

R. Edgren's COLUMN



Kid McCoy Thinks Willard the Greatest Champion We Ever Had.

Copyright, 1916, by the Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World). NORMAN SELBY, better known as Kid McCoy, thinks Willard the greatest champion we ever had.

"Jeffries at his best matched against Willard trained down wouldn't be able to lay a glove on him," said McCoy. "Willard is a boxer. And if Jeffries did hit him it wouldn't hurt him. Moran never improved on his first style of fighting. When he's hit on the nose he sets himself to take another blow. Willard was a little tired at the end of the tenth round, because he wasn't in condition. But Moran was in condition, and he was so tired he couldn't answer me when I spoke to him. He didn't have the slightest chance against Willard. He might as well have wasted his strength pushing against a wall."

JOHNNY DUNDEE's manager says that if Billy Gibson will transfer his offer to make a \$10,000 side bet in a Leonard-Welsh bout to a Leonard-Dundee bout, Dundee will raise the money and take him up within two days. Of course, he adds, the bout would have to be twenty rounds to a decision, in Colorado or some other place where a twenty-round bout can be fought.

UP in Ottawa, Canada, there may be a chance for a few championship fights, twenty rounds or to a finish. Sam Rosenthal, of No. 41 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Canada, writes that the Sportsman's Patriotic Association has been doing good work all winter raising money for the soldiers at the front and those now training in Canada. He thinks more funds could be raised by putting on some good fights, and suggests that he's like to make arrangements with Ted Lewis, Leach Cross, Battling Levinsky, Benny Leonard, or other fine artists of like ability.

"I mention those names," he writes, "because I understand most of them, and particularly Ted Lewis, are strong sympathizers with the cause of the allies."

BILLY GIBSON, after the Leonard-Welsh bout last Friday night, immediately offered Welsh's manager a guarantee of \$15,000 for his end to have Welsh fight Leonard in a twenty-round bout with a decision.

The offer was promptly turned down. Welsh's manager has no intention of losing his meal ticket right away. And Welsh without the Hemed championship title wouldn't be worth two hoots in Honduras as a ring attraction. Freddy's shuffling style isn't popular. Welsh will probably dodge a long bout with Leonard until his shoes are worn out. He knows Leonard can beat him at any distance from one round to a fifty-round fight. Frederick will cling to the title as long as he can make any money with it, and meet Leonard again only when he is ready to lose it and draw down his last big pig.

SNOWY BAKER of Australia writes that the Australians are in real need of a few good American boxers.

"Despite the prevailing European trouble, business carries on wonderfully well out here," he says. "In my world it is even better than ever, despite the fact that something over \$50,000 are now serving their country. We are in need of some good boxers from your country. We want them in all divisions. We want some real toughsters to oppose our world's champion, Les Darcy. There is plenty of room for good, game, clean-living boys. All we want them to do is play the game, and if they do that they can go out of the country well satisfied and without a kick.

"Darcy, as you know, is still on top, and I personally do not know any one to beat him." He is joining the Australian Aviation Corps, but of course will still have plenty of time to fight, and after the war will, I feel sure, pay you a visit. K. O. Brown of Chicago, and Gilmore are making good out here. Brown has had three fights and drew something like \$7,000."

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JUST KIDS

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Bill Donovan to Pitch Fisher and Keating, Rain or Shine, To-Day

If Weather Keeps Him From Working Them Against Robins in Brooklyn, Yanks' Manager Says He'll Put Them Through Paces in Armory

By Bozeman Bulger.

RAIN or no rain, Bill Donovan says he is going to try out the best he has in the shop to-day, not necessarily to beat Brooklyn, but just to see how strong he is for opening the official season next Wednesday.

"I am going to pitch Fisher and Keating this afternoon," he says. "And if the weather should keep me from working them in Brooklyn, I will work them just the same. On a show-down I will take them to the armory in Sixty-seventh Street and put them through the same paces."

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DAN FLYNN MAKES WRETCHED SHOWING AGAINST WEINERT

Boston Fighter Boxes So Amateurishly That Spectators Want Battle Stopped.

PIRATES TRYING TO SECURE ROBERTSON FROM THE GIANTS.

A deal whereby Davy Robertson, the Giant outfielder, is to become a member of the Pittsburgh club is in the making, according to well founded information from the Pirates' camp at Memphis. Jimmy Callahan has broached a proposition to John McGraw, and said Callahan yesterday had the manager of the Giants on the long distance telephone. It all depends on what Pittsburgh has to offer in exchange for the Giant gardener. Robertson has thus far failed to report to the Giants and there are all sorts of stories afloat. Robertson declines to be a bench warmer, as he will have to be, now that McGraw has acquired Kauff and Groush. Robertson has interested a friend, a former major league player who is now managing a club in the Virginia League, to declare Will Williams, "that the mere winning of an exhibition game."

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When several of the newspaper writers arrived at the Broadway Sporting Club, Scotty Monteth, manager of Charles Weimer, said to them: "I will take \$100 for Weimer's share of the receipts. And you can have the rest of the way on his gamble, for the gross receipts amounted to \$100 and Weimer's based for a percentage of it."

Willie Ritchie, who has been laid up with a damaged rib for some time, has agreed to take on Ted "Kid" Lewis in a return battle of ten rounds to be held there the middle of Mar. Jimmy Johnson, manager of the Garden, declared today that he has got Ritchie's consent to the match.

Jim Coffey, the Irish heavyweight, who is training at the New Polo A. A. for future battles, will meet Eddie Nugent of Notre, N. J., and in the final bout Carey Phelan will tackle Tommy Houck of Philadelphia.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SEASON OPENS TO-DAY.

Columbia vs. C. C. N. Y., at South Field. Fordham vs. Dartmouth, at Fordham. Pennsylvania vs. Villanova, at Philadelphia. Amherst vs. Army, at West Point. Navy vs. Lafayette, at Annapolis. Lehigh vs. Albright, at South Bethlehem.

New York Boxers Carry Away Three National Titles in Boston

BOSTON, April 6.—New York carried away three national titles from the Amateur Boxing Championships held here last night. The successful contestants were Benny Volger in the 115-pound class, W. Morris in the 135-pound division, and Adolph Kaufman in the 155-pound class.

The spectators disagreed with the judges in the verdict in the 115-pound class, for the majority believed that Tony Vatan of Boston was entitled to the decision in three rounds, though an extra session was ordered.

Tom Darcy of Boston is the 108-pound champion; Thomas Murphy of Kansas City won the honors among the 135-pounders; Eugene Brosseau of Montreal came through in the 145-pound division; Pat McCarthy of Boston won the medal in the 175-pound class, and Carlo Armstrong of Boston is the heavyweight champion.

Eight New Golf Courses, Costing \$2,500,000, to Be Opened Here This Season

So Large Is the Army of Golfers Now That It Is Feared That Even With the Additional Links the Congestion Won't Be Relieved.

MRS. W. A. GAVIN, EXPERT ENGLISH GOLFER, AGAIN HERE SEEKING TITLE.

Mrs. W. A. Gavin, the expert English golfer, has just arrived in this country again. Last September she made a good showing in the tournament for the women's national title at Onwatsela. She is going to make another bid for the honors this year. Mrs. Gavin would like to arrange a special exhibition match with Mrs. C. H. Vandenberg, the title holder. Should such a meeting be brought about the foreign visitor would like to have it so arranged that a sum of money could be raised to go toward the fund for war sufferers.

before many months. The West Hampton course will have a brand new \$200,000 course ready for use before the end of the summer.

The Cherry Valley Club has taken over what was the old Salisbury links at Garden City and the new organization contemplates such a rush this year that it will have two 18-hole courses ready for play.

Then there is the St. Albans Country Club at Jamaica, which will have its 18-hole course fit for play in a few weeks. Even before its links are ready the St. Albans Club has membership that now runs into the hundreds.

The Westchester section will have two new courses. The Quaker Ridge club had a few of its holes use toward the end of the 1915 season and a new club at Port Chester.

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SPORTING.

TO-NIGHT, PIONEER SPORTING CLUB, 340 W. 44th St., 10:00 P.M. 1916. Fight between the 100-year-old champion Tiger vs. Young McDonald. Admission 50c.

PUTTING 'EM OVER With "Bugs" Baer

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RADIO RUDOLPH



"YOU take your lawyer's advice, but the lawyer takes everything, else."

You can't blame an umpire for hitting at a bad ball.

Now all the Dodgers have to do to catch the pennant is win 204 games.

One way to have the A. A. U. judge you a strict amateur is to compare yourself to Ty Cobb.

A few more errors for the E column—Rain. Rain. Rain. Rain.

Pass give a player a travelling bag one day and then bother him so use it the next.

What the rooks will miss most of all are those 14-inning dinners.

The mythical All-American football team is to play some food at Syracuse next week and should win easily.

No tear in Holland. Wet grounds.

Spring baseball is served up with all the vice and ginger of a string of departed out-fits.

The country is safe. Frank Baker's bum finger is only on his three-bagger hand.

ABSENCE OF RITING IN YOUNGSTOWN, O. MUST BE THE LULL BEFORE THE BASEBALL SEASON.

SAILING TO-DAY.

CARPATIA LIVERPOOL. TUSCANIA GLASGOW. SPRING PHENOM BUSHES.

WAR IS AWFUL. AFTER TURNING DOWN A FIFTY-THOUSAND OFFER LES DARCY WILL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR A JITNEY A DAY.

SQUIRREL FOOD.

I met a squirrel with hungry brood. Of little ones to feed. Fodder was scarce; they had no food. And were in dire need.

We me again but yesterday. The little ones were fat. He'd laid a raft of grub away. And wore a high silk hat.

He said they lapped a duffer's game. The ball he'd wildly flail; The little ones climbed up his frame. And tore him tooth and nail.

They saw a drive lodge in a tree; The golfer climbed the limb. The squirrels went on a scolding spree. And made quick lunch of him.

They piped a rabid golfer pray. As he heeled a stymied putt. He surely made a fine entrée; He was a toothsome nut.

The next nut on the bill of fare. Fit food for squirrel or wrench. Had tried to loft the ball in air. And dug himself a trench.

They saw a nut sitce in a creek. With drowning grumpy firm. Although his head was very weak. He made a fine dessert.

The joyful squirrels went on their way; Starvation was no jinx. They knew that almost any day. A meal was on the links.

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