

Fresh-Air Fisticuffing During This Season Has Been Successful in Philadelphia Ball Parks

170,000 FANS PAY AS MANY DOLLARS TO SEE OPEN-AIR RING BOUTS

About 75,000 Paid Admissions Are Made at Four Big Boxing Shows Held This Summer at the Phillies' Ball Park

NEVER before in history of leather pushing has there been so successful a summer season in Philadelphia as the one now on the wane. With fresh-air fisticuffing virtually over in this city, roughly estimating that 170,000 fans attended the combined attractions for which approximately the same number of dollars were paid to the Dear old Public, it can be safely said that boxing is one of the most popular, as well as profitable, sports in the Quaker City.

Four big shows were staged at the Phillies' Ball Park, aggregating about 75,000 paid admissions for a total of more than \$125,000.

One program was put on at Shibe Park, where about \$10,000 was paid by something like 10,000 fans, while a series of cards were held at the Cambria Club, Logan A. A. and Columbia A. C.

IN ONLY one instance did a promoter have to dig deep into his pockets, that being at the Shibe Park show, where the backers of the Columbia Club staggered somewhat for support.

Tender, Barrett, Loughran Big Money Getters

THREE elevenmen pocketed close to \$50,000 between them. The biggest money-maker was Lou Tender, who, for two bouts, received more than \$20,000, while Bobby Barrett was the recipient of about \$15,000 and Tommy Loughran added \$11,000 to his bank account.

Barrett competed in three bouts here during the summer, two of which resulted in knockouts being scored against the Clifton Heights red-head, and Loughran engaged in two big matches, for which he was paid approximately \$5,000 each.

The biggest crowd of the summer season was at the Barrett-Tender event, at which attraction more than 27,000 persons were in attendance and the gate receipts totaled about \$70,000.

Thirty-six boxers were included in the four different programs arranged by Herman Taylor and Robert H. Gunnis at the Phillies Park and the pugilistic artists, collectively, collected in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

Taylor and Gunnis are the promoters who clinched the Tender-Benny Leonard contract here in August, 1921, which was canceled as a result of the champion suffering an injured hand while training.

ABOUT \$125,000, this being the amount at the advance sale, was advanced for tickets, the promoters during the last \$14,000 in the venture. A suit for the latter amount now is pending in the New Jersey courts against the Philadelphia, Taylor and Gunnis alleged Leonard had intended their contract.

High-Class Talent Performs During the Summer

MORE than a score of boxers nationally reported displayed their mettle during the open-air season. Besides Taylor and Loughran, a pair of Philadelphia's leading punchers, Harry Greb, light-heavyweight champion, and Gene Tunney, another luminary in the same division, displayed their wares among others.

Lightweight stars were in the van. In addition to Tender, Joe Walling, George Chaper, Joe Benjamin, Ed Moran, Earl Francis, Joe Taplitz, Harry Kid Brown and Sid Marks have appeared in competition.

A lot of good boxing was seen at the smaller clubs. Johnny Burns has been hearing over his feet since his last fight, and in several years when Friday night failed to be a day as far as weather goes.

For the four months during which Burns has been holding forth at the Cambria he was forced to postpone only one or two shows owing to rain. He still has two more open-air nights before going indoors the first week in October.

HOWARD MONTGOMERY stepped in as promoter at the Logan A. A. where he will fight on Monday night. "We didn't make much money," said Montgomery, "but the fans at Logan had lots of fun, and we are looking for a big open air season in 1923."

Effort Being Made to Bring Wilson Here

THERE still is a possibility of another big battle in Philadelphia. But it is all entirely up to Johnny Wilson, who is recognized as the middleweight champion outside of New York State.

Earlier in the summer an effort was made to match Wilson and Tommy Loughran, but it failed, as the former held out for a guarantee of \$10,000 to meet the South Philadelphia lad, or 35 per cent of the receipts. The boxer insisted on \$15,000, however.

Then \$10,000 with a promise of 35 per cent was offered Wilson. Still Johnny replied "Fifteen grand, or nothing done."

Whether the promoters, who are Taylor and Gunnis, or Wilson will hedge remains to be seen.

HOWEVER, if Wilson is prevailed to appear in combat with Loughran the contest will be held early in October.

When Is a Mittman a Boxer—or Prizefighter?

WHEN is a box-fighter? Out in Indianapolis, Ind., they are trying to find out when a fistman is a boxer and when he is a prizefighter.

Through an arrangement of principals in the ring bouts at Michigan City, Ind., on Labor Day, an attempt is being made to determine when a pugilistic encounter is a prizefight and when it is merely a boxing exhibition.

Prizefighting is prohibited by the Indiana law, but boxing matches are permitted.

The Governor there stepped in and stopped the Dempsey-Brennan match on the ground that it was to have been a prizefight, and it was a good thing for Brennan—but still the question of "When is a box-fighter?" still is to be defined.

PROCEEDINGS, according to Indianapolis reports, are to be brought because Governor McWay had expressed his belief that "the Michigan City bouts had the earmarks of being prizefights."

Amateur Is More of a Prizefighter Than the Pro

IF IT were to come to a show-down, the amateur boxer is really the prize-fighter, and not the professional.

It is only when a boxer's profession gets paid for their services these days, just like persons in any other walk of life, only in a lot of cases they get more pay.

On the other hand, the amateur competes for a "prize" whether it be a belt, a medal, a diamond ring or watch.

There was a time when professionals also appeared in matches for prizes, which were in the form of a purse, the winner to receive a larger percentage than the loser, and in many cases for a side bet.

But those days are history now.

IN THESE modern times the prize gets a specified sum, "win, loss or draw," and there have been instances of late when the amounts have been in the six and six figures—win, loss or draw.

BUFF AT 34 FINDS RING STAR DIMMED

Jersey City Boxer Won Two Titles When Thirty-three Years of Age

LAVENDER IN RETIREMENT

BY LOUIS H. JAFFE

AFTER more than a dozen years of hectic trials and tribulations, Johnny Buff, at the age of thirty-three, finally succeeded in reaching the pinnacle of which all boxers dream. He became a world's champion—bantam ruler, previous to which he won the laurels of flyweight king of America.

And then—within the space of only ten weeks—thirty-four-year-old John Lesky, which is Buff's real name, found himself ousted from the loftiness of champions, not only shorn of his bantamweight laurels, but his flyweight diadem as well.

After John Lynch came back and reigned briefly of the 115-pound class, Buff, at the age of thirty-four, at 2 o'clock this morning and a half, along came Pancho Villa, a little brown man from the Philippine Islands, and the Jersey City veteran's shimmering star at bantam was entirely dimmed.

It was the well-known and oft-mentioned case of Youth being served. This time Youth was personified by a slant-eyed, rascally, hapless, twenty-year-old lad with the name of Nippon in his features, that defeated European, whose shield was borne to a courageous defeat by the little old man of the ring.

That Buff was beaten by a better man, pugilistically, cannot be denied, but whether the best of the American flyweights holds the crown now remains to be seen.

Only recently Pancho was defeated, on a judges' verdict, by a former New York amateur boxer, Gerner, by name. Seldom does a boxer knock when he has been knocked, and it is not to be concluded that he is through until after he has been knocked out. Sometimes it takes several knockouts to persuade a boxer that his days of punching are over.

But a local little boxer, Jimmy Lavender, formerly of Pittsburgh, comes out in a boldly pointed letter, under date of September 15, as follows:

Reading your column tonight I noticed that you had written that I had been killed by Max Baer at the Cambria. The fact is that I am still alive and well and have just won a fight at the Cambria. I am a professional boxer and have been for some time.

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THE Cubs came within a run of tying the Giants in a ninth-inning stand, during which nine runs were scored and Reggie Hill, formerly of Indianapolis, was hit for the second time by pitcher Steve Bevens, who was driven from the hill, Scott Pelletier and retired Barber on strikes with the tying and winning runs.

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THE Pirates lost ground by dropping the Braves game of the series to the Braves. Merriell had the Indian sign on his back, and the Pirates' stand was a well-scattered, unimpressive one on the other hand, was found for late when they meant runs. Powell's leading and hitting featured the contest.

OF THE ten local markers, six were directly attributable to the mighty work of the blond catcher. He knocked out three homers, which means three runs and sent three other runners across the plate.

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PENNANT VIRTUALLY CLINCHED BY GIANTS

Pittsburgh Must Win Fifteen Straight While Giants Are Losing Eight of Remaining Seventeen Contests to Win the Flag

ONLY the worst losing streak of the year among the top-notch teams combined with a winning streak better than any this season will prevent the New York Giants from figuring as one-half of the competition for the title of world's champion next month.

According to the averages of this morning, McGraw's hirelings are out in front by six full games over the second-place Yankees. The Gothamites have eleven games yet to play and Pittsburgh fifteen. If the Giants win nine of their remaining games, which is more than likely at this stage of the race, they will have won the pennant.

While the pitching staff headed by Metzger has been anything but high-class during the last two weeks, it has proved capable enough, with relief from several of the pitchers, to win seven straight games, including yesterday's.

The merry battle that is being waged for second and third place in the National League is being waged by the Pirates, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Chicago, which occupy the attention of the National League fans during the remainder of the season.

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What May Happen in Baseball Today

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NEED KICKER-OFF FOR TIGER ELEVEN

Princeton Football Candidates Are Getting Tries for Boating Position

Princeton, N. J., Sept. 16.—Midsummer heat failed to cause a slackening in the practice of the Princeton football squad yesterday.

The order of the day for the forenoon was kicking practice for the backs and punting for the centers. In the afternoon the regular lectures on the rules, beginning at 3 o'clock, forty-minute preliminary drilling and an hour at running signals were completed.

The coaches this morning gave particular attention to the members of the squad who might be used as a kicker-off man and for two hours Harvey Chase and Hills were kept busy working the kicking to the far end of the field.

The written examination on the 1922 football rules has been given the squad, Assistant Manager Twitwell announced.

The first of the physical examinations which will be given the entire squad at the rate of fifteen men a day will be held today.

The Princeton had an extra long session on the charging machine getting more drive into their arms, backs and legs, while the ends were given a few special lessons, including Captain Bill Cronin himself, line forcing, punting and running back kicks.

Dora, Lengua and Sirlovan performed well in the two exhibitions under the direction of Coach Miller. An addition to the backfield, whose punting game will be developed, was Mickey O'Brien.

An annually substituted quarterback of last year and baseball fielder this spring, showed up exceptionally well in the art of punting. Great things are expected of Campbell this year.

In signal drill Coach Miller has been using the entire squad by dividing them up into teams and placing a last year's regular in charge of each team.

Coach Miller is pleased with the showing of the prospective candidates so far. Last year, it can be recalled that with an exceptionally small squad Coach Miller developed a team that suffered only one defeat in nine starts. This defeat came at the hands of the husky Army eleven.

Each day is bringing new arrivals to the squad, and never in the history of Villanova has a response been so great to the football call.

Second Week of Practice Starts Under Tutelage of "Allie" Miller

Villanova, Sept. 16. Villanova opened its second week of football practice when fifty-four candidates were set to work at Alumni Field today.

How Does It Strike You?

Turf Schools Gallery Conduct Caution in Boxing

MANY persons have a false idea about the surroundings of the turf. John E. Madden, at Hamburg Place, has a school for boys he employs in his immense breeding establishment and many of his stable boys can give evidence of high training in deportment, as well as the well-grounded rudiments of an education.

At the Saratoga sales last August one youth attracted attention by his manners, his close scrutiny of the horses shown in the sales ring, and his careful entangling of the purchasers, the strong points and breeding of the horses sold, and the general understanding he displayed of the big features of the industry.

That young man had been picked up as a waif and started well on his way to a useful life. Many breeding farms have such schools. Instead of the breeding industry being a place for the youth to learn bad habits and losing an inclination to thrift and honesty, it is quite the reverse.

A glance at the character of men and women who are leaders on the turf and in the breeding industry is convincing evidence of the influence thrown about its devotees.

To be found most prominently in the turf of today are such personages as Harry Payne Whitney and his trainer, James Howe; Harry St. Clair and his trainer, Samuel Hildreth; Mrs. Vinu, Miss Elizabeth Daintierfeld, Mrs. Almy Clopton, Joseph E. Widener, S. F. Riddle, Commodore J. K. L. Ross, the Canadian sportsman; Montfort Jones, J. S. Cosden, Major August Belmont, Hal Price Headley, Ex-Senator Camden, of Kentucky; Major T. C. McDowell and hundreds of others of the same high repute.

Jockeys are not a caressing, irresponsible class, as many believe. The exceptions prove the rule. E. Sande is more than a millionaire. Buxton is a man of property. Gosso has developed into a leading trainer since he quit riding.

TWO requirements are absolutely necessary for those engaged in riding, training or conducting racing establishments—honesty and kindness toward dumb animals. These two qualities predominate the turf.

Gallery Sportsmanship

WHEN the thrill of the game gets under your skin, it is no easy matter to hold your tongue and hold your hands. Yet, despite brilliant, spectacular, pulsating tennis, the fans at Manheim have conducted themselves generally along the lines of the rules dictated by the etiquette of the game.

On a few occasions, the umpire has cautioned the gallery to maintain silence during a rally and not to applaud errors, but the incidents have been few. During the Patterson-Tilden match yesterday, the umpire appealed for strict adherence to correct conduct. The appeal was prompted by the noise of a few in ten thousand.

And when the official voiced his request there was a thunder of applause, thereby showing that the sentiments of the great majority were with him. Shortly before the contest ended some of the spectators arose for a hurried exit and again the umpire halted the match while he asked every one to remain seated until the last point had been scored.

And there came another wave of handclapping. The sportsmanship of the gallery as a whole has been highly commendable during the entire tournament.

CAUTION is a good thing at times. They used to say, "Make sure that you are right, and then go ahead." That is good enough at times. But caution can be overdone. Take the case of Tommy Loughran, for instance.

This handsome South Philadelphia lad is rated as the best middleweight in Philadelphia since the days of Jack O'Brien, but he suffers, it seems, from an excess of cautiousness.

Against Harry Greb, Loughran fought on the defensive for seven rounds, and was outpointed. Then, in the last round, he forgot his caution and opened up with the speed of a wildcat. All during the fight he had Greb back on his heels.

The same thing happened with Tunney. Outpointed for the major part of the fight Tommy came back, and won the last round. Yet, it is quite likely that the next time Tommy goes to the post he will follow exactly the same tactics.

Philadelphia never had a ring champion. Caution never yet won a title. Q. E. D. Unless Loughran forgets his careful tactics he'll never wear a championship crown on his silky locks.

THE old saying that a good offense is a good defense is undoubtedly true. It is equally true that a good defense isn't such a lot as an offense.

54 MEN OUT FOR VILLANOVA ELEVEN

PHILADELPHIA'S SEVEN SEATS AT GIMBELS AND SPALDING

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SUNDAY'S SPECIALS

What Are They Saying?

Be sure to turn to one of the Comic Pages of next Sunday's Public Ledger and see the humorous sketch, wherein two or more characters are animatedly conversing.

Any one can compete. It is easy to supply the dialogue for these humorous pictures. Great fun. Try it! Begin next Sunday!

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