

PRINTER SPONSORS GRAND CIRCUIT TROTTING MEET

NEW YORK, May 1—When the Ohio State Racing Commission a few weeks ago allotted dates for a running meeting at Cleveland conflicting with those previously assigned by stewards of the Grand Circuit for a two-week trotting meeting there, beginning June 23, the sponsors for the latter gracefully stood from under, as well they might. Followers of harness racing then feared that Forest City, where the first trotting meeting in the history of the Grand Circuit took place sixty-three years ago, would be missing from the chain of mile track meetings in 1936.

In this critical situation it was a local printer, who never owned a trotting horse of note, that stepped into the breach assuming, with his associates, responsibility for the twenty-five races which made up the programme. And hereby hangs a tale.

Fifty years ago, perhaps a year or two more or less, one of the boys in the office of "Wallace's Monthly" and "Wallace's American Trotting Register," then located over Knox's hat store and Sandy Spencer's basement oyster saloon, at the northeast corner of Broadway and Fulton streets, sent the copy for a breeder's catalogue of trotting-horses to the Cleveland firm of Winn & Judson to be printed.

Whether it was Dan Geary, Leslie Macleod or another, all of whom increased their scanty earnings by compiling stock farm catalogues, this deponent saith not.

Whoever it was, the printers turned out such a neat and accurate work at such a moderate cost that there-

after they got all the catalogues originating in Wallace's office, and these were not a few in those boom days of horse breeding which followed the great Glenview dispersal sale in 1886. Winn & Judson always put their name and address on the title page, and within a short time they were doing pretty much everybody's printing in this field, including the auction firm of W. B. Fasig & Co., which developed into the Fasig Tipton Company, with its internationally Old Glory sales in which 1,000 trotting horses sometimes passed under the hammer at Madison Square Garden.

Mr. Winn passed away long ago, and Mr. Judson's name has lately disappeared from the list of officers of the Judson Printing Company, is it now called. Walter E. Seeley being the present head of the concern. He is the man who saved the situation when Cleveland's Grand Circuit meeting was apparently going by the board.

At present it is the meetings scheduled for Toledo, July 11-18, and Boston, July 27-August 8, that are threatened to be crowded out and thus further disrupt the continuity of Grand Circuit harness racing. Toledo's recent meetings have been held at night on a mile track flooded by electric light. They were not popular among owners and trainers, though they developed brilliant racing. Sponsors for the proposed meet at Suffolk Downs near Boston have not yet shown signs of carrying through their project, while Paul Bowser, who last year gave the New England meeting single-handed at Salem, N.H., is reported seriously ill following a surgical operation, besides which the track at Rockingham Park, where his 1935 meeting took place, has recently been sold to New York parties.

Added to these casualties the three meetings for which dates were tenta-

Baer May Meet Steve Hamas

HOLLYWOOD, California, May 1—If Max Baer reenters the ring, he may fight Steve Hamas here June 29. That was announced yesterday by Promoter Morris Cohan, who has an option to stage a fight that day in Hollywood outdoor Gilmore stadium.

Around the Big League Circuit

National League
At St. Louis—R. H. E.
New York 2 11 0
St. Louis 3 5 1
Batteries—Smith, Gumbert and Mancuso; P. Dean and Davis.

At Chicago—R. H. E.
Brooklyn 1 7 1
Chicago 2 11 1
Batteries—Brandt and Phelps; Carleton and Hartnett.

At Pittsburgh—R. H. E.
Philadelphia 5 6 1
Pittsburgh 6 11 12
At Cincinnati—R. H. E.
Boston 3 6 1
Cincinnati 1 5 2
Batteries—MacFayden and Lopez; Schott, Brennan and Lombardi.

American League
At New York—R. H. E.
Cleveland 1 4 4
New York 8 10 4
Batteries—Allen, Milnar, Galehouse and Pytlak; Pearson and Dickey.

At Washington—R. H. E.
Detroit 7 10 0
Washington 8 10 6
Batteries—Lawson, Kimsey and Hayworth, Cochrane; Newson, Russell, Coppola, Linke and Bolton.

At Philadelphia—R. H. E.
St. Louis 8 11 3
Philadelphia 12 14 4
Batteries—Cain, Caldwell, Thomas, Meola, Knott and Hemsley; Gluliani; Natuzak, Dietrich, Kelley and Hayes.

At Boston—R. H. E.
Chicago 4 13 3
Boston 16 18 2
Batteries—Whitehead, Tietje, Chehlin, Brown and Sewell; Cascarella, Wilson and Ferrell.

Lady—I want a goo dook for my country residence.
Manager—Miss Clark, have we anybody here who would like to spend a day or two in the country?

tively allotted to Pomona and San Diego, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz., after the annual meeting at Lexington, Ky., have been deferred until next year, no suitable tracks being available at the California cities. Following these changes Lexington has set back the opening of the Kentucky breeders' meeting from September 14 until September 26, which leaves a gap of two weeks between the close of the conflicting meetings at Syracuse and Indianapolis and its beginning.

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EVEN SWEET SONG COULDN'T DOWN THIS JIBE

Remark "Who Did Louis Ever Beat" Starts a Real Argument

NEW YORK, May 1—No one made the effort to answer when the Broadway broker offered the opinion that the Louis-Schmeling fight would be a great battle. Everyone was too comfortably content to argue. Frank and Jimmy had selected and supervised the serving of an excellent dinner, there was wine on the table, mellow music not far away and the whole atmosphere of the Stork Club was conducive of peaceful relaxation.

Even when he expressed the belief that Schmeling had a very good chance to beat the Brown Bomber, there were only a few monosyllabic replies, for everyone was most interested in the soothing songs of Marjory Logan, standing beside the orchestra, her head tossed back and one hand lightly touching the microphone.

But the Broadway broken, apparently encouraged by the lack of opposition, finally went too far. His declaration that Louis's reputation was the result of inflation didn't cause much of a stir. Nor did the remark that he had scared all his opponents into a state of collapse before they ever got into the ring. But when he asked the age-old question, "Whom did he ever beat?" the storm broke. Those were fighting words.

Who is there that he hasn't beaten? Who ever beat him? Whom did anybody ever beat? The counter-questions came fast and furiously. Whom did he ever beat, indeed! Just everybody around, that's all. Everybody except Schmeling and Braddock, and they are on the list of the doomed. The ones who already have been checked off the list include Carnera, Baer, Paulino, Retzlaff, Levinsky, Birkie, Ramage and a whole row of lesser lights.

The Broadway broker smiled patronizingly. A lot of set-ups, he said. A lot of pushovers. Carnera was a freak. Baer a clown. Paulino was an old man. Retzlaff had a glass jaw. Levinsky was right-hand crazy, and the rest were just a lot of preliminary boys in the first place. Not a real boxer in the bunch.

Another Roll Call

Perhaps, but they happen to be the best heavyweights within reach at the moment. A man can't do more than beat the best. And who ever beat a better lot? You can use the same argument against any fighter that ever lived, from John L. Sullivan to Baby Arizmendi. Whom, for instance, did Jack Dempsey ever beat?

Willard? Just a freak. A circus giant who was made over into a synthetic fighter and became champion of the world. No better boxer than Carnera, no faster on his feet and, for that matter, not even as big.

Carpenter? Just a light heavyweight who could box but who couldn't hit hard enough to hurt a man like Dempsey. Ramage was a good boxer, too.

Firpo? Just a big slugger with nothing but a sledgehammer in his right hand. He couldn't hit any harder than Baer, and if Baer couldn't do anything but hit, neither could the Wild Bull of the Pampas.

Tommy Gibbons? An old man. He was old when he fought Dempsey at Shelby as Paulino was when he fought Louis at the Garden.

It works just as well on any man's record. But there is something about Joe Louis's success that also must be taken into consideration; his victories have left no doubts. They haven't been scored by questionable and debated decisions. There never has been the hint of a foul in any of the Brown Bomber's triumphs. Calmly he has measured his men and knocked them out. And there's no bigger way to establish a claim to fighting greatness than that.

Doubts and Decisions
Dempsey left Jess Willard on his stool instead of on the canvas. Big Jess just didn't show up for the fourth round at Toledo. Dempsey was knocked out of the ring by Firpo. Some claim he never would have been able to get back without help. And when he did he committed a foul by hitting Firpo while he was still down. Louis never was knocked out of the ring by anybody. And when he has a man down he doesn't hit him again until he's up. Dempsey had to be content with a decision over Gibbons. But Louis hasn't let anyone go the distance with him since he reached the big-time circuit.

It is possible that Schmeling will beat Louis in June. I don't think he will, but I wouldn't care if he did. After all, Max is a great fellow, one of the few fighters with real intelligence. He is quiet, pleasant, well-mannered and affable. There is nothing of the mug about Max, and you never mind seeing a man like that win at any time. Besides he apparently is sincere in his desire to regain the heavyweight championship which he once held. You can't hate a fellow for trying.

But belittling Louis's record is a fine way to start an argument from this quarter. And the Broadway broker found himself all alone when he asked, "Whom did he ever beat?" and

Camera Eye Decided Race

JAMAICA RACE TRACK, N. Y., May 1—Hanging on grimly, Otto Blank's mount Echo won a nose decision over F. Guyberger's Tragedian Jr. the fourth and best race on the programme this week. Say Do, John W. Marr's gelding, finished third ahead of six others.

After holding a long lead in the mile and 70 yard contest, Mount Echo was almost nipped at the wire by the fast closing Tragedian. The finish was so close the camera decision had to be awaited.

The winner was 9 to 5 in the betting and spun the route distance over the fast track in 1:44 4-5 with Jockey I. Anderson in the saddle.

Apprentice Ira Hanford again stole the day's riding honors by scoring with two mounts—Joy Ride in the first race and Flying Mare in the third. The former paid off at 18 to 5 and the latter an outsider, closed at 12 to 1.

OUT OF POCKET

"Well, Donald, and how did ye like London?"

"Mon, it was awful. Ah paid out a pound for a bedroom, an' then Ah dreamt ah was sleepin' on the Embankment."

then, when the list of victims was reeled off, claimed that they were all bums by way of rebuttal.

Clearing the Field

It may be that Louis isn't the greatest that ever lived. It may be that he isn't even the greatest fighter in the business at the moment. But up to the present he has produced pretty fair evidence of the former, and some one still has to prove the fallacy of the latter opinion which generally prevails.

If he hasn't done more it's because there hasn't been any more to do. And if he hasn't beaten better men it's only because there aren't any better men about. Certainly he hasn't ducked anybody along the trail.

He might have rested and relaxed after he had beaten Carnera. He had done enough already to warrant the next shot at the title. But he added Baer to his list by way of good measure. Nor did he let it go at that. By way of cleaning up the field he knocked Levinsky, Paulino, and Retzlaff out of the way, leaving only Schmeling and Braddock even dimly outlined on the horizon that lies between Louis and absolute supremacy.

"But whom did he ever beat?" persisted the Broadway broker.

Every one turned toward the bar. They needed a good stiff one. You just can't argue intelligently with some people.

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PLANS DISCUSSED LAST NIGHT FOR 1936 BASEBALL LOOP THIS SECTION

Big Meeting Planned for Next Tuesday Night — York Loop Same as Last Year Likely — Softball for Young Men is Scored

Representatives of last year's York-Sunbury baseball league, comprising Fredericton, Devon, Marysville and Minto, held a meeting last evening at which much enthusiasm was shown and tentative plans were made for the 1936 season in this section.

C. L. Dougherty, president of the league, occupied the chair and representatives of all clubs were present, including A. D. Taylor, Ex-M.P.P. of Minto, Dr. Percy Thompson and Geo. M. Byron represented Fredericton.

Softball Scored

At next week's meeting it will be decided whether the same league will be organized for the coming season. Several other meetings will be held

within the coming weeks. At the meeting last night there was general discussion on the situation for baseball and the idea of softball for the younger folk was scored by those present. It was felt that hard ball needed development more than softball and at the present time there seems to be another trend to develop softball among the high school youths and others.

Those who attended the meetings were C. L. Dougherty, A. D. Taylor, ex-M.P.P., of Minto; F. Lynch and Fred Foster of Marysville; Kenneth H. Staples, Johnston Keene and Geo. Howell of Devon; and George M. Byron and Dr. Percy G. Thompson of Fredericton.

SOCCER AT BOSTON NEARS A WINDUP

BOSTON, Mass., May 1—The Boston and District Soccer League will terminate its season next Sunday afternoon at Lincoln Park, South End, when the Riversides and Dorchester S. C. collide on the pitch.

A victory over the Dorchester team places Riverside in a runner-up berth for the title.

The Quincy Point Boys' Club is on the lofty perch with nine victories and no losses, with the Boston Celts in second place.

It is expected that one of the largest crowds of the season will watch the Riversides and Dorchester in their tussle Sunday.

Just why the Lucy Rees failed to appear for the scheduled game with Bird and Son in a Boston and District League tilt, last Sunday is still unknown. . . . A throng was turned away when the team failed to put in an appearance. . . . New York's soccer championship tussle was settled last Sunday when the New York Americans topped the Irish-Americans to capture the league title. . . . The Scandinavians will clash with the Lusitanos in a semi-final game Sunday.

REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE BABA'S CLAIM

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 30—The New York State athletic commission yesterday refused to recognize Ali Baba, Turkish wrestler, as heavyweight wrestling champion despite his defeat of Dick Shikat in Detroit last Friday.

Chairman John J. Phelan explained that Ali Baba committed a foul when he tossed Shikat from the ring. He also said wrestling bouts in Michigan are regarded in that state as exhibitions and therefore Shikat's title was not at stake.

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