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NELSON PREDICTS RACING CHANGES

Well-Known Track Judge Discusses Situation in Dominion.

An increase in the proportions of racecourse earnings for the public treasury, and for the horse owners, and a reduction or redistribution of the number of tracks in certain localities of Canada, are predicted by Judge Francis C. Nelson, who is at New Orleans presiding at Jefferson Park, but who will return to Canada to officiate on race tracks there when the sport opens again in 1920.

Judge Nelson says Dr. Rutherford, the commissioner appointed in Canada to ascertain just what is needed to improve racing in Canada, will probably make every one of the above mentioned recommendations when he makes his report. Dr. Rutherford was veterinary director general of Canada for about ten years, says Judge Nelson, and he knows all about the subject of horse racing, and is not to be misled by hot air or rhetoric from any side. "He holds that the thoroughbred horse is essential for the breeding industry, that he cannot be maintained without racing, and that purses not be racing for decent purses without the revenue that comes from some form of betting, and that the mutuels are favored in Canada."

Judge Nelson says that he believes that some of the tracks will have to stop running, and that others will run at a longer date. He is not at all sure that the Canadian Government wanted to get more money from the races; that this must be provided, and that horse owners must get bigger purses. Judge Nelson says he favors the mutuels as the best form of betting in Canada, although all sorts of wagering is allowed. He stated that three-fourths of the horsemen now racing here would invade Canada next year, and that some of the finest horse flesh in the country would be exhibited on Canadian tracks, while Starter Dade, Judges Murphy, Campbell and Conklin and Clerks of Scales Norvell and McLean were going back to the Dominion.

FEAR FOR WILDE

Think That He May Be Beaten on a Point

There is anxiety among English boxing critics over the fortunes of Jimmy Wilde while the British idol is in America. These critics admit freely the fear that Wilde may be made the victim of foxy American fight managers. The plan, according to their suspicions, is to have Wilde beaten on a foul in a fight with some American bantam. The motive for such a base plan is cited, as these critics believe, in retaliation for the decision given Wilde in his fight here with Pal Moore and Joe Lynch. No doubt the report from the Wilde Sharkey fight has in a way confirmed them in their suspicion.

Apologists for Joe Beckett have sounded every possible note for a satisfying excuse of his showing or rather failure to make such against Carpenter. Among the long list are excuses to the effect that Beckett was over-trained, that he was taken by surprise, that he was over-eager in attack.

However, Referee Angle has knocked the bottom from all these excuses. He says that it was obvious in the very brief passage of time taken by the incidents that Beckett was outclassed. He was outclassed in speed and general knowledge of boxing, and what is vastly more important, in his was probably his lack of strength. This fit of excuse-making has, of course, produced certain laughable and absurd phrases. For instance, some say that Deschamps, manager of Carpenter, hypnotized Beckett with an evil eye. Furthermore, it is said that this same phenomenon accounted possibly for the quick work which Carpenter made of Bombardier Wells.

Beckett and Wells are combining to build a rather unusual record in one way. English heavyweights are acquiring a reputation for being bounced out of the limelight in record time. Beckett was stopped in 74 seconds short of that limit. Even the quick work of Desampsy when he stopped Willard in three rounds, setting a new record fails to equal the speed and despatch with which Carpenter finished off the job against the Britons.

Lindsay May Have Two Teams.

Lindsay will have a junior team in the O.H.A. and some of the hockey fans are trying to stir up sufficient enthusiasm to get an intermediate bunch in line as well. It is claimed that with such players as G. Farvill, Garnett, O'Laughlin, Dennis, Sandcock, Lipsett, Coombs, C. Carew, Richman and McElroy, Lindsay has plenty of material for a fast team.

True to his name, Carpenter knows how to "nail 'em."

ALREADY ORGANIZING

For the 1920 Imperial Challenge Shield Shooting Contests.

The National Rifle Association of England has sent out entry forms for competition for the imperial challenge shield in 1920. There will be both junior and senior competitions, and Canada is expected to have a great many more entries than in any former year. In this military district teams have in the past been entered from Smith's Falls, Brockville, Belleville, Lindsay, Peterboro and the Kingston Collegiate Institute.

The matches are presided over by a disinterested officer and the targets and score records are forwarded direct to the executive committee of the association, which awards the prizes according to the score and standing. No general meet is held for the finals, but the teams shoot off in their home towns.

Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gillespie represents the National Rifle Association in divisional district No. 3, and is making an early start in organizing the teams for entry in these competitions.

"BILLY" COOK

Who will play for the Kingston hockey team this winter.

O.R.F.U. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Football Union takes place on Saturday afternoon, December 13th, at Central Y.M.C.A., Toronto, for the election of officers, discussion on proposed amendments and the reading of the annual reports.

The list of amendments is as follows—

Rule 7, Section A—Change rule to read as follows: The ball shall be kicked out or scrimmage by the side in whose goal it had gone after a rouge or safety touch.

Scoring the points—Points scored from a drop-kick 3, "ball to be kicked off at the 40 yard line."

That the O.R.F.U. adopt the suggestion of the A.A.U. of C. for the registration of all athletes with the provincial branch of the A.A.U. of C. for the purpose of centralization.

That the date of the annual meeting be changed to the first week in September.

WILDE CRITICIZED.

American Writers Regard Him as Overrated Boxer.

Jimmy Wilde's failure to make good all the flattering things that had been said about him really is less surprising than it would have been if he had proved to be invincible. The standing of Sharkey for ten rounds, Wilde did well, considering the difference in weight. But he is not such a marvel that he can stop men ten pounds heavier than himself. The only thing marvellous about Wilde is that it was in England that he learned how to fight.

Almost Knocked Out Sharkey.

The correspondent who furnished the special report for a Milwaukee agency, that sized up the Wilde-Sharkey combat as follows:

"Jimmy Wilde, British flyweight champion had no trouble outpointing Jack Sharkey in a ten-round bout here (Milwaukee) Saturday night. The Britisher not only outpointed his heavier opponent, but handed him a lacing in the hot exchanges that he will remember for some time. In fact he did practically all the leading and Sharkey was kept busy evading a knockout. It is the opinion of unbiased critics that had the battle been over the 20-round distance the Britisher would have rocked the American to sleep."

Kingston Eligibles For O.H.A.

Players who were registered in the junior series of the O.H.A. during the season of 1918-19 and are eligible for that series again this winter under the age rule are as follows:

Kingston—Alexander Connell, W. E. McLaughlin, Fred H. Brown, W. Cecil Baker, Clarence H. Devlin, Edward Fitzgerald, Edgar John Milam, Edward J. Davidson, John William Queen—Harris D. Noble, John L. McKelvey, Raymond Hamill, Norman J. Taylor, Stanley M. Chown, Frederick E. Bush, Gordon Rooney, Harry Anthony McNeil, Clarence L. Yeorgier.

The Olympic Games.

The King of Spain has conveyed to M. Albert Grisar, the honorary secretary of the Royal Belgium Yacht Club and of the Olympic race committee, his intention of personally interesting himself in Spanish participation in the Olympic waters from July 11 to 14, 1920. King Alfonso, who is the owner of three yachts built to enter international classes, will, it is believed, be the actual competitor in at least one of the Olympic classes.

It is said that the veteran Sherwood Magee is to be placed on the block by the Cincinnati Reds. Sherry can still deliver a healthy wallop with the war club, even if he was one of the inventors of baseball.

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