

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

BAT NELSON HAS EARNED A REST.

Durable Dane the Hero of Seventy—Two Battles in the Ring.

TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

He is Therefore Entitled to a Long Quiet Spell and the Making of a Little Easy Money.

Is it right for the public to insist on battling Nelson meeting everybody that challenges him? Is it right even for the fight fans to ask the great little Dane to engage in another championship battle inside of six months at least? Inquires James J. Corbett.

None of you ever held the honor, probably, and do not know what it means to be champion fighter of the world, if only in that division known as the lightweight. In the first place, the honor is gained only after a long, tiresome trip over roads covered with obstacles that are not known to the ordinary member of the sporting fraternity who knows only the theoretical side of the ring game.

We do not have to go further than Nelson to illustrate every side of this question. He fought 72 battles before he ever got a chance to fight for the title. Think of that. He had to whip at least two-thirds of that number. Then the time comes for the great contest that will either place him in the spotlight or relegate him to the background, probably forever. He wins. He lands the honor for which he struggled just as hard as the man who has landed his millions. It takes him a long time to get it. Then should he part with it, or even run the risk of parting with it, at once? With it will go all honor and the chance to make a fortune. I have been through the mill and know whereof I speak.

You already know that Nelson is game and that he can fight; that he has whipped the best man in his class in the world. Then why ask him to fight until he has at least a chance to enjoy a part of the honor?

A lot of sporting writers are assuming that Nelson turn his attention to Gans. I do not know why.

Several years ago Gans whipped a white champion. Since then he has been mauled and hammered a couple of times by men who had aptitudes in the ring.

Take the fight with Britt. Gans put up a pitiable exhibition. Britt pounded him around like a punching bag, and would have whipped the top out of him had he not made a slip and dealt a foul blow which, it was claimed, injured Gans. The colored man and the decision, despite the fact that his going up to the time the accident happened was of the highest character.

Gans was either weakened so much by having to make 132 pounds, or has gone back so far that he is out of consideration.

Personally, I believe that if Nelson were to offer the colored man a chance at 125 pounds, Joe wouldn't come any nearer making it than a cow would of flying.

Unless he would train so hard as to weaken himself, the colored champion could not make the 125 mark unless he sawed off his leg. He fought Walcott only recently for the welterweight title, and I believe that if Nelson fights him at all it ought to be for the welter title.

What is said about Gans' weight goes for Gardner, too. He is beyond the 125-pound mark so far that it would be impossible for him to get down to Nelson's limit without weakening himself so that his chances would be anything but fluttering against the boy who has demonstrated that he has a punch that many of the bigger fellows have not.

Attell's claims are based principally on what Young Corbett has to say about him and not upon his record.

Terry McGovern's claim, so far as I know, has not been taken seriously by anyone, and I am not excepting Terry himself when I make this statement.

Battling Nelson may be a great fighter, but he is a bum speaker. One of Nelson's friends arrived in New York the other day and I met him on the street. He saw the Dane in his maiden appearance on the stage and witnessed him in his effort to respond to a certain call.

Nolan, Nelson's manager, had overlooked getting anything ready for his protégé, and when he appeared before the big audience that had turned out to see him he stumbled over a single little "it" with which he started his speech more than he would over the feet of an antagonist. Finally in a poor sort of way he got out the words: "It is my goal to be here, and I hope you are." That was all. He admitted afterward that if some one had asked him his name he would have been unable to tell it.

NELSON IS WILLING

To Fight Gardner if Latter Will Make 133 Pounds Ringside.

If Jimmy Gardner can make 132 pounds ringside he can have a chance at Battling Nelson. This is the promise which Billy Nolan has extended to the Lowell lad's brother-manager, George. Nelson's theatrical engagements will keep him busy making money for the next several months, but it is not at all unlikely that in the spring, along about March or April, Gardner and Nelson will meet in a California ring.

In a conversation held between the two managers the other day, Nolan assured Gardner that the weight is the only condition that might stand in the way of a match. It came about in this way:

"Why don't you match Nelson with my kid brother?" Gardner asked.

"I am perfectly willing to do that," Nolan answered. "If your brother will make 132 pounds ringside, he can have the match."

"He can and will make that weight," said George.

"Then the match is made," said Billy. Nolan and Gardner in the same breath would be about the best-looking card to be obtained anywhere in the world today. According to opinions formed from Gardner's two California engagements with Gus Turner and Buddy Ryan, however, it seems doubtful if he could make 132 pounds ringside and be strong enough to put up his best battle. He met Turner at 153 pounds at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and he met Ryan at 142 pounds weight in at the same hour.

The weight with Ryan was virtually catchweights for him, and he seemed to have more dash and to be stronger than when he made 153 for Turner. His brother George, however, claims that he can make 132 and Nelson is willing to let him.

JOB FOR AMERICAN JOCKEY.

J. H. Martin Likely to Ride for Prince of Wales Next Year.

Special Correspondence.

London, Oct. 4.—When the Prince of Wales commences to put his horses on the race track next year an American jockey will be retained by him. According to the latest report from well authenticated sources in Newmarket, where the prince's stables are situated, the choice has fallen on J. H. Martin. The prince will have first call on him and for this right he will pay \$10,000 a year exclusive of the ordinary riding fees regulated by the jockey club.

The Prince, like his father, would like to secure Maher, but Maher's present employer, Sir James Miller, is too wealthy a man to allow any one to outbid him for the services of his favorite jockey. As usual there is considerable jealousy exhibited among English jockeys who expected to be invited to be the favorite of the Prince of Wales. Martin has hitherto been practically a free lance, but those who understand jockeyship know that he has no superior on the English race track. Like Maher he has won respect and confidence by his gentleness to horses, his agreeable manner and his straight riding, and these are the qualities that commend themselves most forcibly to King Edward and Lord Marcus Beresford, who will manage the prince's stables.

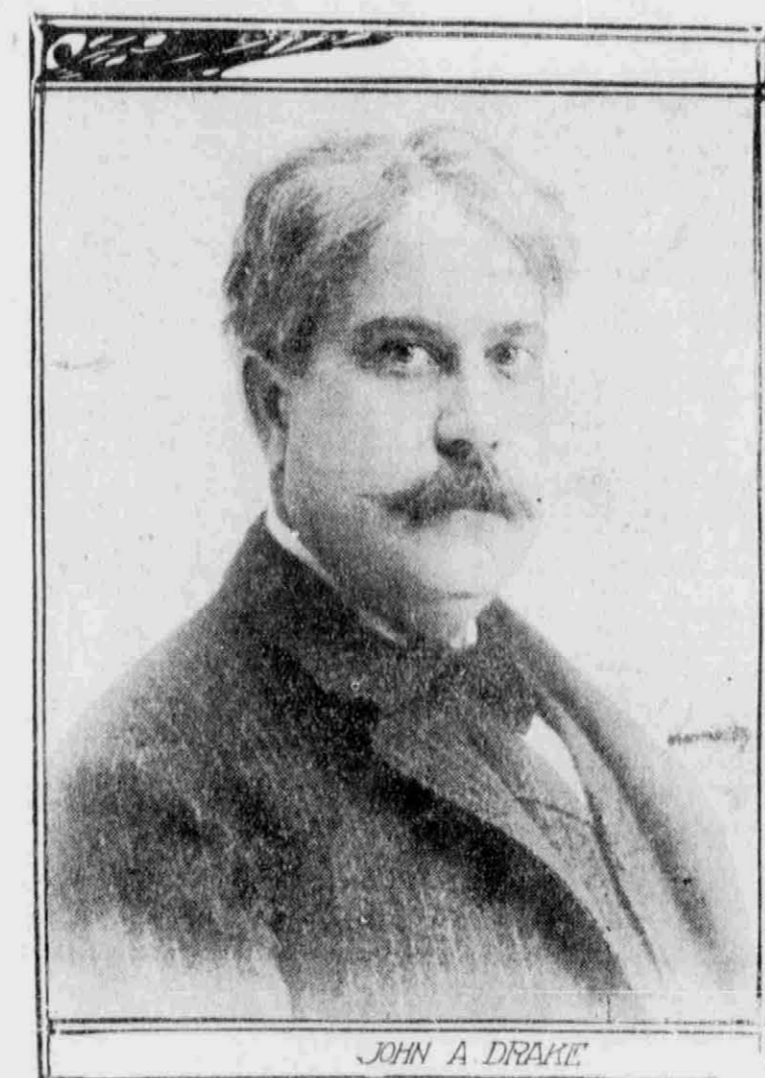
As he will be eligible to ride for other owners when not called upon by the prince's stables, Martin's income for 1906 ought to reach \$20,000.



UTAH H. G. H. SCHOOL CHAMPIONS.

Team Which Has Defeated All Comers in Utah for Many Years.

The Salt Lake High School opens its season today at Cummings field with a game against the Collegiate Institute. The High school has a new line and mostly a new back field. Judson still plays in the team, and as captain goes to the fullback's position. Richardson, Harris, and Roberts are also in the line from last year. Rouse, the new quarterback, and Morris, the new center, are strong players. The schedule this year makes Nov. 4 the day of the great game in Utah, and Thanksgiving the climax of the season at Butte. The second game comes Saturday next with the soldiers, followed by a game Oct. 28 with Ogden, and a big game with Pueblo in Salt Lake Nov. 4. The date for Nov. 11 is open, while All Hallows will be met Nov. 18, and Butte, at Butte, on Thanksgiving day.



JOHN A. DRAKE

DRAKES BIG WINNINGS.

The race tracks have seen heavier betting this season than any other year on record. The principals of this season's betting are John W. Gates and John A. Drake. The above picture is one of the latest photographs of John A. Drake, who, it is rumored, won \$60,000 on three races recently. The betting ring at Belmont park is buzzing with reports of big winnings made by Drake, and the estimates of the winnings reach to all sorts of extravagant figures.

BOWLERS DON'T LIKE NEW RULES.

Chicago.—Claims are made by local tenpin bowlers that the new rule of the American Bowling Congress limiting the weight of the ball to 10 pounds, a reduction of a half a pound, is already beginning to be felt, although the law has been in effect only since the first of the month. They say the scores are notably lower, and that to offset the loss of that half pound a change of delivery will have to be made by many of the experts.

In place of the back-up ball, which did such deadly execution in the days, or rather nights, when there was nothing said about weight in the playing rules has come the hook. There is really nothing new about the hook, but the lighter ball has demonstrated that it is a better pin-kicker than the back-up or reverse.

BASEBALL MAD.

Wild Excitement Occasioned Because of the Post-Season Series.

Never in the long history of baseball has there been such wild excitement, such unbounded, delirious enthusiasm, as was manifested in Philadelphia over the crucial games between the Athletics and the Chicago White Sox for the American League pennant.

People went out to the park two and three hours before time for calling the game, in order to be sure of getting in. They rode to sleep on the footboards of the street cars; they fought for seats and for places of vantage in the field, as though a fortune instead of the privilege of watching a ball game were at stake. If Columbia park could hold 6,000 people it would have been filled at each game of this series. And the rooting of those staid Philadelphia burghers—they acted like a parcel of lunatics—simply baseball crazy.

All this is not a patch of what is happening now. The Giants are clashing with the Athletics for the baseball championship of the world. The fans will go out in the morning; they will gladly pay increased prices for any accommodation whatever; they will stand 20 deep in the field to get just a glimpse of what is

going on. If the Polo grounds were an amphitheater capable of seating 75,000 people, it would be filled, for if 25,000 people are jammed in at each of the games in New York, twice as many more will be turned away, or will stay away because they know it is useless to go.

And all over the country the only question every evening will be "Who won?" Hundreds of thousands of dollars will change hands; pocketbooks as well as hearts of ardent fans will be broken when the world's honors have been decided.

ANXIOUS DAYS HERE

For Football Coaches Old Fashioned Mother's and University Presidents.

Anxious days for football coaches, old-fashioned mothers, and up-to-date college presidents are these, says the New York Evening Post. We learn that two giant candidates for the Yale office have recently been taken for positions at Harvard are "held up," and Coach "Bill" Hurd is anxious; the Princeton Tigers report that "big Ditcher," the powerful center, has not yet recovered; that Pfeiffer, the speedy inside halfback, is still on the sidelines; and that McCormick, "the big fullback," is out of the game with ivy poisoning. The only bit of encouragement, besides the news that Elmer Thompson played with Cornell, which can be drawn from a two-days' history of the sport comes from Carlisle. In a game with Villanova on Saturday, "after the Indians had made two touchdowns in the first half, Villanova left the field because four of her players had been disqualified for slugging."

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A trained hand is best with a train at hand. In thy speed, mock not the gentle cow—the cowcatcher may catch thee.

Wiser than his own generation is he who knows his auto. In the morning slow thy speed, and in the evening withhold thine hand.

None are so fitted as those who don't flee. An auto at speed is a field indeed. Let repentance be thine, if thou be among them who have mistaken "goal" for "goal."

More discreet is an angel husband than an injured plaintiff, and lo! a widow's heart may be awayed by resilient tires.

Today thou risest in thine integrity; tomorrow may discover thee a man of parts.

Where law ends, speed really begins. Haste makes "chased."

Autos with glass windows should not break bones. A fool and his tonneau are soon carted.

It is well to know thine auto; yea, also, to know thy chauffeur better. There's many a nip on an auto trip.

Give not thine auto a name; thy neighbors will name it for thee. A fair exchange is no garage.

Pity not thine horse, which can boast both side and dam; thine auto hath no d—n but thine to comfort it.

Recognition Accorded.

International recognition is now accorded to the American Automobile Association as the representative national organization of the United States. Formal action has been taken by the Touring club of France, granting to members of the A. A. A. the privileges of the club house and of many of the invaluable aids to tourists that are accorded to members of the Touring club.

UTAH FOOTBALL IS NOT BRUTAL.

With Maddock Dangerous Mass Plays and Bucking Game Are Obsolete.

NO INJURIES WERE INFLICTED.

While Victorious Scores Were Piled Up, the Team Remained in Perfect Condition—Substitutes Necessary.

In these days everybody connected with newspaper making is having a chance to talk football. The game has been brought by T. Roosevelt, peace-maker, president, and amateur sportsman, into the limelight where all classes of men may see it, and the editor is telling how brutal it is, while his telegraph man writes big bold lines on the list of killed and hurt. The last catalogue of horrors was clear back to the year one for football, and if the accidents were put on a percentage basis with the number of men in the game, the number of men played, and the benefits in brain and brawn to the great untold multitude the view would be not with the brutality, usually talked.

Utah played football last year, which shows a great object lesson to the former. Her style was, it was interesting. Long end plays, open line work, punting, and place kicking made up the game, and the spectator saw something worth while better than that there was never a man who lay down on the field with a worse injury than a loss of wind from a heavy punt or a cramped muscle that a moment's rubbing out of the good again. The heavy line plunging was not there. If four big men bore down on little Anderson away out at end, he wasn't snowed under with the mauling line plunging, but side-stepped, slipped in from the side, and tackled his man with ease, and without any danger. The Utah score on the first game of this year was 31 to 6 in favor of the home team. Harvard usually run up in the old style bucking game, it was small compared with the run up through the path where the foot style has become general. Chicago led in football in action defense from Michigan, and this year it comes with a score of 42 to 10—a Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Princeton, all put on teams which played the ball with big scores. Harvard's Yale of course stuck to the conservative style which sets a touch down two, and lays out its protection players, and for them the booster council may bring a great blessing in all it needs to do to let the team to the standards developed since west. Then the objection to miss plays will not avail the list of missed plays will not materialize, and the most faultless of the players will "bust" at the players of the field.

BOULDER TEAM IS STRONG.

Utah is not going to have any star in its game of the season at Boulder. So far it has met teams not in its class, but then it will be a case of feet against Greek, and the wrinkles of Maddock and his men will not be so strange as we work with some of the other kind. Boulder will have more with as many tricks up their sleeves as Maddock's crew. The latest line of the Boulder team indicates that its best year's horses are coming out again in force. A Boulder dispatch says:

It now seems possible that the squad by the end of next week will have some 50 men in suits on the field. Last week the team showed a great improvement over former weeks, and the work was very severe. The men played together as one man. The old Boulder feature of helping and dragging the back along was worked with a vengeance, and the changing of the back and back line is like it never was over.

Coach Klenholtz and his assistants are more than pleased with the showing made by the team during the past week. The addition of so many old players has made the team a great deal stronger, and with Tradition's quarter, Foote at tackle and Calley at the back field, together with the central already on hand, the manager feels that the eleven will get to be big games of the season in its condition as they have ever been.



MANAGER OF THE NEW YORK NATIONAL.

This is an excellent picture of John McGraw and his wife, the successful manager of the New York National Baseball team. The baseball season closes in a week or two, and McGraw will head the ranks of successful managers.

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