

WALKER IS LOST WITHOUT BULGER

Mickey Is Heartbroken at the Untimely Death of Man Who Picked Him for Title Holder.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, March 28 — Mickey Walker will be a lost lad indeed without Jack Bulger, his manager, who died in Newark on Tuesday. Bulger picked on Walker when the Kereigh head boy was a rollicking leader of a gang of boys. He told Mickey he would make a champion out of him within a year. As a matter of fact, 18 months saw Walker as a world title holder.

Mickey is heartbroken about the untimely death of his manager, who was a friend as well. Some of the finest friendships that exist in the world are to be found existing between a fighter and his manager, as Paddy Mullins and Harry Wills, Tommy Gibbons and Eddie Kane, Jack Dempsey and Kearns, Benny Leonard and Billy Gibson. And none of these was closer than the Bulger-Walker combination.

Fans would give a good deal to know how Hughey Gartland took Firpo's determination to retire from the ring. Hughey, who has a line of talk that is all his own, must have found himself pretty much of a square peg in a round hole in Buenos Aires. There is sufficient evidence to indicate that Gartland had no influence over the wild bull.

Floyd Fitzsimmons of Benton Harbor has a trump to play with his Gibbons-Carpentier fight. Floyd has not yet said what city will get this July 4 plum. The one that hopes to land it will have to have gambling instincts; for Fitzsimmons will charge for this battle, as he should.

No close follower of this ring game has any idea that Carp will have a chance with Gibbons. But there is always the prospect that his right has retained a lot of the power shown against Dempsey and in any event the Frenchman is a drawing card.

If there were no other rule to govern the play.

Batter hits the ball to second base and the second baseman in trying to field it lets the ball go between his legs. His glove does not touch the ball. Is it an error or a base hit?

Answer — A matter of personal judgment. If the ball seemed to go to fast for the baseman score it a hit. If he went after it clumsily make it an error.

Siki, yesterday left for the United States, after his protege had engaged in four cafe brawls. Lawrence said "There's no use promoting a fighter who does all his fighting in cafes."

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Question — Batter knocks a long fly to left field. The fielder runs hard for the ball and succeeds in getting under it. It strikes him in the chest and bounces off but he is smart and catches it in his glove. Is that kind of a catch legal?

Answer — It is. Usually when a ball hits a player in the body the player loses the ball for good.

Question — Two are out and there is a runner on third base. Batter raps a fly to the deepest part of the field. Runner on third starts for home at once when the ball is batted and actually scores before the ball is caught which he tried to do. Should the run not count?

Answer — No. The runner was a very fast young man but the batter was out before reaching first base and the runner would have to touch third after the fly was caught.

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