ante is big.

It is the same with the others. Top-notchers like Dundee, Jackson, Tendler, Welling, Jack Sharkey and many others demand fortunes when they step into the ring against a fairly tough opponent. They even want a couple of thousand dollars to battle a bimbos. Let's hope this condition will be changed.

Should Box on Percentage Basis
IN THE olden days the boxers were glad to get work. In the modern days were arranged they fought for a percentage of the receipts. This should be done now. The promoters are forced to put on mediocre shows because they cannot meet the demands of the pugilistic stars.

When it was announced that Jack Dempsey was to get \$200,000 and Carpenter \$200,000 for a championship bout in New York some time next summer there was such a howl from the public and of the United States press that the pair never will meet in Gotham. The purse is out of proportion and entirely too big. Enough is enough, but that's more than that.

Therefore this new governing body has a chance to step out at the start and restore boxing to a safe and sane basis. The idea of a boxer getting as much money in one fight as the President of the United States gets in a term of four years is all wrong. What's the use of being President?

The delegates have been appointed by the governors of their respective states, which means they will voice the sentiments of their chief executive. William H. Rocap,

sports editor of the PUBLIC LEDGER, will represent Pennsylvania, and New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Colorado, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana, Oregon, Washington, California, West Virginia, Florida and South Carolina also will send delegates.

This means that a set of rules drawn up and adopted at this meeting will be effective in all of these states. The game will benefit if the proper code is accepted. The Army, Navy and Civilian Board of Boxing Control will be absorbed and the new body will be supreme. A president will be elected and a man of national prominence will be sought.

For more than six months the International Sporting Club, under whose auspices the meeting is to be held, has been working hard on the plan, and much correspondence has been exchanged with governors of different states.

WE HOPE the delegates will take a broad-minded view of the boxing sport and enact laws which will elevate the game to the position it deserves.

Rookies Farmed Out During Winter
TIMES have changed—especially in baseball. Once upon a time the ball clubs would journey southward with a couple of carloads of recruits and the "morning glories" would explode after the first week. Then they would be shipped northward to wait until a job was found for them in the minors.

Now it is different. The baseball magnates have discovered that it costs a lot of kale to experiment with the green material, and therefore out of the experimenting out as much as possible. Instead of waiting to see the rookies go floode down South, they have adopted a plan of farming them out to minor league clubs during the winter.

Yesterday the New York Giants released a whole flock of players. Some went back to the alfalfa, while others were shown the exit sign. Players who were purchased for huge sums were sent away without a trial. McGraw figuring it would be better business to let some one else give the boys the once over.

Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit—in fact, all of the clubs that signed many new players last fall already are disposing of them. The Phillies are not in that class. They will hang on to their two new players.

THE wholesale buying of players in the fall seems to be all bunk. Much publicity is received at the start and the magnates pointed out as real guys, but before any money changes hands the waters are cooling rapidly.

Burrus Couldn't Think Fast
THE passing of Dick Burrus from the Athletics was expected. Connie Mack predicted woe for this youth, but when he stepped into the fast set there was something lacking. He could hit fairly well, field his position, but when it came to brain work Dick was up against it. Not that he was dumb or anything like that. He just couldn't think fast enough.

Burrus might develop in a league where he has a chance to play every day. He has the makings of a great player and this year will do a lot toward shaping his future.

Connie now is on a still hunt for an outfielder. He needs one badly and will pay any price. At the New York meeting Frank Navin, of Detroit, tried to swap Elagostola for Navin, but Connie refused to fall. He is in the market for an outfielder, and hopes to land one before the team sets sail for Lake Charles.

THE fall tutor has established a record in the major leagues in the last six years. He has tried out more new players than any other manager, and is still trying them out.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



THE FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON

NEW GOLF TOURNEYS WELCOMED HERE IN '20

Llanerch and Old York Road Added Invitation Events, Making List of About a Dozen Such Meets in Local District Clubs

By SANDY MENIBLICK

TWO new clubs joined the ranks of those giving invitation golf tournaments in the Philadelphia district during the season gone, but not forgotten. Old York Road and Llanerch were the hosts at the new events, both of which drew overwhelming entry lists and proved conclusively that Quaker City players hunger for just such golf tilts.

J. Wood Platt, city champion, was the bright and sparkling star of the qualifying round at Old York Road, for he not only won the medal, but his card for the eighteen holes established a new course record in competition there.

Platt scored a sizzling 72, five strokes better than any other card turned in by the fast field. Another drew very sizable snappy crowds, were held all during the play. The feature of the first day was the afternoon match between Platt and Edward Clary, who were the premier stars of the city.

Platt had already beaten Clary at North Hills, but the Bala man turned the tables here, though the match was not without its drama. Clary got in trouble and had to shake hands on a hard-fought defeat. This round put Clary in the semifinals, where he met Spencer Jones and was again taken to the nineteenth before he could write the match down as his.

Clary met Norman Maxwell in the final, and was surprised in the morning by the ease with which he ousted Edward T. Styles, 7 and 5, and was a favorite over Clary. He had a very narrow escape, however, though Maxwell all but pulled out the match he lost to Clary on the eighteenth of a brilliant tussle, 1 down.

MEANTIME both the Pennsylvania State titles, held by local players, went by default. Charles Hoffman, pro at Philadelphia, who held the open title, was all set to play, but the first printed date differed from the actual date, and Hoffman was under way before he was aware of the fact.

The event was played at Oakmont, Pittsburgh, where Hoffman, who is a former world's lightweight champion, made a victorious return to boxing activity at the Coliseum A. C. here last night, when he scored a technical knockout over Willie (Kid) Green, of Boston, in four rounds of a scheduled twelve-round bout.

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PENN ATHLETES IN INDOOR MEET

Red and Blue Stars Will Enter National Championships; Polo Candidates Practice

By SANDY MENIBLICK

THE University of Pennsylvania probably will enter several athletes in the national amateur indoor track and field championships, which will be staged on March 19 in the Engineers' Armory, 108 street and Broadway, New York.

Shortly after the first of the year entry blanks will be mailed all over the country, and it is expected that the complete track schedule will be ready by the first of the year.

Following is a list of the championship events to be decided: Sixty-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 200-yard dash, 400-yard dash, 800-yard dash, 1000-yard dash, two-mile run, one-mile walk, running high jump, standing broad jump, standing high jump, putting, 40-pound shot, 70-pound high, hammer and one and seven-eighths-mile medley relay race.

George Meredith, a sophomore at Penn and a brother of the more enthusiastic students who have taken up the new sport have been practicing in order to get a jump on their teammates when regular practice starts next Monday afternoon for the entire squad.

That Penn's proposed indoor pool in the new building at Princeton, West Point and Penn has been formed to look after the sport a busy season is anticipated and a wealth of candidates is being sought for the job.

ICE PALACE 4TH AND MARKET STS. ICE HOCKEY Quaker City vs. St. Nicholas TOMORROW NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS AND LUNCH ROOM OPEN DURING THE GAME. PUBLIC SKATING AFTER GAME.

ACCOUNTING A thorough, effective course designed to meet the demands of business and industry. This is the result of Action Training. The course is not taught by general lectures but by solving every-day accounting problems in the classroom.

DREXEL EVENING SCHOOL 32d and Chestnut Sts. It's Only a Few Minutes to Drexel!

Resolved! Nothing this year but an ALFRED DURHILL PIPE

NATIONAL A. A. NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON Matty Detcher vs. Bobby Wolgast Johnny Paxton vs. Al Reynolds Kid Wolfe vs. Jack Perry Johnny Mealey vs. Stanley Willis HARRY GREB vs. PAUL SANSON

TROCADERO 10TH & ARCH MAT. DAILY WRESTLING TONIGHT Walleck Zabyzko

DOLLAR MARK OFTEN SOFTENS THE ATHLETE

\$12,000 Beauties on Diamond Prove Fragile Assets to Owners and Usually Lose Their Dash in Face of Danger—Money Saps Vitality

By GRANTLAND RICE NOW that the gray is in your hair Who long have known your fading prime, Before you reach the dark Somewhere That lead years know beyond all Time.

Accept, O fading year, this thought From one who's slipped both cheer and courage, And who has seen the dawn of dawn, Though you might have been finer wrought, You might have been a blomed eight score.

The Greatest Coward CONSIDERABLE gossip has been shifted back and forth as to various heights of courage or skill. There should be no room for debate about the greatest coward, which, as you have guessed, is The Dollar.

A Leading Example YOU may recall a certain episode in the life of D'Artagnan, the fighting Gascon of Dumas' "Three Musketeers."

When he had nothing but his sword, any danger that might turn up was only a part of the thrill of sport, to be taken with all the dash of armor. He amasses a large fortune. Riding along one day this thought struck him with a stunning blow: "I am rich—but am I any longer brave?"

THE young ballplayer with his career to make will take any sort of chance. The game in his time, is 100 per cent of the program.

But when he is getting \$12,000 a year on the average, he is no longer playing with the old dash and carefree indifference to danger. As Charlie Dryden once remarked: "It's the high priced bribe-brace of the diamond that is always the most fragile."

WEALTH usually brings about a life of ease. Or at least a touch of luxury, the development of softness. Money can soften most of the rough spots along the journey in a physical way.

And once softened, it is no easy matter to hold the rigidity of the old days when Hard Luck was the iron-fisted trainer.

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RING SHOWS ANNOUNCED FOR NEW YEAR'S MATINEE

Olympia, National, Cambria and Auditorium Schedule Afternoon Programs, as on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas

By LOUIS H. JAFFE NEXT Saturday afternoon, New Year's Day, as on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, will be the occasion of much boxing in Philadelphia.

Herman Taylor, Frank O'Brien, Johnny Burns and Marcus Williams each has arranged his marous attraction for this week end. All in twenty-one bouts are to be decided, both at the Olympia National and Auditorium and half a dozen at the Cambria—similar programs at the respective clubs as held on the two previous holidays.

Low Tendler again will be the headliner at the Olympia. His visit is well being Otto Wallace, who hails from Kansas City. Other bouts are Irish Patsy, Jimmy Fitzgerald vs. Stanley Morgan, Frankie Rice vs. Mendell and Willie Hammer vs. Mickey Russell.

Young Tom Sharkey wants a return match with Joe Jackson, the West Philadelphia, who has been defeated by the second round of a fight having won the first. Sharkey is a professional, but his normal size is just as much as I am. He is a professional, but his normal size is just as much as I am.

Joe Christie is ready to box again. After a long absence, he is ready to box again. He is a professional, but his normal size is just as much as I am.

The Financial League has grown to be the largest financial league in the city with a membership of over 1000 members.

Third Floor outlined in the Schenley Hotel, which is a new building in the city.

Notables at Cobb Banquet Detroit, Dec. 20—Infinite word was received yesterday from T. Cobb that he would be in the city for the banquet.

WELSH IMPRESSES IN RING COME-BACK

Former Lightweight Champion Registers Technical K. O. Over Willie Green

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Amateur Sports A first of second class home of traveling sportsmen is being organized in Philadelphia.

North Philadelphia A. A. (two teams) will play a game with the Philadelphia A. A. on Saturday.

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OLYMPIA NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON, JAN. 1 WILLIE SPENCER vs. RUSSELL FRANKIE RICE vs. MENDELL

THESE THEATRES EXHIBIT THE FINEST PHOTOPLAY PRODUCTIONS IN PHILADELPHIA

ALLEN CHELTEN & STENTON MATINEE DAILY DOUGLAS MEEHAN IN "THE JAILBIRD"

ASTOR FRANKLIN & GIBBARD AVE. PAULINE FRERICHS IN "MADAME X"

AURORA 212 GERMANTOWN AVE. BABY BUTTE (In Person) in "A CHILD FOR SALE"

BENN WOODLAND AVE. AT 64TH DWAN'S "THE FORBIDDEN THING" "EASY STREET"

BLUEBIRD BROAD STREET AND SUSQUEHANNA AVE. ELLIOTT DEXTER IN "Something to Think About"

CARMAN GERMANTOWN AVENUE DOBIE KEANE IN "ROMANCE"

CENTURY 25th and 4th St. MATINEE 2:15 "Parlor, Bedroom and Bath"

Fay's Knickerbocker Market & 40 GEORGE WATSON in "NO. 17"

FAIRMOUNT 20th & Girard AVE. WALLACE REID IN "ALWAYS AUDACIOUS"

FRANKFORD 41st FRANKFORD MAURICE TOURNET'S "The Last of the Mohicans"

GERMANTOWN MATINEE DAILY "MADAME X"