

science, which ended in Murphy's favour.

Round three opened with a few free exchanges, which left Griffin in a dazed state. Murphy was slogging hard and partly threw Griffin to the floor. The latter was nearly out, but made a recovery, and by stopping Murphy's wild hits managed to last the round out. Both boys returned to their corners badly punished. The next round was a desperate fight, having no pretence to boxing, and ended with honours fairly even. Coming out for the fifth round Griffin appeared to have revived, and literally chased Murphy round the ring pounding him with blows. The gong only saved Murphy being counted out. The fight ended shortly after the beginning of the sixth round. Murphy came out of a mix-up just able to stagger to his corner and give the sign that he was finished. The contest thus went to Griffin. As an exhibition of boxing it was far from edifying, and if such contests are to be encouraged by the Northern Boxing Association will seriously jeopardise the sport they are ostensibly supposed to foster.

HOLT v. KRONAST.

This contest was on the programme as an amateur contest of six (three minute) rounds for a trophy of five guineas. From the outset it resolved itself into a vicious struggle, in which both men fought to knock out his opponent. For the first two rounds Holt did all the leading, but Kronast took his punishment well, and in the third round became warmed up and gave Holt as much as he received. Both men returned to their corners bleeding and much distressed, although the advantage was with Kronast. The next round saw Kronast delivering repeated and telling lefts at Holt's face. The latter was evidently in a bad way, and for a time seemed to lose his head, for once he held his opponent and deliberately hit him. For this he should have been disqualified, but the referee (Major Plugge) evidently considered a warning would suffice. The fourth round was a strenuous mill, where Kronast's straight hitting worried Holt, and he took relief in holding his opponent. Had Kronast followed up his advantages he could have floored his man; as it was Holt returned to his corner with his left eye nearly closed. In the fifth round Holt recovered and administered severe punishment to his opponent, but towards the end Kronast was doing most of the leading, although bleeding profusely from the nose. During this round Holt should again have been disqualified for holding and hitting. The last round saw both men fighting like demons to get in a knock-out blow. It was a miserable exhibition, and more like the finish up of a street brawl than a boxing match.

The decision was given in favour of Holt, but was received with uproar by the audience. The great majority regarded Kronast as the man who should have been awarded the fight, and he received a tremendous ovation as he left the ring. There is no doubt Holt should have been disqualified during the fight, and although he scored well on points in the early round, he certainly was a long way behind on the final rounds.

POOLEY v. BARCLAY.

After an uneven contest between A. Pooley, Auckland heavy-weight champion, and Glen Barclay, a half-caste Maori, described as the King Country champion, the former was given a verdict.

BANTAMS.

Five youngsters in the Bantam class (one of whom was a cripple) fought for a trophy. In the first round Marsden beat Marshall, and Gilchrist beat Bond. Marsden was not allowed to box in the final, which was contested by Gilchrist and Blake, who drew a bye in the first round. This was a most one-sided match. Blake was sent to the boards during the first round and got up dazed. The referee (T. Brown) stopped the contest and declared Gilchrist the winner.

A FORLORN "HOPE."

EXIT CARL MORRIS.

When Jack Johnson defeated Tommy Burns for the heavyweight championship of the world, there immediately sprung up a crop of "White Hopes" all anxious to relieve the coloured man of the coveted title. But when James J. Jeffries, the then undefeated ex-champion of the world, emerged from his retirement and commenced training for a match with Johnson, all the "White Hopes" sank

in the background, and Jeff became the only man whose chances against the negro were favoured in the sporting world. However, with Jeffries' crushing defeat, ring followers had to look for likely opponents for Johnson, and "White Hopes" blossomed out at an alarming rate. The careers of many of these aspiring heavyweights were in the majority of cases short lived, notable fighters whose hopes of someday becoming champion were quickly extinguished being Al Kaufmann, Gunner Moir and Stanley Ketchell. There were, of course, many lesser lights of the ring, who had their supporters, but never came properly into the limelight, a series of try-outs convincing them that they were not destined to become great fighters. The two heavyweights who stood the test best of all were Bill Lang, the Australian, and Carl Morris, the Oklahoma Giant, but strange to say, the past fortnight has seen both of these heavyweights beaten by Jack Lester and "Fireman" Jim Flynn respectively, and with their defeats disappear the last of the "White Hopes," and Jack Johnson's title appears to be more secure than ever.

Carl Morris, who had been shaping so well in America, was expected to accomplish great things in the pugilistic world, and multi-millionaire F. B. Ufer, who has spared no expense in giving this promising young fighter the best of training quarters and instructors, will be extremely disappointed at the gruelling handed out to Morris by Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, in New York last week. So severe a hammering did Flynn give



"BOMBARDIER" WELLS, champion heavyweight boxer of England, who meets Jack Johnson in London on Monday night next (October 2) in a match for the world's championship.

Morris, that it is doubtful whether the latter will ever step into a ring again. The battle was a furious one, and the punishment which Carl Morris withstood showed him to be a courageous fighter, lacking science. The "Oklahoma Giant" received terrible injuries, sustaining a broken nose, while in addition to having his eye closed and his cheek badly puffed, he was covered in bruises. Flynn is a tigerish fighter, capable of inflicting very severe punishment to his opponents, and Morris, though he made a plucky stand against the hurricane onslaughts of the boxer-fireman, was badly beaten; in fact, the only punch which he used to advantage, was a left uppercut. There is little doubt that an effort will now be made to arrange a match between Flynn and Johnson, as after the former's showing in New York last week it looks as though he would prove a tough opponent to rough it with the big negro.

The late Stanley Ketchell fought for some good purses during his brief, but successful ring career, and the unfortunate middleweight must have spent money extravagantly whilst in the limelight of public favour. A cable from America the other day states that all that is left of his fortune amounted to 103.17 dollars, when his estate had been settled in the Probate Court. Few people thought the Michigan boxer had reduced his earnings to so small a sum, although it was no secret that Ketchell had been living in luxury for some time prior to his pathetic end.

Much interest is being centred in the forthcoming battle in Sydney between Dave Smith and Jack Howard. Dave Smith will in future box in the heavyweight ranks, and as he will have a thoroughly seasoned opponent in Howard, his return to the ring will be watched with a good deal of curiosity.

Tim Tracy, whose sportsmanlike qualities and straightforwardness have made him a great favourite in New Zealand boxing circles, has no excuses to offer for his defeat by Billy Hannan last week. "I was fairly beaten," says the popular Wellingtonian. "I have nothing to say against the boy's victory. He beat me fairly and squarely, but I heard every count. I honestly thought that I was leading on points up to the knock-out. However, we meet again in Auckland on November 9."

Sam McVea, the great coloured boxer, who is the idol of Parisian fight lovers, is the first of the negro contingent to arrive in Sydney, and was accorded an enthusiastic reception on reaching the New South Wales capital. McVea has fought Jack Johnson on three occasions, but has never yet succeeded in gaining the decision over the present world's champion. He first met Johnson on February 28, 1903, losing the decision on points after a twenty round contest. On October 27 of the same year he again met Johnson, and was again beaten on points after the fight had gone the full twenty rounds. The third meeting between the pair was

Johnson's two motor cars to Australia. "I made a deal when in London with Lloyd's, who must pay me £5000 should Johnson not come by the Orvieto, as agreed," says Mr McIntosh. "I know the position, I know the man, and I know the source whence the report emanated, and still I am as satisfied that Johnson will be here as I am convinced that night follows day, or t'other way about."

The defeat of Tim Tracey by Hannan, at Wellington on Friday night, will not detract from the interest in the Tracey-Gault match, to be decided on Friday night next in the Wanganui Opera House. This contest promises to be one of the finest ever seen in Wanganui, and as it is the second night of the races, there will doubtless be a very big house. In addition to the principal event, several other bouts have been arranged between local amateurs, and a capital night's sport is assured.

FOOTBALL.

AUCKLAND JUNIORS v. WAIUKU.

FORMER'S EASY VICTORY.

Saturday was an "off-day" so far as football was concerned in Auckland, the match between the Auckland junior representatives and Waiuku forming the chief attraction at Alexandra Park, but it failed to draw a large attendance. The Auckland juniors proved too superior for the Waiuku players, who suffered defeat to the extent of 37 points to 3. The home team showed much better combination than the visitors, while their excellent knowledge of the game non-plussed the Waiuku representatives considerably. For Auckland tries were obtained by Ifwerson (4), Fisher (3), Campbell, Weston, Avery, Forgie, while Stanton and Ifwerson converted a try each. Hammond notched Waiuku's only try.

INTERPROVINCIAL MATCHES.

WELLINGTON DEFEATS CANTERBURY.

The annual inter-provincial match between Wellington and Canterbury was played at Christchurch on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Empire representatives by 26 points to 9. The Wellingtonians displayed good form, their backs being responsible for some fine passing runs, and the Canterbury men were badly outclassed. Canterbury made a better showing in the second half, but their play was considerably below the standard of that of the Wellingtonians. The try-getters for Wellington were Grace (2), Cunningham, Roberts, Gillespie, and Perry, while Elliott and Houlihan each converted a try and Roberts potted a goal. For Canterbury tries were registered by Pyle (2) and Murray.

OTAGO DEFEATS SOUTHLAND.

The match between Otago and Southland, which was played at the Caledonian ground, Dunedin, on Saturday, was narrowly won by the home team by 9 points to 8. Though there was only one point difference in the final scores, the Otago reps. had the best of the game, especially the forwards, who headed by Patterson, continually broke away with the ball. The scorers for Otago were Norrie, Nelson and Brown, each of whom secured a try. For Southland Scully scored a try, which was converted by Martin, who also kicked a goal from a mark.

NOTES.

"Simon" Mynott, the famous "All Black" footballer, who captained the Taranaki team during their recent successful tour of the South, has retired from the Rugby game for all time. Mynott has had one of the most brilliant careers on the football field that any player could hope for, and he was the other evening presented at New Plymouth with an illuminated address, a case of pipes, a sovereign case and a chain by his admirers.

The North v. South Island match is to be played in Wellington on Saturday week, October 7.

Mitchinson is not just now—there is no blinking the fact—the great centre three-quarter he was a few years ago (says a Wellington writer). He seems nowadays to depend too much on his supports, and apparently is dis-

Billy Hannan, the clever Australian lightweight, who defeated Tim Tracy last week, intends remaining in New Zealand until after his return match with Tracy in November next. He will also meet Arthur Kelly again shortly, the latter having prior to the Hannan-Tracy fight issued a challenge to the winner.

In regard to the cabled information from Home that Jack Johnson had abandoned his trip to Australia, Mr Hugh D. McIntosh, who is now in Sydney, states that the report is incorrect, and in support of this mentions that last week Johnson cabled the chief of the Sydney Stadium, and arrangements are being made for the shipping of