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Baseball Will Get Away To Start In Newark, April 16

International League To Have 154 Game Schedule This Season.

With the four teams in the southern half of the circuit scheduled to see action on their home fields, the International League's baseball season will be opened a day later than usual this year. Generally the league begins its campaign on a Wednesday, but the start of the schedule will not take place until Thursday, April 16, this spring. The Class AA circuit will again play a 154-game schedule, according to the dates released yesterday.

The club winning the most games during the regular season will receive the league pennant and will split \$4,000 among its players. The second-place team will split \$2,000. Following the regular campaign, the league again will conduct the Governors' Cup competition, sponsored by the Governors of New York, New Jersey and Maryland and by the Lieutenant-Governors of Ontario and Quebec.

In those play-offs the pennant-winning club will meet the team which finishes third, while the runner-up will oppose the squad which places fourth for the regular season. Those series will be decided by four out of seven games. Then the winners will clash in another series, in which victory will go to the club winning four of seven contests.

The winner of the Governors' Cup competition, even though not the pennant victor, will represent the International League in the "Little World Series" against an American Association team, also to be determined by a similar plan.

"Sage's Sulu" Gets Title In Big Bird Dog Championship

Pointer Displays All-Around Ability, Handling Well; Has Good Range.

Grand Junction, Tenn.—Sulu, a smart little pointer from the kennels of A. G. A. Sage, of New York City, was judged champion of the nation's bird dogs for her outstanding performance in the National field trials.

The decision of the judges was made at noon after the final heat of the forty-first annual renewal of the championship on historic Hobart Ames Plantation near here—a meet which saw 25 of the country's outstanding blue bloods parade before a colorful gallery of sportsmen.

Not quite so stylish, or flashy, as some competitors, Sulu is good in all departments of the game. An honest, hard working dog, she has a good range, and handles exceptionally well.

The five-year-old liver and white pointer succeeded another pointer, Homewood Flirtatious, owned by H. M. Curry of Pittsburg, on the strength of a heat last Thursday of exceptional brilliance.

Handling six bevy finds and two singles in an errorless performance, after spending the first hour of a three-hour heat in a fruitless hunt for birds, she won the ad-

Terrific Blow Over Heart Was Johnson's Undoing

Black "Panther" Lost His Championship Title to Big Jess Willard—Peppered His Opponent For Twenty Rounds to No Avail.

By RAY HANSEN

AFTER Jack Johnson had won the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world from Jim Jeffries there were no bouts of real importance until big Jess Willard appeared on the pugilistic horizon. The colored champion had been floating around having a good time and meeting little or no opposition. When he consented to meet Willard arrangements were completed to stage the contest in Havana, April 5, 1915. The bout was scheduled to go 45 rounds, but the "white hope" required only 26 to clinch the title. Willard, a Kansas cowboy, was one of the largest heavyweights who ever donned a glove. He was massive in structure and was as strong as an ox.

The fight had no parallel in ring history. For 20 rounds Johnson pounded the big cowboy at will, but to no avail. His blows were landing everywhere, but they apparently did not hurt the husky contender. As the fight progressed Johnson apparently realized that he had put everything he had into his punches and had nothing left. His speed was diminishing and the power of his punches gradually petered out and he lost heart. From the 21st to the 25th rounds there was practically no fighting. Those who witnessed the contest remarked that during that period of time it was a series of plastic poses of white and black gladiators.

In the 25th, however, Willard let drive a terrific windmill punch which caught Johnson right over the heart. It was a punishing blow and shook the colored champion to his toes. It was in reality the beginning of the end. When the round ended Johnson sent one of his seconds with a message to his wife to tell her that he was "all in" and to start for home. As she was passing the ring the 26th round was starting. She saw her husband on the wrong end of a long hard left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw. The force of the blows were so

miraculous of all observers, outclassing the performance of three days before of Dr. Blue Willing, the fine pointer owned by Ld. D. Johnson of Evansville, Ind., and the subsequent heat of Mrs. Glenna Collett Vane's Manitoba Jake.

Handled by the veteran Clyde Morton, Sulu ran "high, wide and handsome," handling every point to perfection. It was one of the most brilliant performances ever seen in the national trials.

The victory carried with it a \$1,000 purse and a leg on the Robert W. Bingham trophy, which must be won three times for permanent possession.

The title was awarded Sulu after Wicomico concluded the trials in three-hour heat which failed to merit championship consideration. Wicomico, owned by Jacob France of Baltimore, found only one bevy, although he exhibited consistent work and good training.

GREAT DISCOVERY

A scientist says it is the lower part of the face, not the eyes, that gives away one's thoughts, especially when one opens the lower part of the face.

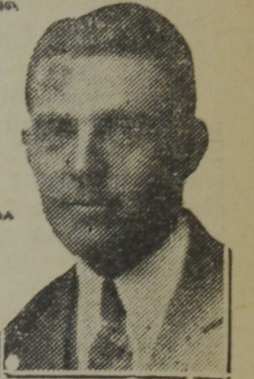
great that Johnson was actually lifted of his feet and then crumpled to the floor, where he lay partly outside the ropes. He was not knocked out and many close followers who were at the ring side contended that he quit. Previously he had been heard to remark that fighting was a business and that he would never foolishly submit to repeated knockdowns when he found he had met his master.

When Referee Welsh had counted ten Johnson got slowly to his feet. It was good he did for there was a concerted rush of spectators that threatened to smother the fighters. It appeared as if there would be trouble but 50 soldiers who were present quickly got into action and formed around the vanquished and victor and escorted them to their dressing rooms. Willard was very modest, taking his victory philosophically. He showed little evidence of having been in a championship battle against the famous "black panther." Those who had witnessed Johnson cut Jeffries to pieces, and recalled the terrible beating inflicted by the colored fighter, had been hoping against hope that the same thing would not happen to Willard. It did not. Although slightly weary from the long grind he still held a lot in reserve and the many punches which were peppered all over his anatomy apparently did not weaken him in the least.

The end of the fight came with a suddenness that it dazed the spectators. They had been witnessing a series of poses for several rounds and were convinced that the fighters were going to try and stay the limit. They did not realize that the one terrific blow landed by Willard in the 25th had turned the tide of battle. Johnson was hurt badly. When the bell sounded for the 26th, he rose slowly from his chair and was met by Willard near his own corner. Willard shot his long left and caught the champion on the head sending it back with a snap. Before the champion could recover Willard swung a smashing right which landed flush on Johnson's stomach. The champion was flung against the ropes and as he bounced back he immediately clinched. Willard tried to break loose, but the negro hung on for dear life. When they were separated by the referee Jess rushed again, forcing Johnson into a corner. Johnson was slow in guarding. Jess swung a long left to the body and Johnson's eyes were seen to quiver. Jess then feinted for the body and as the champion dropped his guard the cowboy dashed in and with another of his windmill swings caught his opponent flush on the jaw with a right that started from his hips. Johnson's legs quivered, his body rocked and then he went down and rolled over on his back. Although not unconscious he must have been suffering from those terrible smashes and he apparently realized that he was beaten, for he made no effort to regain his feet until counted out. Johnson received \$30,000 as his share of the gate and Willard barely enough to pay expenses. However, he was perfectly satisfied as he won the heavyweight championship of the world.

SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



HISTORY REPEATED ITSELF LAST Friday evening in The Forum when thousands fought their way into the rink to witness the first clash between the Saint John Beavers and Moncton Maroons for the championship of New Brunswick. Fans who, during the season, did not take enough interest to attend any of the regular league fixtures were out in force and with few exceptions thoroughly enjoyed the game, which ended in a tie, 1-1. The game was one of the most interesting seen here for some time. While it is true the Beavers lack the finish of players like Monson, O'Leary and others, who formerly comprised the local team in the "Big Four," there is no denying that they are rapidly developing. Their greatest weakness is an absolute disregard of legitimate body checking and, at times, the use of poor judgment in passing. However, when it comes to aggressiveness and willingness to stay in there fighting until they are ready to drop they are as good as any team that ever appeared on local ice. Fans must keep in mind that the Beavers are a new organization, largely made up of local talent, and deserve unstinted credit for their achievements to date. Even if they do not get any farther than the New Brunswick finals they have accomplished wonders their first year. If they remain intact for next season and continue to study the fine points of the game it would not be surprising to find them "going places." They have three might fine players in Nadeau, Gulliver and McCabe, while Murphy is rapidly developing. Livingstone is also fast and willing and coupled with his natural build should develop into a valuable player. Walker is a clever and cool player, but apparently does not believe in legitimate body checking. Lynch is a hard-working and good goalie and with more experience and practice on, from-ankle-to-knee shots, will prove a tower of strength to the team. The other members are also developing and deserve credit for their share in the team's successes. It was certainly gratifying to see the management of The Forum get "a break." They have carried on all season facing discouragement after discouragement, doing everything possible to work up local interest, but until the playoffs their efforts went unrewarded. There is only one thing, in event that the Beavers get by the Maroons and other big attractions are carded some change will have to be made in handling the crowd. To stand outside in a mob fighting to get in a door about thirty inches wide, being buffeted about and jammed against the side of a building may be all right for former football players, but it is anything but a pleasant experience for women or men not physically fit.

SAINT JOHN BOXING FANS WILL BE INTERESTED IN REPORTS that Bobby Allen, claimant of the Maritime Provinces' welterweight crown, is making a good showing in Boston. He is under the joint wings of Jack O'Brien and Al Clements. Since going to the States he has registered four straight wins, his most recent being over Willie Pal, of Albany. The latter has a fairly good record throughout New York State and the Maritime boy's victory boosted his stock. A few weeks ago he also won a split decision over Joey Greb, of Herkimer, N. Y., in an eight-round semi-final.—Another boxer from these parts, Jimmy Boyne, of Fredericton, N. B., who is at present making his home in Bangor, Maine, is also doing well. In a recent bout against Joe Ricciotti, an Italian fighter, Boyne was awarded a decision. The two met on a previous occasion and the Italian was the victor. According to an account of the recent bout the first round was a whirlwind affair. Ricciotti went mostly to the body and had the better of the going. His forcing tactics and clever boxing gave him an edge in the second, but in the third Boyne opened up and started throwing punches both fast and hard. Ricciotti fought back hard, but was twice driven to the ropes. In the fourth round they both sparred and then Boyne landed a hard right to his opponent's head, which shook him to his heels. In the fifth and sixth the Italian, by clever and careful boxing, won an edge. In the first of the seventh Ricciotti had Boyne going back, then the Fredericton boy changed his tactics and sent over a shower of wicked lefts and rights, which drove his opponent to the ropes, and later stung him with another hard right to the head. In the sharp exchange which followed Boyne had a decided edge. In the last round they started right in and there was a terrific exchange. Both scored repeatedly. The decision was split, the referee and one judge finding for Boyne and the other judge favored Ricciotti.

APPARENTLY FEARFUL THAT THE FIGHTING GAME IS lacking color and will reflect unfavorably on box office receipts promoters are busy these days trying to find a cure. Their most recent move was to contact the Baer brother, Max and Buddy. The former was a colorful champion and irrespective whether fans liked him or not he was a great drawing card. It looks as if an effort will be made to induce him to come back and take another crack at Primo Carnera, who is to meet Isadore Gastanaga, of Spain, in a bout scheduled for March 6. If Max made an impressive come-back against Primo there is no doubt no effort would be spared to boost his stock with a long string of alibis for his poor showing against Joe Louis. Jimmy Braddock, present holder of the heavyweight crown, lacks color. The majority of fans would not concede him a Chinaman's chance against Louis and as a result promoters realize that any dreams of a million-dollar gate would go a-glimmering. They must therefore take some steps to work up more interest and that is just what they are apparently doing. Already statements are appearing in which Braddock is credited with making disparaging remarks about Baer and the latter is coming right back and crediting himself with being a "Santa Claus." He said he felt sorry for Jim before the fight and now openly contends he passed him the title on a plate. His present opin-

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