

Boxers' Championship Fight at New York Next Saturday

Will Hang Kayo on Moran Before the Eighth Round

Fistic Expert Makes Prediction as He Does Not Rank Pittsburgh Blond in Class with Champion—Has Edge in Experience.

New York, March 13.—Jess Willard and Frank Moran will meet in the arena of Madison Square Garden a week from tonight—if nothing unforeseen occurs in the interim to cause another postponement. The bout is scheduled to come in ten rounds, but to be brutally frank to the advantage of the challenger—Willard should knock out Moran before the eighth round is reached. This prediction is made in good faith; admission, of course, that the bout will be in good faith.

While Moran is admittedly the most formidable of the present crop of heavy-weight champions, Moran started right where he should be rated on a par with Willard, as some "experts" have seen fit to do. The incumbent champion has every physical and mental advantage. Willard is the world's champion, and as such possesses the confidence born of supremacy. Then again, Jess is several inches taller than Moran, weighs about fifty pounds more, and has more extensive reach, and can hit equally as hard, if not harder, than Moran.

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A day before Willard reached New York, Moran left for Saratoga. Willard's first work-out here was so impressive that reports of it purely must have drifted into Moran's camp. Willard was generally considered a 100 per cent better fighter than when he relieved Johnson of the championship during Havana was last April; he was in Jim Jeffries' class as a brawler, and after reading these stories Moran's "psychological advantage" must have dwindled to no advantage at all. In fact, it is Mr. Sullivan who has that "psychological advantage."

A fact not generally known is that Moran is a one-handed fighter. His right hand is his only asset. The knockout on Francis' left hand no longer serves him in a fight, for every one of them is broken, and to hit two hard blows successively with them is to render the left hand practically useless. In recent fights Moran has swung that left arm often, but he did this merely for a "blind," to make the other fellow wary of the left and leave himself open for Francis' right. Willard, however, is aware of this fact and he will keep a keen eye on Moran's right only. Jess has perfected a left jab for this battle which should distract Moran's attention, and attempt with his right. The latter is easily thrown off balance, and Jess will feed him left jabs until he has Frank pinned for a right uppercut. The latter will then follow into pugilistic oblivion last year.

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COMPARED WITH OTHER CHAMPIONS.

The following table of physical dimensions will show how Willard and Moran compare with other holders of the heavy-weight championship.

	Willard, Moran, Johnson, Jeffries, Burns, Fitzsimmons, Corbett.
Height	6 ft. 1 1/2 in. 6 ft. 1 1/2 in. 6 ft. 5 1/2 in. 6 ft. 1 1/2 in.
Weight	175 lbs.
Reach	73 1/2 in. 73 in. 73 in. 73 in. 73 in. 73 in. 73 in.
Chest	44 in.
Expanded Chest	47 in.
Waist	32 in.
Biceps	16 in.
Neck	17 1/2 in.
Wrist	10 1/2 in.
Calf	17 in.
Ankle	10 1/2 in. 9 in. 9 in. 10 in. 10 in. 10 in. 10 in.

SAYS MORAN HAS LITTLE CHANCE

Former Heavy-weight Champion James J. Jeffries Believes Willard Best.

NEVER HAS EXTENDED CAN TAKE A PUNCH

By JAMES J. JEFFRIES. Special to The Washington Herald. Los Angeles, Calif., March 13.—Unquestionably Jess Willard is the best of all the present-day heavy-weights. Just how the title-holder would "shape up" with the old-timers comes under the head of guesswork.

For years I have heard ring followers debate: "Would Peter Jackson in his prime have beaten Jack Johnson when the latter was at his best?" This question has never been satisfactorily answered. It is not possible to select a man from one period and say what he could or could not do with the boxers of another time.

You may place me on record, though, as believing that Jess Willard has never been extended. The sporting world can't realize what a giant of strength Jess is, for the simple reason that the champion has never fought him. He has been back to the wall. His earlier record is full of easy, slow-going contests.

In the Havana fight I really believe that Willard could have come out for another twenty rounds and still have been in first-class fighting condition. That's what I think of his stamina, and this spells a world of praise for the clean, temperate life that Willard follows.

I was a pretty rough citizen in my championship days. Old-timers will remember that I went up and down the line, and every man that came up and fought with me, I believe the short go with Munroe was the only real one I ever stepped into.

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Financial Angle of Big Title Battle Interesting

Expenses for Show at the Garden Will Equal \$114,000. Highest Profit \$26,000.

With the approach of the hour of battle between Jess Willard and Frank Moran, minor issues of national and international moment fade into comparative insignificance alongside of the question whether Willard will beat Moran or vice versa; whether the big huskies will put up a sensational battle, or whether it will develop into a pathetic wrestling match; and further whether Tex Rickard and his associates will make a clean-up on their speculative proposition where they have assumed the staggering debt of close to \$114,000 in order to promote the show.

Boxing critics who have followed the ring career of both principals incline to the belief that the coming ten-round contest will be a tedious affair, devoid of action, for the reason mainly that Willard is not a short back performer but a steady horse who requires a long route to bring out the best that is in him. Moran is better adapted to the ten-round distance and because of that whatever real fighting materializes during the match is expected to be brought out by the Pittsburgh husky.

Aside from the physical issue involved in the contest, there are a number of financial angles to the affair. The highest possible receipts are estimated at \$140,000 and the expenses will be approximately \$114,000, which if the show plays to capacity, as is now expected, will leave a profit of over \$26,000 for the promoters.

The financial details of the show are itemized as follows: Willard's share \$47,500; Moran's share \$37,500; Rental of Garden \$2,500; Fitting up hall \$2,500; State tax on \$140,000 \$16,500; Advertising \$5,000; Help, printing, etc. \$5,000; Referees \$1,000; Preliminaries \$1,000; General promotion expenses \$10,000; Total \$115,250.

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While the Willard-Moran contest naturally monopolizes the interest of the fans there are other battles scheduled for the current week that will attract attention. On Monday night at Cincinnati, Charley White and Matt Wells, of England, are scheduled for a ten-round affair. Wells has twice scored a point decision over White in their previous encounters. The Briton seems to have something on White.

It is the plan of New York promoters to bring Champion Freddie Welsh and "Star" Bloom together in a ten-round contest Tuesday night. Bloom, like Benny Leonard, is a reigning favorite in the metropolis and it is figured that he will be the champion of a big fight. The other men in the division are planning to attend the heavy-weight encounter three nights later.

Johnny Ertle and Pete Herman, New Orleans, are slated for a twelve-round set on Tuesday at New Bedford, Mass. Herman recently won a great show at the recent Bantam Champion Kid Williams.

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BOXING BOUTS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 20
Benny Chavez vs. Charley Averson, 10 rounds at Kansas City, Mo.
Eddie Moha vs. Al Doty, 15 rounds at Dayton, Ohio.
Charley White vs. Matt Wells, 10 rounds at Cincinnati, Ohio.
Packey Hommey vs. George Chaney, 15 rounds at Baltimore.
Art Magri vs. Phil Bloom, 8 rounds at Memphis, Tenn.
Jack Sharkey vs. Young Astley, 10 rounds at New York City.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21
Stan. Youskum vs. Willie Beecher, 10 rounds at New York City.
Jack Britton vs. Joe Chip, 10 rounds at Cleveland, Ohio.
Johnny Ertle vs. Pete Herman, 12 rounds at New Bedford, Mass.
Freddie Welsh vs. Phil Bloom, 10 rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y.
Al McCoy vs. Leo Benz, 10 rounds at New York City.
Joe Azevedo vs. Bob Wells, 10 rounds at New London, Conn.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
Freddie Welsh vs. Young Brown, 10 rounds at New York City.
Tommy Hook vs. Finny Bostie, 10 rounds at Lowell, Mass.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25
Jess Willard vs. Frank Moran, 10 rounds at New York City.
Soldier Bantwell vs. Art Magri, 10 rounds at Milwaukee, Wis.
Billy Kramer vs. K. O. Brown, 10 rounds at Milwaukee, Wis.
Cutch Brand vs. Patie Brennan, 10 rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y.

FITZ CLAIMS FRANK WILL NOT HAVE CHANCE

By BOB FITZSIMMONS (Former Heavy-weight Champion). Boston, March 13.—I fall to see where Frank Moran has any chance with Jess Willard.

The letter is too big for a man of the Moran type of fighter to combat. Willard is a good puncher, and has demonstrated that he can knock out any of the present white boys. He is bigger, stronger, and has more knowledge of the game and can assimilate more punishment than any of the present crop who are masquerading as even with all that to the present champion's credit, he is a poor specimen of the championship caliber of bygone days.

Good for One Hundred Rounds
Special to The Washington Herald. New York, March 13.—Ray Archer (keeper of the keys) for Jess says: "Moran will mix with Jess for our minute out of the three each round, he will have his head knocked off. Jess is cool enough to go in rounds right now. I've kept tabs on him for years and know him better than any one. Why, he don't get his wind until the fifty round. After that he can go on as long as he wants."

Will Be Close Fight.
Special to The Washington Herald. Los Angeles, March 13.—"Charley Chapin says 'Fitz should be looked to me like it will go the full distance. Jess Willard a little ahead at the finish. Footwork of both men below par.'"

Big Men Not Always Best.
Considerable stress is laid upon the fact that Willard will outclass Moran by almost fifty pounds. Those who are picking the champion to return winner in the forthcoming contest, but prize ring history is replete with matches in which a heavier contender, by a narrow margin, returned victor over the principle in all the heavy-weight championship encounters since the day of John L. Sullivan.

JACK DILLON DECLINES TO PICK THE WINNER

By JACK DILLON. Light Heavy-weight Champion. I think that Jess Willard has mapped out the proper course of training by taking matters easy and increasing his labor as the fight grows nearer. From the way Willard handles himself I believe he is a great fighter. He would be a fool to show all that he has got in training. I think Moran is a better fighter than Willard, but I predict how the affair will turn out. Very few heavyweights of the past were better than the heaviest of the present lot. I believe that the former is a better man, and he'll whip Willard for the same reason.

TORONTO MAY GET MURRAY, FORMER GIANT

New York, March 13.—Joe Birmingham, former manager of the Indians, now pilot of the Toronto team of the International League, is trying hard to get Red Murray, former Giant outfielder, to sign a contract with the Leafs. In a letter received yesterday Birmingham said he had made him an offer. Red, however, is not eager to sign with a Class AA league. Jack insists he still is good enough for the major leagues and expects to make connections shortly.

TRAIL OF AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

1887, July 8—John L. Sullivan beat Jake Kilrain, seventy-five rounds, Richburg, Mass. Last championship fight bare knuckle.

1922, September 7—James J. Corbett defeated John L. Sullivan, twenty-one rounds, New Orleans (used big gloves).

1934, January 25—James J. Corbett beat Charlie Mitchell, three rounds, Jacksonville, Fla.

1937, March 17—Bob Fitzsimmons defeated James J. Corbett, fourteen rounds, Carson City, Nev.

1939, June 9—James Jeffries beat Bob Fitzsimmons, eleven rounds, Coney Island, N. Y.

1939, November 2—James J. Jeffries defeated Thomas J. Sharkey, challenger for the title, at Coney Island, N. Y., twenty-five rounds (decision).

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1902, August 14—James J. Jeffries knocked out James J. Corbett, challenger for the title, at San Francisco, Cal., in ten rounds.

1904, August 26—James J. Jeffries knocked out Jack Munroe, challenger for the title, at San Francisco, in two rounds.

1905—James J. Jeffries retired.

1907, James Hart knocked out Jack Root in twelve rounds at Reno, Nev., July 3, 1906. James J. Jeffries refereed and presented the winner with his title, to defend against all comers. Jack O'Brien also claimed the title.

1906, February 22—Tommy Burns defeated Marvin Hart, who claimed the title, Los Angeles, twenty rounds (decision).

1907, May 7—Tommy Burns defeated Jack O'Brien, twenty rounds, at Los Angeles, Cal.

1907, July 4—Tommy Burns knocked out Bill Squires, one round, Colma, Cal.

1908, December 3—Jack Johnson (colored) won decision from Tommy Burns in

DECISION FOR JESS WILLARD

Does Not Look for Knock-out, But Thinks Moran Is Too Small.

CAN TAKE A PUNCH

By JAMES J. CORBETT. Hartford, Conn., March 7.—Jess Willard and Frank Moran are of the old school type of fighters, slow, but game and ready to swap punches. If either man feinted either one, he would be open for any kind of a knock-out punch. Feinting is a lost art among the present day crop of boxers.

Willard, however, is a hard man for an opponent to beat just now. He has great height and reach, and his 250 pounds—and it's not fat, either—gives him a great natural advantage. Fitzsimmons or Jeffries could have stopped him, but he never was. Fitzsimmons has feinted a man like Willard into knots, and Moran would have been just as helpless before men who were adept at feinting.

In his right hand, a left-hander, was the most dangerous man that ever fought in the squared ring. Of course, he was not a left-hander, but when he fought Johnson in Reno, he could have been knocked out by any stub-and-Johnson could not hit as hard as I could.

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JOE CHOYNSKI FAVORS JESS IN BIG BATTLE

Sympathies with Moran But Believes Willard Is Too Big for Blond Heavy-weight.

BY JOE CHOYNSKI, Contender for Heavy-weight Championship.

Pittsburgh, March 13.—My sympathies are with Moran, but I cannot ignore where he has a chance to beat Willard in their coming fight. Willard should beat Moran decisively.

I don't look for a knock-out. Ten rounds will be a long time for a big score on points as to leave no room for dispute. Moran is earnest and ambitious. He is as game as any man that ever fought in the glove game, and is always trying hard, but he lacks the finish of a champion.

Willard is so big that Moran will not be able to reach the champion with any kind of a blow that would be effective. I don't think he can even shake up Jess.

I don't want to create the impression that I consider Willard a wonder, or an unbeatable champion, or anything of that sort. For I do not. Far from it. Every time I look over the crowd of present-day heavy-weights and compare them with the men who fought in that class in the old days, I have to turn away in disgust. They're a huge joke—the whole pack of them.

Willard is not a real champion nor a great fighter. He is merely the best of a bad class. He is a man over 6 feet 4 inches in height, he is not, and cannot be a great fighter. If he happens to stand at the head of his class there's something wrong with the class.

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BETTING ON BIG BOUT.

The odds on the Willard-Moran bout have finally reached quoting basis. The sports are laying 2 to 1 that Willard wins.

WELSH PICKS MORAN TO TRIM WILLARD

By FREDDIE WELSH (World's Light-weight Champion). New York, March 12.—The advantage of Willard over Moran is not as great as some people think. When a man weighs 250 pounds and ever can punch and is in good condition he has a great chance to knock out any opponent, even one as big as Jess. I don't think Willard has any chance to win.

NEWSPAPER VERDICT FOR FRANK MORAN

By TOMMY BURNS. (Who lost heavy-weight championship to Jack Johnson). Special to The Washington Herald. New Orleans, March 13.—Willard is going against a hard man, and I expect to see Moran get the newspaper decision. Frank may be a clever boxer, but his brain is active when he gets into action. I don't believe that Willard's great advantage in height and reach can offset Moran's ring generalship.

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