

NEILSON AND GANS ARE IN DEMAND

This Pair of Great Lightweights Are Sure to Come Together Again.

MATCH WITH LEWIS IS OFF.

Bill Squires of Australia Makes Statement of His Position With Reference to Heavyweight Game.

While Tommy Burns, Jack O'Brien, Mike Scheck and Bill Squires and their admirers are all talking about the heavyweight championship, a while heavyweights continue to be made, but which will not materialize, the fight fans all over the country are holding for one particular fight—a final argument between Battling Nelson and Joe Gans. Both have declared he would fight the other on equal terms, but when it came to signing articles and posing for pictures, that was a horse of another color.

Gans declared recently that everything was off and that he would fight Harry Lewis and give Nelson the cold shoulder. Now it seems that the bout with Lewis is off, in fact it may be safely predicted that it will not take place. The reason for this is that Nelson is in his, and when outside of Nevada would this pair get a purse anything like \$100,000?

What the fight going public wants is another tilt between the negro and the durable Dane. Rickard has offered a purse of \$40,000. Gans is reported to have agreed to fight at 133 rinds in the lightweights. Nelson is said to be willing, and at last it looks like a return engagement.

BAT'S PUNISHING POWERS. When W. W. Naughton, the veteran fight critic, named Battling Nelson the durable Dane he hit the nail on the head with his usual felicity of expression and knowledge of the conditions. Fighters come and go, but Nelson thrives on and seems to grow faster and better as the months drift by.

Naughton by his own admission is not any way a fighter, but he has the fight followers, who find in his rugged power and indomitable courage the true fighting qualities that they love to see in a real fighter.

Gans stands as the one man between Nelson and the pinnacle heights of the lightweight division, but waiting a few months Nelson will have fought the Baltimore ducky will hurt Nelson much less than it will Gans, and that they will meet eventually is as certain as that the sun rises and sets.

FIGHTERS NO LONGER. When one glances over Nelson's record and studies it for the things he has done, it is rather astonishing to notice the variety of the men he has fought, whether he has beaten them or not, have passed into the silent majority of pugilism, in either way they are no longer fighters.

There is a long list of these fighters of the past, but of all the names that represent desperate pitched battles in the history of the ring, only a few are still familiar to the public that reads about the ring affairs of today.

The record book devotes two pages to the doings of Battling Nelson, each line standing for a separate battle, and yet of all those names, all of those fighters, only a baker's half dozen are still active in pugilism.

GANS STILL CHAMPION. Gans' name stands out at the top of course. Then come Charley Neary and George Morris, who have recently battled together in Milwaukee, and it is curious to note that Nelson fought them both within less than a month of losing to the famous Milwaukee decision to Neary and winning from Morris. Both were six-round affairs.

Then there are a couple of fights with Johnny Thompson, who is fighting a fast pace on the coast now—days. Johnny went down before Nelson in two six-round affairs, one in Chicago and one in Milwaukee. Nelson after the other fighter whose name is associated with Nelson's and who is still a prominent factor. At all, however, only fought a six-round, no decision contest with Bat in Philadelphia.

All the other fighters who have crossed the Battler's path have dropped silently out of sight. They are no longer fighters, but the Jimmy Britts, Young Corbets, Martin Canoles, Eddie Hanlon, Aurelio Herrera, Kid Sullivan, Spider Welch, Arthur Simon and the scores of others have all fallen by the wayside.

The natural question arises, why is this? And Naughton's clever catch phrase comes to mind—the durable Dane.

WORE OUT FIGHTERS. A fighter that goes through a fight with Nelson, whether he wins or loses, is never the same afterward. To whip Nelson he must fight a battle that wears him out physically and mentally, and when he has done this, he has been through the most terrific drubbing that a ringster ever takes.

Nelson is not a knockout fighter. He does not play for a punch and give his chance to slip it over, like Fitzsimmons and other famous fighters have done; he does not chop an antagonist down with dashing blows, like Joe Fawcett, who was giving away Nelson's jaw that set his wig woolgathering and leave him helpless for the ten-second poke. Nelson literally tears his opponents to pieces at their vital organs and batter them until they no longer exert their faculties properly and the fighter collapses.

Kidney, liver, heart, stomach, all go for the process of punning that Nelson devotes to the opponents before him, and when the battle is over and the ten seconds are counted the fighter goes to his corner a broken man.

ARE BROKEN MEN. Ask Jimmy Corbett, ask Jimmy Britt, ask any of the men that Nelson has fought, why they have not fought a good fight since they were beaten by Nelson, and you will find that they have not been the same since they tackled the Hagenbach battler.

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Gans does not say, but there are plenty of men who will take up the Nelson end of betting when the next fight is made, and among these are Britt, Corbett, Hanlon and many others who have felt the reading power of Nelson's smashes weeks, months, years even, after the battle has ceased to be discussed.

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WHAT SQUIRES SAYS. An interesting figure in the ring today is Bill Squires, the Australian heavyweight, who has come to America in the expectation of fighting for the world's pugilistic championship.

He has written his views as follows: I have come to America to fight my way to the world's championship. If I can, I don't believe that on my past performance I have any chance to win it. I don't believe that American public will admit that I have any chance to win it. I don't believe that I can win it. I don't believe that I can win it. I don't believe that I can win it.

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SOCER GAMESIN "AULD" SCOTLAND

Annual International Contest With the English Team A Great One.

THISTLES FIVE GAMES AHEAD.

Of Late Years Matches Have Been Evenly Contested—Wales Captures Championship.

The greatest event of the year in soccer football was the annual international football game between Scotland and England. It is now 35 years ago since the first great international contest was inaugurated between the two old rivals, and below is a record of the games:

Games Played. Won. Lost. Drawn. Goals. England 15 10 5 0 33 Scotland 26 16 11 0 77

This shows that the representatives of the Thistle are still five games ahead of their southern rivals, of late years the games have been very evenly contested, and Scotland has found it necessary to call some of her "exiles" to come back and assist her in stemming the tide of English success. On account of this year's game, when Scotland, being the English back, England, being the English back, the international championship of the four countries goes to Wales, hitherto not considered much of an expert at the soccer game. In the game played at Newcastle the attendance was a disappointment. Usually in London or at Glasgow, extremely large crowds show up at international games, but the Englishmen in Newcastle evidently did not take kindly to the extra admission charge.

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TO CHALLENGE WINNER OF BURNS-O'BRIEN GO. I hope to meet the winner of the Burns-O'Brien game, which I shall witness when it takes place next month at Los Angeles. From the ringside I shall challenge the winner, and if I win him, I shall be ready to fight the next go. I am willing to do so, but after I have fought Jeffries and if I should win I will return to do so.

BOYS LEARN TO BOX. Every man should learn to box. It would be a good thing for women, too, if more of them went in for stuffed glove exercise.

There is a lot of merit in boxing which perhaps you have never thought of. There is more in it than the development of your punch.

There is more in it than the increase of lung expansion and the development of your wind.

More than the strengthening of your stomach. Here are some of the things that boxing will teach a boy or man:

It will teach him to cool under fire. It will make him courageous. It will teach him that natural timid feeling may be overcome by a little practice and a good teacher.

It will teach him to bear punishment without flinching. It will teach him to use strategy in the face of danger.

It will give him the inclination to fight every time he has a bloody nose. If boys learned to box when they were young it would save them many beatings and bad punches well delivered, by a boy who has learned fairly well the rudiments of the boxing game will not be a bully more than the boy he is beating.

I never heard of a bully who knew anything about boxing. Every boy, no matter who he is or where he lives, is bound to encounter the bully.

If he doesn't know how to hit and defend himself it is worse than useless for him to try to cope with him. He may be seriously injured. He may be killed. He may be always too lazy or too well-headed to learn to fight properly. Usually he has great strength and a mean disposition. Some people say bullies are always cowards, but I do not believe it.

I never saw a bully yet who wouldn't fight at the drop of the hat with a smaller boy or someone whom he thinks he can whip.

It will teach him to trust to luck that he will win. This is because he has natural strength.

The natural advantages are all on his side, and besides, he has a drink in a third round boxing lesson or knows anything about the game.

DEMENTIA AMERICANA. "Aw, hit'er out you poned-eyed Jap! Jump in here and take the snout! Don't try to hurt me, you crazy runt! That ain't no penant-winning stunt. What's that? A STRIKE! Say, take a hike!"

You don't now what a 'ball' is like. You don't? Oh, where's my gun? You've got a 'brainstom' in your bun! 'Twas way outside and three feet wider—That's hitting! Slide, you lobster, slide!"

He says you say? Back to the hay. You thieving, crooked, stone-blind Jap!"

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IN THE BIG LEAGUES.

How Teams Stand in American, National, Coast and Western.

AMERICAN.

Philadelphia 3 2 272 New York 3 2 272 Chicago 3 2 272 Detroit 3 2 272 Washington 3 2 272 Boston 3 2 272 St. Louis 3 2 272

DETROIT, April 26.—Detroit won today on base-hitting. In both the eighth and ninth innings St. Louis led, but the Detroit team held them from scoring in either of these innings. An error allowed St. Louis its only run.

Score: R. H. E. Detroit 9 2 272 St. Louis 3 2 272

Cleveland, April 26.—Chicago defeated Cleveland today, 10 to 1. Clark and Lajoie tripled for Cleveland, but were unable to score. Manager Jones was put out of the field after an argument with umpire Stafford.

Score: R. H. E. Cleveland 3 2 272 Chicago 10 1 272

Batteries—Leibhart and Clark; Walsh and Sullivan.

Boston, April 26.—Philadelphia won today's game, 1 to 0. The home players batted well, and the Philadelphia team today suspended pitcher Vandevelde for thirty days for refusing to obey the rules of the club when off duty.

Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia 1 0 272 Boston 0 0 272

Batteries—Dugert and Barry; Pruitt and Ambrose.

New York, April 26.—The New York Americans shut out Washington today. Score: R. H. E. New York 3 0 272 Washington 0 0 272

Batteries—Graham and Warner; Brock and Klew.

NATIONAL.

Chicago 3 2 272 New York 3 2 272 Philadelphia 3 2 272 St. Louis 3 2 272

St. Louis, April 26.—The Chicago National won today by a score of 3 to 2. Overhill had the better of Brown in the pitching. Chicago batted four hits in the fifth inning. This coupled with two bases on balls netted the visitors four runs.

Score: R. H. E. St. Louis 3 2 272 Chicago 2 2 272

Batteries—Brown and Marshall; Overhill and King.

Two-base hits, Kelly, Gockley, Kling, three-base hit, Marshall, Butch, base on balls, Overhill, struck out by Brown, 1; by Overhill, 8.

Umpire—O'Day.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—New York defeated Philadelphia today by hitting pitcher Max Lusk. The Philadelphia team kept the hit of the local team scattered. The game was called at the end of the fifth inning on account of rain.

Score: R. H. E. New York 3 2 272 Philadelphia 0 0 272

Batteries—Mathewson and Bruns; Spauld, McGuckey and Jauch.

At Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh-Cincinnati game postponed, rain.

Brooklyn, April 26.—Brooklyn was again defeated by Boston today, 10 to 6. The visitors batted him out of the box.

Score: R. H. E. Brooklyn 6 2 272 Boston 10 6 272

Batteries—Haberly and Brown; Rucker and Smith.

Two-base hits, Bates, Beaumont, Flattery, Casey, Batch, three-base hit, Flattery, base on balls, Rucker, 2; on Flattery, 1.

Umpire—Emslie.

PACIFIC COAST.

Los Angeles 3 2 272 Oakland 3 2 272 San Francisco 3 2 272 Portland 3 2 272

San Francisco, April 26.—Hite sandwiched in between passes and errors gave Los Angeles an easy game today.

Score: R. H. E. San Francisco 3 2 272 Los Angeles 3 2 272

Batteries—Bergman and Hogan; Kincaid and Latham.