

News of Sport.

BRITT AND NELSON TO MEET IN THE FISTIC ARENA TONIGHT.

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THE RING.

Tonight's Fight.

The fight to-night between Britt and Nelson, should be the best on record as both men have a great reputation. Both men are fit as a fiddle and in the pink of condition each is confident of winning with Britt as the favorite. The house will probably pan out over \$30,000.

Nelson will enter the ring against his formidable opponent, Britt, full of confidence. His victory over Corbett in ten rounds, when it took Britt a world of confidence. "You can say for me that I am fit to fight for my life," said Britt to a reporter.

"I realize that I have a tough man to beat, and I will be in condition to beat him. I do not underestimate Nelson. He is a good strong boy and can go some, but I will be there at every turn. "I see that he hopes I will be true to my word to come to him. Well, I win my fights by aggressive tactics, and that's the way I will fight Nelson."

The following are the measurements of the two men:—

Britt.	Nelson.
5 ft. 6 in.	Height.. 5 ft. 2 1/2 in
132 pounds	Weight ..132 pounds
63 1/2 inches	Reach..... 67 inches
15 inches	Neck..... 15 inches
35 1/2 inches	Chest..... 37 inches
28 inches	Waist..... 29 1/2 inches
10 1/2 inches	Biceps .. 13 inches
7 inches	Forearm .. 11 1/2 inches
19 1/2 inches	Thigh .. 19 1/2 inches
13 inches	Calf .. 13 inches
7 inches	Ankle .. 9 1/2 inches

It will be seen that the two men are nearly alike with Britt having the advantage in height, and Nelson in the reach. Britt is the favorite.

Gentleman Jim.

"Gentleman Jim" Corbett, one of the biggest fakes in existence, was not the first man that knocked out John L. Sullivan, though he thrives on the boast that the honor was his. It is a matter of history that Jack Cusack was the hero whose left on the jaw of the greatest fighter of all time laid low that amiable article.

One night when John L. was in his prime, he rode up town on a Broadway car and reclined on the seat until sleep overtook him. Cusack was

on guard. At Thirty-fourth street he knew John had to get off, but John refused to budge. Cusack, a powerful fellow, got the pugilist to a standing position and then—taking him unawares—landed on his inferior maxillary.

As soon as Cusack hit John L. he leaped off the car and ran for his life. The fighter was floored as completely as if he had been struck by a beam falling from the top of a skyscraper. When he got up he demanded in Bostonese the name, condition and whereabouts of his assailant. "There he goes down Broadway," said the obliging conductor, and John L. jumped off the car in pursuit—which proved hopeless, for Cusack had Mercury's winged feet.

The conductor stopped the car and ran after John L. with the latter's hat in his hand and is said to have caught up with the great man after a chase of two blocks. Cusack's escape was miraculous. For three days he lay low, like Br'er Rabbit, then came to life and renewed pleasant acquaintance with the enemy.

When Sullivan traveled up or down town in a surface car he was the most admired of men. Goliath of Gath was not so great a prince in his day. John could own the earth. "Is that John L.?" the conductor would say. Then he would gaze in awe. "Let him sleep, lie down, stand up, cuss, jaw, slobber—anything."

In his beginning Sullivan, under Jack Cusack's management, never regarded anything over four rounds as a fight. He had a standing offer of \$1,000 for the man who would oppose him four rounds. In those days he drank nothing stronger than coffee and was a model of good behavior. Wine and women ruined him. Cusack lost everything he had when John L. was beaten, but is around town today at 60 years of age as bright and reminiscent as Davy Crockett. His eye is like an eagle's.

Honors Easy.

Portland, Me., Dec. 19.—The bout tonight between Joe Reed of Lynn Mass., and Bartley Connolly of this city, was an exhibition of clever sparring that went the specified ten rounds with no damage to either and honors easy.

Jordan-Littlejohn Go.

Dan Littlejohn and Billy Jordan are scheduled to box 10 rounds in the City Hall west end, on the 2nd Jan-

uary. Both men are in good condition for the bout. There will be a couple of preliminary bouts. Ramsay and Rogers box four rounds at 130 pounds, and Jack Waring of San Francisco and Billy Ritchie (colored) of the south end also go four rounds. Jack Power will referee the bouts.

After the Winner.

Mike "Twin" Sullivan, the crack Cambridge lightweight and brother of Jack "Twin" who has a match on with Kid McCoy for the early part of next month, comes to the surface with a challenge for the winner of the Britt-Nelson battle, which takes place next Tuesday night.

Sully offers any inducements for a fight. In fact they are the most generous made by any pugilist in some time. Mike says he will post \$500 for appearance at 133 pounds weigh in at 3 o'clock on the day of the battle, and will also make aside bet of \$1000 that he will finish a winner.

"I think I am entitled to a match with either Nelson or Britt," said Sullivan, "as I have met the best light and welterweights in the East. Black or white, it has been all the same to me."

"I have won over Willie Fitzgerald, who has gone twenty rounds with Britt. Also I have beaten Jimmy Gardner, George McFadden, Gus Gardner, Dick Fitzpatrick, Tim Kearns and Jack Blackburn."

BASEBALL.

Suburban League.

There promises to be considerable interest taken in baseball next season by the suburbanites. A suburban league is being talked of, and it is probable that arrangements will be made, whereby Hampton, Rotherham, Renforth, Brookville, and Westfield, will be included in a series of games. It has been the custom of the residents of these summer resorts to have a baseball team and considerable amusement and pleasure has been derived from the games played in the past. Most of these places could put up a pretty strong aggregation of players and the games would be looked forward to with much interest. It is to be hoped that the scheme will be carried to a successful conclusion and that baseball will boom in the suburbs as well as in the city.

Joe Yeager's Batting.

Ed. Barrow, the Montreal manager, has shed some light on Joe Yeager's fine batting figures for the season.

The official averages gave Yeager .332, which, in view of his low mark in mid-season, seemed a remarkable jump. "There was nothing to it in the last six weeks of the season," says Barrow.

"Yeager was hitting all kinds of pitching, and was getting two and three a day. That pulled him back in a hurry. He was one of the stars of the league during the time that I was with the club."

New York is sure to keep Yeager, according to Barrow, who says that Griffith plans to make Joe be the regular utility man, and to use him for both infield and outfield stunts, if necessary.

Should Elbowfield have another bad spring, Yeager will have a great chance to show himself at short. Montreal got a good price for the shortstop and needed it, if some Eastern League reports are true. It is claimed that one Eastern League team had a monthly salary list of \$5,500 last season.

THE TURF.

Queen of Maritime Trotters.

Monota had her day of triumph and is now enjoying a well earned and a well deserved repose in the stables of her owner J. R. Lamy.

Although fifteen years old she has today all the fire and elasticity of former years and with a little training could still hold a leading place on the turf. It is not Mr. Lamy's intention however, to again put her on the track. She holds the Maritime track record for the best time ever made by a provincial bred horse.

A brief sketch of her career is but another instance of how a trotter can be developed. Minota is fifteen years old, being foaled in 1889, sired by Sir Nutwood, son of the famous Nutwood, dam Passiac Maid, 2.41 by Aberdeen. Her first start was in a 3-year old race at Amherst, May 24th 1892, which she won in 1.51, 1.47 1/2, half mile heats. As a four-year-old she started at Memramcook, June 21st, and won third money, being beaten by Sir John and Country Girl in 2.41 1/2; at the colts stakes meeting in Amherst, she was third in the stakes for foals of 1889 in which she was beaten by Brazilian and Loot S in 2.33 1/2.

In 1894 her first start was at Halifax, when she was second to Rowdy in the 2.40 class in 2.30 1/2, and in the race the following day in the 2.50 class met with an accident and was distanced. In the 3.00 class at Amherst in August of the same year she was sixth, John Almont winning the race, the fastest time being 2.34 1/2.

She won her first race at Moncton, Aug. 3rd, 1895, where she captured the 2.45 class, winning the first, fifth and sixth heats in 2.35, 2.34, 2.33 1/2. She was beaten by Doonie in the 2.33 class at Halifax August 21st, of same year in 2.31, 2.31, 2.32, but she afterwards went on to Maine and New Brunswick circuit, in her first race of which, at Calais, she entered the 2.30 list, winning the 3.00 race in 2.26 1/2, 2.29 1/2, 2.27; she started in five races on the circuit, winning four of them in straight heats, the time ranging from 2.26 1/2 to 2.33 1/2. She was only beaten in the 2.35 class at St. Stephen by Jerry O'Neil in 2.27 1/2, 2.29, 2.27 1/2. She won up the season by winning both the 3.00 and 2.35 classes at Charlottetown P. E. I.

She lowered her record to 2.23 1/2, in her first race in 1896 at Amherst when she won the first heat and Katrina won the race. She clipped 1/4 seconds off this mark at Charlottetown, when she again won a first heat, and Arelight won the race in 2.22 1/2. She lowered her record in 1897 to 2.21 1/2, at Halifax, in the famous dead heat between her and Arelight, and again at Charlottetown to 2.19 1/2 in the seven heat struggle with Warren Guy. Arelight beat her at the Halifax Exhibition races, but

she afterwards turned the tables on him and Katrina at Fredericton, when she forced the latter to a record of 2.21 1/2, in the first heat. She did but little racing in 1899 year, but in 1900 she started in eight races, winning seven, over \$1200.00 in purses, and obtaining a record of 2.19. She was beaten by Warren Guy—2.12 1/2, whom she also conquered three times. The wonderful form she had always shown gained her many admirers.

The track record of 2.18 1/2 was made in Amherst in the August races of 1901. This record has not yet been equalled by any trotter bred in these provinces. The News wishes a long and happy life both to Queen Minota and her genial owner, J. R. Lamy, who has done so much to promote the improvement of horse flesh in these provinces.—(Exchange.)

Horse Notes.
Bingen 206 1/2, will remain at the Forbes farm another year. It is estimated that nearly 400 head of horses will be quartered at the Memphis track this winter.

For all of the many fast miles that Major Delmar has trotted he has never taken a lame step in his life.

The veteran trainer, Charles Marvin, who knows the Electioneer family better than any other man living, pronounces Expedition the best son of Electioneer as a sire.

With such side-wheelers as John M. 2.02 1/2, Nathan Strauss, 2.04 1/2 Angus Peitner, 2.04 1/2, and Morning Star, 2.04 1/2, the New York Speedway should see some pretty fast pacing brushes.

Sweet Marie, 2.04 1/2, made 13 starts this season, in which 41 heats were trotted. Of these she won 27 heats and trotted one dead heat. She trotted 21 heats in 2.10 or better. These 2.10 heats average 3.07 1/2.

Major Delmar, 2.01 1/2, goes into winter quarters the greatest trotter yet produced and still, says "Griffwood" in The Horse World, I overheard a gentleman call him a "dog. I wish I had a few dogs of the same kind to race."

There are plenty of expert horsemen who believe that next to Lou Dillon, 2.01, Sweet Marie is the fastest trotter ever foaled. Ed Geers is of the opinion and after seeing her take a record of 2.04 1/2 at Memphis expressed the opinion that Sweet Marie was the greatest race trotter ever on the turf.

Melton (2.14 1/2), by Allerton, should be a success in Europe.

Budd Doble should be just the kind of a trainer for Lou Dillon.

Lon McDonald will train at the Roadville track this coming season. Six 2-year-olds by Axworthy (2.15 1/2) took standard records the past season.

Frank McVey, a widely known horseman, died recently at his home in Danville, Ill. They say that Ed. Geers' green pacer, Walter Direct, will get all the money down the line in 1905. John R. Gentry has 31 foals of 1904, 29 of which are bays and the other two chestnuts. They are a remarkable lot of youngsters, it is said.

World's Record Gone.
San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The world's record for 7 1-2 furlongs has

been broken at Oakland. Dainty, a chestnut mare, by Golden Garter—Rosebud owned by Walter Jennings and with an impost of 109 pound negotiated the distance in 1.32 flat, clipping one fifth of a second off the record made by Rag Tag at Washington Park in 1902. It was Dainty's first start on the local track since the mare's successful record on the New York courses.

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