

FARLEY IS PROFESSIONAL BOXING'S GIFT TO POLITICS

Big Jim Used to Rule Ring Game in East

No Limit to His Power in Handling Fighters in New York.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Big Jim Farley has gone far as a national character since the days he used to sit around the boxing commission office and listen to the scrambled mouthings of punch drunk prize fighters and their parasitic managers.

The commission was made up of three men, but Big Jim was, to all practical intents and purposes, the commission. When there was an important decision to be made Big Jim made it and in those days, as now, no decision was important to him unless it involved politics or patronage.

Big Jim used to make and break champions by merely signing an official decree. There was no limit to the power of his authority in the prize fight racket. He made a couple of champions for the Hearst Fund and it may not be too fantastic to suggest that when he did so he was looking toward the future.

At any rate his generous co-operation with the Hearst Fund did him no harm because several years later he was able to swing the Hearst-controlled California delegation to Roosevelt, thus insuring the New Yorker's nomination for the presidency at Chicago. It was the first time in history the prize ring was instrumental in naming a President.

ONE of Big Jim's associates on the commission was old Bill Muldoon, a reformed wrestler who had taken on a thick layer of fat and holiness in his fading years. Big Jim had a very real fondness for Muldoon but he was allowed to be much more than a respectable echo, though the old wrestler always considered himself a man of great importance.

Big Jim had a deft, clever way about him and the manner in which he used to con Muldoon into believing that he himself was really the voice of the commission was amusing to outsiders. The formality of making the decisions was usually left to Muldoon. This fed the old man's ego and kept him happy.

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NYTHING can happen in a football game. A bounding punt, a fumble, a jugged nose, one of a dozen seemingly trivial incidents can and frequently does represent the difference between defeat and victory. This is one reason why so few teams are able to go through a season's play undefeated.

Added to these factors is the judgment of the officials who are handling the games, a matter that seems to have taken on unusual importance this season. The judgment of an official on one play can decide a ball game and in some cases this judgment merely represents the official's own opinion.

ATER seeing the movies of the Minnesota-Northwestern game, Bernie Bierman, the Minnesota coach, stated with emphasis his team was unjustly penalized for slugging. The resultant penalty forced the ball to the 1-yard line from which point Northwestern bucked over for the only touchdown of the game.

Some of the boys are now saying Bierman is not a graceful loser, that he is a squawker. I don't agree. If the penalty was unjust and there is evidence to prove it, why shouldn't the coach speak his mind? Nobody ever claimed football officials, or any other kind of officials, were infallible, anyhow.

If the evidence shows this particular penalty was unjust I think Bierman would be something less than frank if he failed to say so. And there is always a chance some good may come of it by way of expert officiating.

MORE than one football team has suffered seriously this year through what appears to have been loose officiating. When the movies of the Yale-Navy game were shown the Middies yelled in unison, "We wuz robbed." This was the game in which Larry Kelley kicked a loose ball toward the Navy goal and it resulted in the winning touch-down. The official ruled the Yale captain had kicked the ball accidentally. This was wholly a matter of personal opinion.

The movies seem to suggest Mr. Kelley was merely doing some very quick thinking, that he tried to get away with something and did, thanks to the naivete of the official.

Runs in the Family



Michigan always produced more than a full share of athletic stars, and the Barclays of Flint are helping the Wolverine state to maintain the pace. Bill Barclay, University of Michigan quarterback and his sister, Mrs. Don Weiss, inspect trophies won in golf. Bill was a member of the Western Conference championship golf team this year, quarter-finalist in the national collegiate, and semi-finalist in the Michigan amateur. Mrs. Weiss captured the state women's title.

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By United Press

LONDON, Nov. 7.—Horses owned and bred in the United States will make a strong bid for the Grand National Steeplechase, at Aintree next March.

Avin Untermyer's Bagatelle II, which came over for the National last March, is to stay here in training for the next running of the world's steeplechasing blue ribbon. In addition, two other American-bred horses have arrived in this country, and one of them, at least, is a potential National runner.

They are Battleship and War Vessel, both owned by Mrs. Marian Du Pont, Somerville, member of the Bremhill Syndicate.

Battleship, the hope of the stable, is an 8-year-old chestnut by Mar's War from the French-bred Quarantine, by Sea Sick from Queenie by War Dance, a line in much repute in France.

Battleship has not raced for the last two years, but in 1934 he carried Mrs. Somerville's colors in six races under United States National Hunt rules. In the autumn of that year he won the American Grand National at Belmont Park, and in 1933 he won the Billy Barton steeplechase and the National Hunt Club at Brookline.

Battleship and War Vessel are trained at Reginald Hobbs' Lamont stables.

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HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 7.—Glen Lee, 149, Lincoln, Neb., defeated Bep Van Klaeveren, 146, Holland, in their main event wrestling match here last night.

COLLEGE GAMES TODAY

Indiana Teams

Valparaiso at Butler. Syracuse at Indiana. Purdue at Fordham. Notre Dame vs. Navy at Baltimore.

OTHER LEADING GAMES

Brown at Cornell. Carnegie Tech at New York U. Muhlenberg vs. Army at West Point. Cornell at Dartmouth. N. Carolina State at Boston College. Va. Wesleyan at Catholic U. Boston U. at Princeton. Penn State at Pittsburgh. Penn State at Cornell. Washington at Harvard. Georgetown U. at W. Virginia. Cornell at Princeton. Centenary at Tulsa. Oklahoma at Nebraska at Kansas. Nebraska at Michigan State. Michigan at Cleveland. Kansas State at Oklahoma. N. Texas at Mississippi. Loyola (South) at Mississippi State. Mississippi State at Louisiana State. Mississippi State at Penn State. Tulane at Alabama. Duke at Wake Forest. Duke at North Carolina. Texas A. and M. at Southern Methodist. Cornell at Princeton. Georgia at Florida. Penn State at Baylor. Montana State at Wyoming. Wyoming at Navy (Cincinnati). John Carroll at Western Reserve. Oregon State at Washington State. Virginia Poly. and L. at Virginia Tech. Cornell at Cornell. Texas A. and M. at Oregon U. Toledo at Miami (O.). U. of Wyoming at Baylor. Denver at Duke. North Dakota at De Paul (Chicago). Maine at Bowdoin. Western Maryland at Albright.

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Back to Yards

By United Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 7.—"Old Bill," Navy's famous goat mascot, may go back to the stockyards. It all depends on today's Navy-Notre Dame game in Baltimore. Captain Robert C. Giffen, director of athletics for the Navy, said today that "Old Bill" has been a poor mascot this season, and that he would be discarded for another goat unless the Middies win this afternoon. Navy has been beaten three times in a row.

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