

STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

M'TIGUE HOPES FOR ANOTHER CHANCE AT LIGHT HEAVY CROWN

Celtic Scrapper Battles

Tiger Flowers Tonight—

Victor Meets Champ.

By Henry L. Farrell,
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NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—During the title incumbency of Mike McTigue, the light heavyweight division slumped into the poorest paying class in the ring.

What's wrong in that sentence? If you know this year's rules the error is obvious. The regulations this season state that the ball is in bounds if it bounces back into the court after striking the edge of the backboard at least a half-dozen times," they said, "and the referee never called it out of bounds."

"Why, we saw the ball hit the edge of the backboard at least a dozen times," they said, "and the referee never called it out of bounds."

For more than two years McTigue fought mostly with his managers, and laughed at promoters when they talked business.

"What good is all that though, if you are punched goofy?" McTigue defended himself in his thickest Celtic. When Berlenbach took the title away from him he had an unimpaired Irish countenance, good health and about \$35,000 in the bank.

A short time ago a rabid rooster was telling A. L. Trestor of the Indiana High School Athletic Association how "rotten" a referee was. Trestor asked the informant if he had read the rules this year. "No," said that gentleman.

"Have you read last year's rules?"

"No."

"Did you ever read the rules?"

"Well, I must admit I never did."

Does this need any further comment?

In looking over the boxing champions of 1925 don't fail to cast your eyes on Dan Cupid. He most surely put Champion Dempsey down for the count and is about to stop Young Stribling. The Georgia youth is to be married next Saturday. He says he will not fight for some time, and may quit the ring.

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Fight to Decision

McTigue accepted and the fight is on for fifteen rounds to a decision tonight in Rickard's Garden. Berlenbach has signed to meet the winner in the same ring Feb. 5.

The former champion made such a good showing in his fight last summer with Tony Marullo that he is a 7 to 5 favorite to win tonight, but Flowers is tough and rated a harder puncher than McTigue.

Other feature scraps are on tonight's card. Fidel La Barba, world's flyweight champ, meets Lew Perfetti, New York, in a six-round match. The title will not be at stake.

George Godfrey, colored heavyweight, will tangle with Martin Burke, New Orleans, in a ten-round scrap, and Izzy Schwartz, New York flyweight, will clash with Ernie Jarvis, England, in ten rounds.

ANOTHER ONE

Big Ten Wants Yost on Rules Committee.

By Times Special
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—It is stated here that another Western Conference representative on the football-rules committee will be demanded when the collegiate meetings are held in New York next week. Coach Yost of Michigan is the Big Ten's choice. Alonzo Stagg of Chicago is the only member from the conference at present.

The committee consists of fourteen members, but there are but two vacancies this year. Walter Camp's place was filled temporarily by the appointment of Jones of Yale. The resignation of McEwan of the Army to take the coaching job at Oregon has left another vacancy.

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Hovarth vs. Capone

Johnnie Horvath, Cleveland, will bring here to show his stuff with Tony Caponi, New York, in an eight-round affair, and another feature, a six-round match, will see two local rivals in action over the six-round distance—Allen Watson and Royal Cox. It stacks up as a grueling affair.

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WHITEWASH' IS APPLIED

Tennis Association Has No Censure for Star Players.

By Times Special
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The United States Lawn Tennis Association, as was expected, was "whitewashed" the stars who took part in unauthorized exhibitions here Saturday for the benefit of the Christmas fund.

Andy Jones, who did the work in captivity, will be given the work of four men as easily as he can that of one loaded "Red," his retinue and his team-mates into their private car.

Andy was in his glory while the business of the getaway was being performed. The trainer, practical physician, advisor and friend of all gentlemen athletically inclined on whom the Bears appear to depend for everything, did not disappoint them.

He supervised the loading of the equipment, the luggage, the trunks and more important than anything else, at least as far as Andy was concerned, the running of the car. He did his best to make time to conserve enough time to burst into a eulogizing speech about the merits of the team.

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