LYNCH BATTERS PALMER

Eighth Round Knock-out

Sister Sees Loser's Game Display

Daily Express Boxing Reporter

BENNY LYNCH (Glasgow) successfully defended his world, European and British fly-weight titles before a crowd of 31,565 at the Clyde F.C. ground, Shawfield Park, Glasgow, last night, knocking out Pat Palmer (Battersea) in the eighth round of a 15 rounds contest.

Lynch gave a splendid display of clever boxing and hard hitting, and was always the master of a plucky opponent. Except for the third round, in which the champion took matters easily, Palmer never appeared to have a winning chance.

Lynch, beaming, said to me afterwards: "What a fight! Pat is a game fellow. I had to work hard for my win."

The first to meet Palmer as he left the ring was his sister, who had watched the fight from a ringside seat. "You did your best," she said. Then enthusiasts carried Pat to the dressing-room.

"I tried hard, you will agree," said Palmer to me. "I wish Benny the best of luck. He is a great champion. Of course, I would like to meet him again, for I am sure we gave the crowd a good fight."

Palmer earned the applause of the crowd. He took heavy punishment in nearly every round. He did not flinch before Lynch's furious attack. That the end was near was apparent when Palmer was sent to the boards in the seventh round, and was on his knees at the count of six, when the bell rang.

STRENGTH SAPPED

The Londoner was now sapped of nearly all his strength. He still tried to set up an attack in the next round, hitting Lynch three times with rights to the jaw.

Lynch, with still greater fury, launched a crowning effort, and scored with a fine punch to the jaw. A spit second later, and Lynch's left hook shot out with incredible speed to Palmer's body.

The punch carried every ounce of the Scot's strength. The little Londoner toppled over, writhing in agony as he was counted out.

This was the first time Lynch had defended his titles since winning them from Jackie Brown a year ago. The night was also the first for a world championship to be staged in Scotland.

Both men went all out from the first bell, and Palmer did remarkably well in the early rounds. He often slipped under the champion's outstretched left, and, with a pronounced crouch, bore in with both hands. At long range fighting the champion was always better.

He opened a slight cut over Palmer's left eye in the second round, and in the fourth landed with a left hook to the jaw, following a mistake by Palmer in over-reaching with his right.

The champion was so quick-footed that when he was rushed to the ropes by body attacks he was generally able to extricate himself without receiving much punishment. He proved himself both the more accomplished boxer and fighter.

Ten rounds: Peter Kane (Liverpool) beat Willie McCamley (Glasgow) on points; Sonny Jones (Canada) outpointed Ernie Roderick (Liverpool).

DOG OWNER PURSUED BY BAD LUCK

By J. S. BRADFORD.

THE number of famous dogs on the casualty list includes Melksham Lassie, who broke down in her Oaks heat on Tuesday, and is not likely to race again for many weeks.

Her old shoulder injury recurred at the first bend, and my own opinion is that we may not even see her out again this year. What atrocious luck Mr Sawtell is having where the big events are concerned.

He has supported dog racing since its start, has probably the biggest kennel of any one in the sport, and yet until Melksham Lassie went Produce Stakes winning last year his big-race rewards were practically negligible.

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ROVING YANK FANCIED

MELKSHAM KEYSTON incidentally, runs at Stamford Bridge this afternoon in a comparatively big race, in which he meets his Chelsea Cup conqueror, Hetton Sea Eagle. Another rival is Roving Yank and on Leger night form I fancy the Yank will prove unbeatable.

The O. A. Critchley Stakes has closed with 15 acceptances, but Melksham Lassie's defection through injury reduces the number to 14. The 14 are a splendid lot—headed by Fine Jubilee, who caused the point at White City when clocking 29.90secs in a solo trial last Tuesday.

Runners here are: Fine Jubilee, Fleeting Jodie, Flashing Javelin, Melksham Keystone, Sherwood Tiger, Raven Arms, Atavy, Western Bridge, Grand Flight, II Hetton Sea Eagle, Safe Rock, Roving Yank, Shandy Gaff, Hare's Fault.

An interesting entry is Shandy Gaff, whom Sidney Orton is convinced is a better dog than Top of the Carlow Road. Safe Rock, too, has justified earlier hopes, after a Derby failure, and is now the pride of Rochester.

This event, though the field may be small numerically, looks like being one of the most attractive of the season. Imagine a heat over 525 yards with Atavy, Roving Yank, Fine Jubilee, and Melksham Keystone in it, to say nothing of Shove Halfpenny and Shandy Gaff. Then try to imagine which dog you would back.

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WIMBLEDON INNOVATION

WIMBLEDON announced yesterday a new open event—The Key, which is to take place early in October, and is designed to attract the best performers over 700 yards.

West Ham, amused at the criticism which greeted the change in distance of the Cesarewitch, are entitled to praise for their decision to stage, after the last classic, a Consolation Handicap for those dogs beaten in the qualifying and first rounds of the race.

Consolation handicaps are a new idea, and I can see Captain Neilson having to put his thinking cap on when writing out the handicap scale.

I have already referred to the pick of today's racing—the open event at Stamford Bridge. Clapton have two good heats of the London Cup Consolation Stakes, which should be won by Ra the Sun God and Bridge of Sighs.

Last night's results on Page Nineteen.

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

WHITE CITY.—8.15, Genuine Reduction (nap). 8.33, Floppy. 8.51, Noggin. 9.9, Jimmy Hanner. 9.27, Melksham Leager. 9.45, Wiz. 10.3, Mill Street. 10.21, Stylish Boer.

CATFORD.—8.15, Torn Hawk. 8.31, Greenfield Hope. 8.47, Mr Pudney. 9.5, Coney Castle. 9.19, Verity Blue Boy. 9.36, Never at Home. 9.55, Glittering Sparks (nap). 10.11, Summer Classic.

CLAPTON.—8.0, Beanstalk (nap). 8.17, Barton Warrior. 8.34, Busy Day II. 8.52, Ra The Sun God. 9.10, Chief Guide. 9.28, Bridge of Sighs. 9.46, Binder Twine. 10.4, Dona Cotter.

STAMFORD BRIDGE.—3.15, Hetton Sea Raven. 3.33, Don't Cry. 3.51, Got Robbed. 4.9, Old Crow. 4.27, Roving Yank (nap). 4.45, Half Irish. 5.3, Graceful Reeline. 5.21, Battle Duke.

Lovelock To Train Ten Days In USA

JACK LOVELOCK, slight and fair-headed New Zealander, left England yesterday in the Queen Mary for America to try to win for the Empire a second "Mile of the Century" race at Princeton Bowl, New Jersey, on October 3.

His opponents will be an old rival, Glen Cunningham, Phil Edwards, coloured Canadian, Douglas Lash, two-mile world record holder, and Frank Romani, fourth at Berlin. Boulton and Venzke are not competing.

"I shall have 10 days' preparation there as last year, under Bill Thomas, my trainer," said Lovelock. "That will be just the right time to prevent my becoming over-acclimatised."

New Cross Riders Win All Their Heats

LOOKS like West Ham finishing at the foot of the National Speedway League table. New Cross, at home, beat them last night 43 points to 28. South Londoners now need only a point from three matches to escape bottom place.

Heat Winners.—(All New Cross): J Milne 60.2secs, G Newton 60, S Greatrex 60.4, G Newton 60.4, S Greatrex 60.6, J Milne 61.6, S Greatrex 61, J Milne 62.2, G Newton 61.2, J Milne 62.6, W Key 62, G Newton 61.6.

Scratch Race.—Final: J Milne 1, G Newton 2, W Key 3. A distance. 63.2.

Two Laps Match.—J Milne bt E Chitty, 2 lengths in 29.6secs.

Bradman To Captain South Australia

Daily Express Staff Reporter.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

THE unopposed election of Don Bradman as captain of South Australia is expected to be followed by Richardson being displaced as State selector.

Bradman led South Australia while Richardson was in South Africa, but till now there has been no sign that Richardson, who has captained the State for 15 years, would voluntarily make way for Bradman.

USA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Results in the third round of the American amateur golf championship at Garden City course, Long Island, yesterday were, says Reuter:—

F Strafaci (America) bt G A Hill (Sandy Lodge) 2 and 1.

J McLean (Houston) bt L Yoder (Bethesda, Maryland), 1 hole.

Campbell (America) bt P H Lucas (Sandy Lodge) 2 and 1.

J D A Langley (Northwood) bt A Banazet (Union, NY) 3 and 1.

M Heath (W Newton, Mass) bt C Ewing (Co Sligo) 1 hole.

Fourth round: Langley bt Lehman (Chicago) 3 up.

LONDON NEWSPAPERS GS

S G Atkins (Daily Express) won the Senior Medal at the London Newspapers GS meeting yesterday at Sandy Lodge with 83—10—73. A F Aisinger (90—20—70) won the junior medal, and H Kendrick (Daily Express) the Captain's Prize with 88—12—76.

Yarmouth Details

GOING: GOOD.

2.0—MONUMENT MAIDEN (S) PLATE. Value £135. Five furlongs 25 yards.—Future Record (Cliff Richards), 1; Son of a Witch (W Ricksby), 2; Watcher (T Lowrey), 3. Also: Indian Vale, Achilles, Shorter, Crater, Lakes of Killarney, Future Blade, Pikanni, Sveurax. Eleven ran.

SP—[illegible] Son of a Witch, 5 Indian Vale, 6 Lakes of Killarney, 7 Future Record, 8 Crater, 10 Watcher, 20 others. Tote.—Win, 6/9; places, 4/3, 3/-, 5/9.

Two lengths; one. Achilles fourth. Dundas, Newmarket. Winner sold to "Mr Cash" for 650gns.

2.30—NORTH DENES (S) PLATE. Value £136. One mile six furlongs.—Del Monte (P Beasley), 1; Double Event (J Simpson), 2; Flaria (G Nicoll), 3. Also: Annihilation, Fantasia, Fine Man.

SP—[illegible] Del Monte, 7—2 Double Event, 4 Fantasia, 5 Flaria, 100—7 Annihilation. Tote.—Win, [illegible]; places, 3/6, 4/3.

One and half lengths; four lengths. Fantasia fourth. R J Collins, Newmarket. Winner bought in for 165gns.

3.0—NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK H'CAP PLATE. Value £334. One mile.—Prickel (H Carstairs), 1; Straight Deal (W Winer), 2; Hans Sachs (W Ricksby), 3. Also: Detention, Liscloon, Generous Gift, North Devon, Veinarde. Eight ran.

S.P.—5—2 Liscloon, Prickel 6 Hans Sachs, 7 Generous Gift, 10 North Devon, 100—8 others. Tote.—Win, 10/3; places, 4/-, 6/3, 5/3.

Short head; same. Veinarde fourth. Lambton, Newmarket.

3.30—NELSON PLATE. Value £188. One mile, six furlongs.—Titrus (P Beasley), 1; Satanic (The Scout's sell (T Lowrey), 2; Feltwell (W Winer), 3. Also: Hanul. Bincham. Five ran.

S.P.—4—6 Satanic, 5 Titrus, 7 Fanpi, 8 Feltwell, 10 Bincham. Tote.—Win, 17/6; places, 4/9, 2/6.

Head; two lengths. Bincham fourth. R J Collins, Newmarket.

4.0—GREAT YARMOUTH MAIDEN PLATE (2-Y.O.). Value £166. Five furlongs 25 yards.—Pompeia K (P Beasley), 1; America Cup (T Lowrey), 2; Master Cosmo (Cliff Richards), 3. Also: Double Bracket, Two Gated Two, Sally's Shrift, Cyclops, Courageous, Furrokh Mahal, Decage II, Fancy's Flight, Masterpiece, Justasecond, Point Valaine, Fourteen ran.

S.P.—2 Pompeia K, 3 Justasecond, 5 Furrokh Mahal, 7 America Cup, 10 Master Cosmo, Courageous, Fancy's Flight, 20 others. Tote.—Win, 8/3; places, 3/6, 5/-, 6/6.

Half a length; short head. Courageous fourth. R J Collins, Newmarket.

4.30—HASTINGS NURSERY H'CAP PLATE. Value £128. Five furlongs twenty-five yards.—Hockeridge, bt f by Brumeux—Valeta (G Verzetti), 1; Fledermaus (P Beasley), 2; Naval Base (G Wragg), 3. Also: Cymbeline, Headmaster, Apple Cart, Broad Oaks, Monks Match I, The Priest. Nine ran.

S.P.—5—3 Naval Base, 7—2 Apple Cart, 5 Cymbeline, 7 Hockeridge, 8 Broad Oaks, 100—7 others. Tote.—Win, 10/3; places, 3/9, 12/6, 3/9.

One length; same. Apple Cart fourth. Barling, Newmarket.

TOTE DOUBLE.—Prickel and Pompeia K, dividend, £12. TOTE INVESTORS' LTD. Evening Standard substituted horses, Liscloon and Furrokh Mahal.

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JUMPING TO "KILL"

Miss B. Batt hitting a winner at the net in Cumberland LT Club Mixed Doubles. Partner is H. Watkins

'Unknown' Wins Golfing Fame: Beats Cotton

By LEO MUNRO

THE last eight for the £1,250 professional golf "match play championship" emerged at Oxhey yesterday. But Open champion Alf Padgham and famous Henry Cotton were not among them.

Both went down to sensational defeat in the third round. Padgham was beaten, two and one, by old hand Charles Whitcombe. And Cotton lost by two holes to an opponent little known by comparison—28-year-old Norman Sutton, of Leigh.

No need to advertise Charlie Whitcombe. But Cotton's conqueror sprang a surprise.

Slightly built Sutton has yet to win an event of national importance. He is brother of William Sutton, ex-English amateur title-holder, and himself played as an artisan in a British amateur championship before he turned professional seven years ago.

Sutton summed up his victory over Cotton in six words. "I won because I putted well," he said. And Cotton agreed adding, "I was up against it."

Padgham was the first victim. Not playing with his usual calm air of command, and, though holding Charles Whitcombe to all square at the turn, missing putts.

He shocked the crowd, for instance, by losing the eighth hole through missing at two feet range. It looked as though he putted too quickly.

Padgham, two down at the twelfth, where he took two shots in a bunker beside the green. Three down at the thirteenth, Whitcombe holing a putt of four yards for a three.

AMAZING CHANGE

Whitcombe's match, it seemed—but now an amazing change. Padgham fought back. Sank a long putt to win the fourteenth in three, and "scored" an unexpected success at the next hole.

Whitcombe's pitch to the fifteenth placed his ball two feet from the pin. Padgham's lay five yards away. Padgham holed his putt for a three. Whitcombe missed, and lost a hole which seemed a certainty.

Still a fight. But Padgham, victim of a stymie, could only halve the sixteenth, and, fatally short with his run-up to the seventeenth, the champion was beaten.

Now the news spread that Cotton, too, was being grimly held.

Held by Sutton to all square at the turn. Square again with three to play. Then decisive blows by Sutton. He holed a six-yards putt at the sixteenth. Cotton missed one of four yards for a half—and tossed his putter in the air.

Sutton, one up, halved the seventeenth by brave putting. Settled the match at the short eighteenth, where he laid his tee shot two feet from the pin.

One of the best matches of the day ended in victory on the home green for Ernest Whitcombe over his brother Reginald. Never more than one hole the margin. But not so brotherly. Three stymies in the first six holes.

The American danger faded. Joe Ezar beaten 5 and 4 by J. J. Taylor, who had a score of 33 to the turn and won the next two holes each in three.

A good day for assistants. Three in the last eight—W. S. Collins from Cheshire, stalwart Cornishman H. E. Osborne, and gallant little Welshman Dai Rees. Results:—

SECOND ROUND.

J Ezar (USA) bt S Fairweather (Malone) 1 up.
J J Taylor (Potters Bar) bt W J Martin (Copt Heath) 5 and 4.
W S Collins jun (Sandiway asst) bt G R Buckle (Ladbrook Park) 1 up.
J R Shoesmith (Timperley, asst) bt P Jarman (Buxton) 2 up.
R A Whitcombe (Parkstone) bt A J Lacey (Berkshire) 2 and 1.
E R Whitcombe (Meyrick Park) bt A G Havers (Sandy Lodge) at 19th.
A G Matthews (Roehampton) bt G Hughes (Walsall) 6 and 4.
H E Osborne (Addington, asst) bt R E Ballantine (Moortown) 5 and 2.
F Allies (Temple Newsam) bt J H Cawsey (Pype Hayes) 2 and 1.
M Faulkner (Sonning, asst) bt P P Wynne (Batchwood Hall) 3 and 3.
A H Padgham (Sundridge Park) (holder) bt W Davis (Dumfries) 3 and 2.
C A Whitcombe (Crews Hill) bt R Cox (North Shore) 3 and 1.
C S Denny (Thorpe Hall) bt C A Pickett (Wenvoe Castle) 6 and 5.
D J Rees (Surbiton, asst) bt J A H Donaldson (Cuddington) 5 and 2.
N Sutton (Leigh) bt E W Jarman (West Lancs) 2 and 1.
T H Cotton (Waterloo, Belgium) bt R H Pemberton (Sutton Coldfield) 4 and 3.

THIRD ROUND.

J J Taylor bt Joe Ezar 5 and 4.
W S Collins jun bt J R Shoesmith 4 and 3.
E R Whitcombe bt R A Whitcombe 1 up.
H E Osborne bt A G Matthews 4 and 3.
F Allies bt M Faulkner 6 and 5.
C A Whitcombe bt A H Padgham 2 and 1.
D J Rees bt C S Denny 1 up.
N Sutton bt T H Cotton 2 up.

ICE HOCKEY CHIEFS LAY DOWN LAW

Daily Express Ice Hockey Reporter

ICE HOCKEY, fast and rugged—but free of dirty play and fighting—will be presented to followers of the Ice Hockey League this season, says BIHA.

One of Canada's outstanding referees, Jack Duggan, of Ottawa, has been engaged as senior official of BIHA staff of five.

Stewart MacPherson, of Winnipeg, is another Canadian addition to the refereeing strength.

J. Shouldis, E. Leacock, and J. Foley, who refereed in the National League last season, complete the staff.

Duggan has been named by the CAHA many times to officiate in championship play-offs in the Dominion.

"We do not want to eliminate body checking and other personal contact, but illegal use of sticks and fighting must be stopped," Mr J. F. Ahearne, BIHA secretary, told me.

Wembley plans are going ahead. Two centre players are needed to complete the Monarchs, but champion Lions now have full team.

Wembley line-ups:—

Lions.—Roy Musgrove, goal; Lou Bates, Des Smith, Gordon Dailley, defence; Alex Archer, Jimmy Haggerty, Jack Milford, Bob Walton, Tony Lemay, Albert Lemay, Edgar Murphy, Jack Kilpatrick, forwards.

Monarchs.—Jakie Nash, goal; Jack Wilson, Cam Shewan, Sonny Rost, defence; Stan King, Norm McQuade, Wally Rost, Alex Sinclair, Wally Cunningham, Sammy Gigliotti, forwards.

Millwall Manager Plans £5,000 Deal

Manager Hewitt, of Millwall, was away yesterday, and if the cheque he had with him was big enough he will be back with two new players who will surprise you. The deal is hardly likely to go through at less than £5,000.

Millwall have a match tonight against Queen's Park Rangers. Their team is unchanged: Yuill; Smith (E), Inns; Brolly, Wallbanks, Malloch; Smith (J R) Burditt, Mangnall, McCartney, Thorogood. Rangers unchanged, too.

Clapton Orient, home to Brighton and Hove Albion tonight, are unchanged. So are Brighton. Teams:—

Orient.—Hillam; Taylor (J.), Herod; Taylor (H.), Affleck, Heinemann; McCombe, Fletcher, Crawford, Parrell, Codling.

Brighton.—Thomson; King, McLaughton; Darling, Stevens, Walker; Cargill, Wilson, Davis, Farrell, Stephens.

West Ham will be without Fenton, right half, for a few weeks. Trouble with his knee is believed to be cartilage.

JAPAN BEATS ENGLAND

Japan's Olympic wrestling team beat England 4 bouts to 1 in a catch-as-catch-can match at the Stadium Club, London, last night.

Easiest win was gained by Eichi Kazama, light-weight, who beat H. Jones, Essex champion, by a fall in 18 secs.

England's only winner was N. Morrell, three times amateur feather-weight champion, who defeated Hideichi Yoshioka on points. The three other Japanese wins, all gained on points, were: Kojira Tamba (bantam-weight) beat J. Allcock (Lancashire champion); Mitsuro Mizutani (feather-weight) beat J. W. Taylor (former amateur champion), and Seiiichi Matsuoi (welter-weight) beat H. G. Jones (Barking).

NEW CYCLING RECORD

E. V. Mills (Addiscombe CC) and W. Paul (Addiscombe CC) beat the world one-hour tandem unpaced amateur record of 30 miles 426 yards at Herne Hill last night. Mills and Paul, who are former holders of the record, covered a distance of 30 miles 793 yards.

SPORTSMAN'S DIARY

ASSOCIATION.

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THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III (S)

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London Mid-Week League.—West Ham U v Islington Corinthians (3.30).
Midland League.—Boston v Peterborough—Hull v Frickley—Grantham v Gainsborough—Newark v Grimsby.
Southern League.—(1935-36 championship decider).—Margate v Plymouth Argyle.
Essex Charity Cup.—(1935-36 Final).—Walthamstow Avenue v Ilford, Leyton (6).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Barrow v Oldham (5.15)—Hull v Leeds.
BOXING.—Jimmy Walsh v Fred Lowleridge, Liverpool Stadium—Chuck Parker v Len Wickwar, Barnsley.
CRICKET.—London Occupational Association's Competition Final: East Ham Fellowship v Burns Occupational and Social Club, St Marylebone, Lord's (11).
SNOOKER.—P. Davis v S. Lee, Thurston's Hall, Leicester Square (3 and 8).
GOLF.—POA £1,250 tournament finals (third day) Oxhey.—R and A Calcutta Cup tournament, St Andrew's.
LAWN TENNIS.—Tournaments: Cumberland LTC, Finchley Rd—Lowland v Scottish championship, Peebles—Wildernesse Country Club, Seal.
SPEEDWAY RACING.—National League: Wembley v New Cross, Wembley (8.15)—Provincial Trophy: Southampton v Bristol and West Ham Hawks v Nottingham, at Southampton (8).
SWIMMING.—East Ham SC Gala, East Ham Baths—Amphibians SC Gala, Croydon Baths.

USA BOXERS' DEMANDS SPOILING THE MARKET

Trevor WIGNALL'S Daily SPORTLIGHT

BRITISH promoters of boxing are generally supposed to be long suffering, to be easily influenced by foreign fighters and their managers, and to be far more generous to transients than they are to the home-born.

These beliefs may or may not be true, but it is beginning to look as though they will lay themselves open to a charge of spoiling the market if they do not decide to stamp with all their weight on some of the demands that are being made.

Last Night's Football . . Page 19

Some weeks ago Mr Arthur Elvin, of Wembley, asked my advice about a match for a world's light-heavy-weight championship he proposed to stage between Len Harvey and John Henry Lewis, the coloured holder of the title.

I told Mr Elvin that Lewis was a moderate performer, that he was not much of an attraction even in America, but that he would be worth engaging if he could be got for a reasonable sum.

Fantastic Rule

A FEW days later it was announced that a match had been made, and that it would take place at the Empire Pool early in November. This week, however, Lewis, through his manager, has had the nerve to dictate fresh terms that I would not consider if I were the promoter. He demands that his share of the purse be deposited with a New York bank, and a guarantee be given him that the contest will be conducted under the fantastic and entirely foolish no-foul rule.

I spoke to Mr Elvin on the telephone late yesterday afternoon, but all the information he could give me at this time was that he had put in a Transatlantic call to his American agent, Charlie Harvey, and he was waiting for a statement that he hoped would clear up the hitch that had been created.

Call A Halt

I AM aware that if the no-foul rule is insisted on the bout will be cancelled. Lewis, in my view, will be overpaid if he does visit this country, for, by the time the accounts are settled, he will not have left anybody much change out of £5,000.

Harvey will take a percentage of the proceeds, which will only be satisfactory to him if the Pool is jammed, but as he is the Wembley matchmaker he has to be content with this arrangement. As a recognised champion, Lewis is entitled to a guarantee, but there is scarcely an American fighter of the moment who fails to demand that his earnings be free of income tax, and who also requires return transportation for a troupe of managers and seconds.

The way we are proceeding they will soon be stipulating that they be permitted to nominate their own referees and timekeepers, and that is only a short step from declaring they will require the names and addresses of the people who pay high prices for the ringside seats. The time has arrived for a halt to be called to this nonsense. American fighters should be plainly told that if they do not wish to appear under our laws they can stay away.

Crowley Was Fouled

BRITISH boxers get very little consideration when they travel to cities in the United States. Dave Crowley, the London feather-weight, who recently fought for a championship in New York, was in to see me yesterday, and his legitimate griefs and woes would fill a page if I cared to print them.

He swears that he was fouled by Belloise before he was counted out, but he also has complaints about the way he was treated by members of the New York State Commission. He mentioned that before the bout he was ordered to appear before the commission, and that he turned up seven minutes late for the appointment. When it is stated that he had to journey about 100 miles from Pompton Lakes, where he had trained, it will be realised that his offence was not very great, yet he was heavily hauled over the coals, and also threatened with suspension if ever he made a similar mistake.

He could not advise the commission to go where they belonged, as I would have done, for that would have meant he would have been out of American work for the remainder of his life.

We Don't Want It

IT cannot be too clearly stressed that we do not want the no-foul atrocity in this country. Mr Elvin, fortunately, is dead against it, and it is a further lucky fact that those who supported it in Britain are now not of much importance. The no-foul rule is of advantage only to the person who knows that if he infringes the worst that can happen to him is the losing of a round.

There is no thought for the opponent who has been crippled, or for the thousands who think more of sportsmanship and cleanliness than of knock-downs and knock-outs. The clause that implies that there is no such thing as a low punch in pugilism, or that its effects can be warded off by the wearing of a contrivance, is the silliest and most despicable ever invented.

It serves nobody save the thug and the cheat. Why should they be favoured by a rotten introduction when their fate should be a quick and inglorious exit from the ring?

It Is Bunkum

IF I were in a position of authority on the British Boxing Board of Control I would stop the wearing of the absurd protectors about which there has been so much unnecessary fuss. They are an insult to upright and fair fighters, and to the spectators who expend their money to witness elementary decency.

The stuff retailed in an attempt to make us believe that they deal with men who go down and claim a foul without being hurt is sheer bunkum. If there is to be protection at all it should be for the person who is above board, and not for the crook who would find himself in prison if he did in the street what he is allowed to do in a ring.

What is badly wanted in professional boxing is a stiffening of the regulations we still think are good enough for this country. Foreigners who have the impertinence to claim that contests in which they figure shall be fought as they want them to be fought should, and must, be told that their absence is infinitely more agreeable than their company.