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CAMERA OFTEN IS INACCURATE

Pictures Not Infallible in Registering Actual Results of Fast Action.

Pictures snapped by photographers at the finish of the Zev-In Memoriam race at Louisville recently were brought into the controversy that

followed the race. thought it was a dead heat. Others expressed the belief that In Memoriam had won. The judges gave it to Zev. One set of pictures showed In Memoriam winning and another set depicted a dead heat.

But, as was said, the judges declared Zev the winner. Their posi- of the fight with the Giants as the of most of the fight fans, was the because it was the best point from which to get an accurate optical flash of the positions of the horses as they nosed across the line.

Pictures are not infallible in reg- ried the Giants most of all. istering the actual result of fast

"Still" pictures are not accurate, the lot. and movies are highly erratic.

Anticipating that some close finishes in the sprint events at the Antcause some argument, the Belgian committee arranged to have the finish of the final events snapped by the best "still" and movie cameras that could be obtained in Europe. German lenses and cameras at that time were said to be the best available and they were used by skilled photographers.

factory. There was a lengthy con- ed to Umpire George Moriarty: troversy about the finish of the 100meters dash. Some thought that Scholz, the American, had finished third; Edwards, the colored English sprinter, fourth, and Ali-Khan, the four.

French colonial, fifth. Edwards had finished first, Paddock second and Kirksey third. Paddock to the naked eye was first by a clear margin, with Kirksey second. Scholz looked like he was third, but the judges placed him fifth, behind Edwards and Ali-Khan. The decision was protested and in the final ruling, Scholz was placed fourth

with Edwards third. Checking up other pictures on fin ever won from an umpire." ishes in which the actual result was found so inaccurate that their use, it really doesn't count," Moriarty was discontinued.

Everyone who saw the Dundee-Criqui featherweight championship fight knew that Dundee gave the Frenchman a cruel beating from the first to the end of the fifteently round, that Dundee never was danger and that he won "by a mile" all the way.

Motion pictures of the contest however, made it appear that Dundee had the fight of his life and that he was barely a winner.

RUTH TAKES A PAGE FROM DEMPSEY'S BOOK

according to intimate and several miles wide. friends, is saving his money. While What could be more trying than he was hitting the high spots he trying to keep a goat full of dynawent through a quarter of a million mite in a peaceful humor?

dollars and it took some of his 1923 | REFEREES MAY pay to get out of debt.

Figuring that he has at least four years to go and that with attention decrease, the Babe has it doped out that he can put enough money away to make his future safe and to remove from him the threat of the bush leagues and bush league pay after his time has passed in fast

Ruth is a great admirer of Jack Dempsey, and he has taken a lesson a big fellow in sport does not have It was a very close finish. Some to be a sucker with his money to be

> The way the Babe attended business last season was not only of immense benefit to himself, but proved to be one of the biggest factors in getting the Yankees into the world's series and getting them out world's champions.

> during the season, Ruth did not break up the world's series himself. but he was the big threat that wor-

In striking out in the last game action. They are not at all accur- of the series, with the bases filled ate, and in some cases they are al- and the Yankees behind, Ruth upset pounds, and when it was learned most opposite to what really hap- Bill Ryan, the Giant pitcher, almost as if he had knocked the ball out of stein the bettors thought more of

That is going rather far to prove a point, but the Giant players all al following and most of it is agree that Babe completely upset werp Olympic games in 1920 might Ryan when he struck out and he couldn't bear down on the ball when he was pitching to Bob Meusel.

MORIARTY'S LAST WORD

Waite Hoyt, pitcher, of the New York Yankees, has a sense of humor. the odds and Dundee became the Prior to one of the final American league games at the Yankee stadium,

"Hope the eyes are in good shape to-day. I haven't worked for a week and am pretty wild, so I can't afford to have you miss over three or

pires figure we are having a good day if we don't miss a dozen."

"My observation is that you are making a very conservative estimate," answered Hoyt. "That one stops me," said Moriar-

ty as he brushed off the plate and yelled, "Play ball." "Guess I win that one," replied Hoyt, all smiles. "First argument I

. "However, you mustn't forget doubt, the pictures were that the game hasn't started yet, so

A Mistake.

It is reported that Harry Wills and his manager, Paddy Mullin, have refused an offer from Tex Rickard for a match with Luis Firpo to be held in New York, May 4th next, Wills and Mullins are demanding Dempsey and will have none of the Argentine. They are making a huge mistake. If Wills were to fight Firpo and whip him decisively, then Dempsey would have to meet him.

DECIDE FIGHTS

to his business his value should not | Judges Likely to Be Abolished Following Dundee-Bernstein Bout.

Restoration of the old system of having boxing decisions given by the referee may come in New York as a result of the weird decision which gave Johnny Dundee the junior from the heavyweight-champion that lightweight title over Jack Bernstein the other night.

The commission can't do anything about it and is placed in a position where it can't say anything about its judges or referees, but it has been learned that the commissioners feel. now that the system is wrong.

The bad decision, in the opinion result of an error in judgment on the While he was the whole works part of two of the judges rather than a scheme to swing the decision for a mercenary purpose.

The betting did look funny but it can be explained, casually at least, Dundee has always fought his best fights when he weighed around 128 that he made that weight for Bern-

his chances. Dundee has a tremendous person presented among the Italian labor ing classes. They did not have chance to wager their money until shortly before the fight. When piles of money was offered on Dundee, the "wise boys" thought something was BEAT WAITE HOYT up and they tried to hedge. The result was a surprising change in

favorite. The system of having the decision The results were far from satis- Hoyt, who was warming up, remark. given by the referee and two judges has not been successful in New York because there are not enough all last season that he could not Niagara Falls, Ont., on Thursday, competent officials.

Until the Dundee-Berstein fight 1924. most of the queer decisions were given on minor fights at the smaller affected Mays' work. Also, he was "That is drawing the line rather clubs and no great furore was caused rarely used last year. Called The pictures made it appear that fine," remarked Moriarty. "We um- by them. But when championships only when absolutey necessary. were placed in peril, the commission Mays never was really able to pitch became alarmed.

The commission knows that sever. al champions of the important class- New York Americans told us es refuse to work in New York as they do not want to hazard their possession by working with incompetent judges.

EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN PLANNED TO DISPLAY BATTLING SIKI

An elaborate ring campaign is being mapped out for Battling Siki. offers under consideration, but is He had been in a few "affairs" bewithholding definite responses to the fire that and the death of Chapman offers pending the outcome of bouts sealed his fate. Since that day the

lor. Omaha negro, who is described against Mays would not have helped as a "second Sam Langford," in a the game so the less expensive meth. Eating dynamite will ruin a goat's bout booked for ten rounds at Phila. od was tried - having every club health. It will make him very thin delphia on Christmas Day afternoon, waive on him. This was successful After his Philadelphia fbout Siki's last week. ring engagements are, tentatively, as In Mays, the Majors had one follows: January 1st. Detroit; Janu- player almost totally lacking in senary 7th. Buffalo; January 14th. timent. He was regarded in his Grand Rapids, Mich.; January 21st, profession as "hard boiled." Never

> It is possible that if Siki demonstrates that he is trim after two or was always discounted. three of the schedule events he will talented, one of the best that ever be matched for another bout in Madison Square Garden.

MORE INTEREST IN

BILLIARDS IS NOTICED Never before in the history of billiards in England has the interest in the sport been so country-wide as it is this season.

Not many years ago it was an vote was taken in order to obtain the exception for the premier players decision of the men. The meeting to venture outside London. Now it was fairly well unanimous in wantis a regular thing. There is not ing an amateur coach, provided such enough room in London for the in- a coach were qualified, and had sufcreased number of leading players ficient time to really coach the team. contending for public patronage, so The most important decision of the

and for their own private interests. | ticipate in the game."

FROM THE OUTSIDE-LOOKING IN.

Unless the week-end brings a very decided change, it looks like green, hockeyless, skateless Christmas for 1923. We should worry. When the cold snap does come it will probably be the more unbroken.

The Canadian Olympic team made a good stant by winning the S.P.A. series without a defeat. The closest run was given them by the Hamilton Tigers in the final game—and in this connection it is intresting to remark that Tigers were reported to be a broken team before the season opened with at least five of their regulars dserting.

Jack Johnson is said to have had gland treatment that has restored him to his former greatness. Can it be possible that a process has been discovered which will always keep Dempsey in his present shape? If that's the case then the Johnsons might as well not take it.

Whatever the O.H.A. brings forth, it is a safe bet that the senior section of the city hookey league will provide plenty of lively entertainment for the fans.

> There is an intermediate hockey team, Entered for Kingston, it would seem, But who is going to make it go Is something that we'd like to know.

MAYS IS UNPOPULAR. He is in a State of Worry . Grand

Pitcher. The American League wanted to get rid of Mays last year. That is, the majority of clubs wanted to let | bition games with the hockey clubs him depart. Waivers were asked of the United States Amateur Hocon him but not a unanimous vote key Association, the executive, at its could be secured, so New York meeting held in the Telegram Build-

pitch in the American League in

The realizaton of his position

One of the star members of

season that Mays is still a great pitcher and that Mays would win a great many games for any club that would ease his mind and give him regular turn in the box. Mays, with New York, could not pitch good ball because he was working under the handicap that had developed, the almost unanimous lineup against him. Mays' troubles date beyond the Senegalese light heavyweight, who death of Ray Chapman, shortstop formerly held the world's title. Bob for the Cleveland Americans, in Levy, manager of Siki, announced 1920. Chapman, struck in the head that he had signed the Senegalese by a ball pitched by Mays., was kilfor one bout, and had tentatively led. The attitude that Mays assumaccepted offers for five others. Levy ed after this accident turned almost added that he has several other everyone in the league against him.

in which Siki engages in the im- majority of owners and managers in the league have been trying to Siki is scheduled to box Jack Tay- oust him. To prefer public charges

New Orleans, La.; January 28th, popular with players, there was no ettempt to "cover" him on his mistakes and his talent as a pitcher came into the league. Mays could and did pitch with the best of them. There have been few as good.

Stull in Doubt.

The Varsity says: "At the annual election of officers of the University of Toronto Football Club a straw an outlet for them had to be found. meeting was that if such an ama-In the opinion of some of the teur coach were not available, that critics the younger school of players U. of T. should obtain a paid coach is the one which should receive the for her teams. While this is not an credit for placing provincial billiards official statement of the club's stand on a high basis. The players ven- on this important question, it is, tured into the principal cities with nevertheless, the consensus of opinthe results both good for the game | ion of the undergraduates who parO.H.A. BANS GAMES WITH YANKEE TEAMS

The Ontario Hockey Association has put the bars up against clubs under its jurisdiction playing exhiing, Thursday afternoon, passing the Mays knew of this secret attitude. following resolution: "That this He realized a year ago that he was executive views with dissatisfaction unwelcome in the American and the growing migration of players to that he would be "busted" just as the United States, and the secretary soon as the one or two clubs that is hereby instructed to invite the kept him in could be swung into | president and secretary of the Unit-Mays knew it was buit a ed States Amateur Hookey Associaquestion of months and he realized | tion to meet our representatives at Jan. 3rd, 1924, to discuss international hockey affairs. In the meantime no O.H.A. club will be permitted to accept an invitation for exhibition games in the United States. Games already arranged and approved by the Ontario Hockey Association will be permitted to be played. None of these games so arranged is beyond the date set for the conference."

President W. A. Fry. Dunnville, occupied the chair and the following members were present: Past Presidents James Sutherland, of Kingston, and H. E. Wettlaufer, of Kitchener; First Vice-president William Easson, of Stratford; second Vicepresident George B. McKay, of Kitchener; A.A.U. of C. Governor W. W. Davidson, of Toronto; Treasurer (Sheriff) J. F. Paxton, of Whitby; Secretary W. A. Hewitt, of Toronto; Allan German, Port Colborne; Frank Hyde, Woodstock; R. Wylie Wilkin-

Lucky Lady.

Down at Havana they have both the books and mutuels. Wednesday, Fincastle won the second race at 10 to 1 in the books, and 702.90 for a \$2 ticket in the mutuels. There was only one ticket sold in the mutuels on Fincastle, and that was purchased by a colored woman named Frances Thompson. Fincastle was ridden by Jockey Granneman, who only started riding this winter, and this was his first winning mount.

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DIBBLE TRIES HIS LUCK

IN ANOTHER KIND OF SPORT Robert ("Bob") Dibble, former Canadian and international sculling champion, who has retired from active competition on the water, has gone into another competitive game Dibble has entered the lists as an Aldermanic candidate in the Eighth Ward of Toronto.

Only Four Million Paid Way. The aggregate attendance in the American League for the season of 1923 was 4,602,589. This is a de rease as compared with the three previous years, 1920 being the banner year of the organization. New York club, with its new park a understood to have outdrawn

Sacramento, (Calif.) bridegroom asks divorce because she won't kiss him, but maybe he has a mustache. What will happen to a goat who eats dynamite? Why, he will butt once and nothing else butt.

SWISS DEMAND GRANT FOR OLYMPIC SPORTS

Berne, Dec. 21 .- The State Council yesterday approved an appropriation of 65,000 francs to enable Swiss participation in the Olympic Games to be held in Paris next summer. The Council on December 7th voted against the appropriation, but reconsidered its vote yesterday in view of the insistence of the National Council.

WALTERS IS APPRECIATED

BY SOME SUPPORTERS The Navy League of Canada, Toronto headquarters, does not appear to feel that Capt. Walters ran away from his job when he petulantly took the Bluenose out of Halifax and away home during the international schooner races. In any event, "Captain Angus" is being remembered by Toronto Navy Leaguers, who have sent him a handsome sailornothing else butt.

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