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# In the World of Sport

## THE PRESENT DAY BOXERS

ARE PIKERS WHEN COMPARED WITH THE OLD TIMERS.

Cost J. J. Corbett \$10,000 to Train Three Months—O'Brien Was Also a Good Sponder.

The champion prize fighters of today are just pikers compared to the old fellows when it comes to getting or putting money into circulation.

Take the recent battle for the heavyweight championship between Dempsey and Fulton. Dempsey treated himself to a shave and Fulton to a haircut. Neither went to the trouble of getting some first-class boxer to help him in his training.

When the old champions went into a battle it was for keeps, and they trained as though their very life depended on the result. Why, the money the old-timers spent for trainers alone was more than Fulton and Dempsey would spend in a year at the gait they are traveling now.

When Sullivan and Kilrain fought Kilrain brought Pony Moore and Charlie Mitchell all the way from England to help him get ready, and on the same mission he brought Mike Donovan from New York and Parson Davies from Chicago.

Sullivan in the same battle brought Billy Muldoon from New York, Jimmy Wakely and Charlie Johnson from Brooklyn and Mike Costello from Buffalo. Every one of them helped him get ready and were near him when the fight was on.

These arrangements for training and trainers alone cost Sully and Kilrain a fortune.

Corbett never entered a fight without spending a small fortune for training expenses.

Cost Corbett \$10,000.

And perhaps he reached the very top in that line when he had his battle with Charlie Mitchell down in Florida. On that occasion Jim employed Prof. John Donaldson as a heavyweight, Dan Creedon as a middleweight, Con McVey as a wrestler and Tommy Tracey as a lightweight. Jim also put up a handball court that cost \$2,500 and

Not in a thousand years if they go

engaged an expert in that line to play with him. He had from 100 to 500 visitors at his training quarters every day and entertained them royally. He trained nearly three months, and it must have cost him at least \$10,000.

Then it cost Corbett \$1,000 in legal proceedings to get out of Florida when the fight was over.

But Billy Brady, Corbett's manager, discounted this by hiring a special train, making a flying trip to New York, where he cleared over \$25,000 in Madison Square Garden, while popular excitement over Corbett's defeat of Mitchell was at fever heat.

Corbett's manager, too, was the first to take advantage of the pictures of a big fight and made a lot of money out of that. His theatrical experience, too, enabled him to book Corbett to advantage on the road.

In the year following his fight with Sullivan, Corbett was credited with clearing up \$250,000 on the road. And Corbett made money even while he was training. By doing stunts in Madison Square Garden one day while preparing for an important fight, he cleared up \$25,000. Think of that, you heavyweight pikers of to-day.

### O'Brien Used to Spend.

Why, even Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, a modern heavyweight, but not so big or prominent as Sullivan or Corbett, used to put great wads of money into circulation.

You heard of money being wagered on the Fulton-Dempsey affair, but you saw little of it. But in the olden days you saw the real money, and you saw the principals bet it.

Sullivan, Corbett and O'Brien are only three of the old fighters who bet on themselves. O'Brien was one of the thriftiest of the heavyweights, but he always put up big money on his own chances.

O'Brien, whose real name is Hagan, was a pugilist for money, not for glory. He owns several houses in Philadelphia, some of them in the fashionable neighborhood of Rittenhouse Square. He has been admitted to the bar and has made a fortune through sheer industry as well as with his fists. He made it, too, by taking on all hands when he was fighting and by betting his last dollar on his chances of winning.

Wonder if Fulton and Dempsey will ever become as rich as O'Brien? Not in a thousand years if they go

along at the gait they are going now.

## GRIDIRON STARS IN THICK OF FIGHTING

Major "Buster" Reid Wounded Fourth Time—Lieut. McFarlane's Exploit.

Since the first day when Canadian troops became engaged in the great war, Canada's gridiron stars, who enlisted in large numbers, have been distinguished themselves. While the air service appears to appeal to them more strongly than any other branch of the service, the knights of the moleskin have been prominent wherever they have served. Many have won mention in despatches and various decorations.

Word has reached his family in Canada that Major "Buster" Reid, the former McGill University line-plunger, has been wounded a fourth time. Luckily, this last injury is a gunshot wound and is not severe.

Lieut. Alex. McFarlane, who was a star with the Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger teams in the Interprovincial Union, recently won the Military Cross. Particulars of the exploit in which he won the decoration have been received at his home in Hamilton. The official announcement says that he was "in charge of four machine guns, and showed exceptional courage in keeping the guns in operation, although under heavy shell fire."

### BACK TO AUSTRALIA.

Lady Swimmers Did Not Compete Against Americans.

Miss Fannie Durack and Miss Nina Wylie, the Australian swimming champions, brought to a close their unfortunate visit to the United States a few days ago and sailed for home without having tested the speed of any of the American girls they came over to defeat. Since then there have been comments aplenty on the poor treatment the famous foreigners received in California, the critics assuming that it prevented their competing while there.

This is hardly the case. Miss Durack started by announcing that she would not register with the A.A.U., as the rules require, unless the authorities took the trouble to seek her out, and when interested people later suggested her sending for credentials by mail, she failed to do so. She also declined to take advantage of an invitation to visit the east at the expense of prominent organizations, and curtly refused a request to swim Miss Aiga Dorfner, of Philadelphia, during the latter's trip to the coast. It will be seen, therefore, that the Australians did not compete from choice, rather than because she was prevented.

### SPORTS AT STAMFORD.

Canadians Prepare for Empire Meet on September 7th.

The big athletic championship meet of the Canadian troops in Britain was held last Wednesday at Stamford Bridge, London. It was the more important because the winners will represent Canada in the great Empire sports on the same ground on September 7th. Some fine performances were done and the men all round will be hard to beat. Sergt. J. H. Massey, from Witley Camp, was a notable trouble winner, namely, the half, mile and three miles, easily beating the Canadian championship record in each event.

Capt. E. B. Archibald was also very successful, winning the hammer throw and pole vault and was third in the long jump and shot-put.

### Reds' Downfall Season's Mystery.

Downfall of the Cincinnati Reds is one of the biggest mysteries of the baseball season. Last April, as the teams lined up for the start of the National League pennant race, the Reds stood out as one of the clubs that looked sure of a first division berth, and there were a few writers who went so far as to pick them as the pennant winners. But the Reds today are not even pennant contenders in the full meaning of the word, for they have permitted other clubs to build up big leads against their chances.

Matty had a ball club at the start of the season that looked like a sure winner. In Roush, Neale, Sherry and Lee Magee, Chase, Wingo, Groh, Blackburne, Griffith, Tony, Schneider, Regan and a few others the Old Master had the nucleus of what looked

ed like a hard-driving club, especially for work. Then came the ally with the bats and in the pitch-big pennant drive—a slashing brilliant drive at the start for the Reds and the slump that followed.

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