

Card's Greatest White Heavyweights Battle Over Long Route Tonight

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FANS ESTABLISH ODDS AT TWO TO ONE

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Barry is Betting on Himself and Has Plenty of Supporters, but Route and Other Advantages Seem to Favor Native Son

BY JAY DAVIDSON

The fact that Al Kaufmann and Jim Barry are to mix it for the near-championship honors would be sufficient to attract a great crowd of fight fans to Jeffries' Vernon arena tonight, but the almost assured fact that it will end in a knockout, because of the long distance, makes the battle all the more attractive and probably will be sufficient to jam the big pavilion. It will be the first all-out fight in the south to stage a 48-round battle, and the fact that the two greatest white heavyweights in the world are to be in the points, both of whom are famous for their knockout punches, in addition to the important bearing the result will have upon future heavyweight championship battles, appeals unusually strongly to the fans.

Kaufmann rules a 10 to 6 favorite over Barry in the general market, although the big bettors are demanding and giving 2 to 1, with the native son the choice. The odds are in the south to stage a 48-round battle, and the fact that the two greatest white heavyweights in the world are to be in the points, both of whom are famous for their knockout punches, in addition to the important bearing the result will have upon future heavyweight championship battles, appeals unusually strongly to the fans.

It may be set down as reliable, however, that Kaufmann is not lacking in condition. The big fellow has not been doing any great amount of boxing during the training period, but he has been working every day on the road and in the gymnasium, and Billy Delaney, the veteran trainer, says that Al is in great condition and fit to fight for his life. Billy knows better than anybody else about these things, and he never sends a fighter into the ring unless he is ready to deliver the goods. Billy never deceived the public, either, and he would not be making such statements unless he was sure of a dependable nature. Those who are betting against Kaufmann because of the belief that he is lacking in condition will find out their mistake when the big native son steps into the ring tonight.

The course over which they will travel is so extended that a knockout seems assured. It hardly is reasonable to expect that these things, in the class, experience, punching ability and gameness of this pair could stand up and hammer each other for forty-five rounds. Neither is a showy boxer or a runaway fighter, and there will be plenty of hitting to excite the fans.

Kaufmann is a slow beginner, as a rule, but if he gets things going in a fight he will remember up much earlier than otherwise. When he gets going under a full head of steam there is going to be something big come off. He hits harder than any heavyweights make them, can take a beating like a veteran and yet keep on fighting better in each succeeding round. The distance is more favorable to him than to Barry.

Barry probably will get busy without delay, owing to the known slothfulness of the native son to get going at full speed. Barry should make things decidedly interesting for the big fellow in the early rounds and he may sting Kaufmann sufficiently to get a hint of what he is capable of. It looks like Barry would have to win in ten or fifteen rounds or be returned the loser. By the time Kaufmann has gone that far he will be traveling at full speed and will be hard to whip. Kaufmann money will look better with each round after the fifteenth.

Barry will have to be over-convicted in the matter of weight, as Kaufmann will outweigh him at least ten pounds. This would be a small feat in a ten-round fight, probably, but in such a long distance as forty-five rounds it will be a serious handicap. With this advantage and a bet of the hop in either hand than Barry has, no two big maulers of the world say so, advantages in height and an effort Kaufmann has Barry at a disadvantage to start with.

The first regardless of the result of the fight is love fair. Only one prefill will be weaned that will be a six-round affair. Between Jack O'Keefe and Muggsy, it is generally believed, he to love plenty to look after in this bout, owing to the cleverness of the champion, and the fact that the fight will be started at 8:15 o'clock, if it goes to the full limit.

Owing to the importance of the match, in that it really means that the winner will be the last straw in the way of a satisfactory settlement of the heavyweight championship dispute, the fans are more than ordinarily interested and an extraordinary attendance is expected. To accommodate the fans the usual street car special service will be established at 7 o'clock and cars will be run from the Temple block down Spring street, direct to the arena every three minutes until the fight begins.

REORGANIZE LEAGUE FOR 20 WEEKS' PLAY

At a meeting of the managers of several baseball clubs, held at 612 Wall street last night, the Southern States league was reorganized with eight clubs as follows: Downey, Redondo, Del Rey, Gardena, Pico Heights, Compton, Thibault and Rivers. Del Rey was awarded the pennant for the last season, while Rivers was given second place. The tie game next Sunday between the Cardinals and the Thibaults for third prize will be the last of the season. Following were the temporary officials elected: George Eberly, Pico Heights, president; Van Gardner, Gardena club, vice president; C. A. Adams, Rivers team, secretary; J. S. Allen, Downey.

A committee was appointed to draw up a schedule for twenty weeks of play, and the meeting was adjourned for next Tuesday night at the same place to complete arrangements for the permanent officers.

Facts Regarding Battle Tonight

Contestants—All Kaufmann and Jim Barry.

Time—Tonight. Place—Jeffries' Vernon arena.

Referee—Charles Eytan. Distance—Forty-five rounds.

Weights—None to be made. Kaufmann will weigh about 195 pounds, and Barry will weigh about 185 pounds.

Purse—Each man is guaranteed \$2500 for his end, with privilege of taking percentage of receipts. They are fighting on basis of 50 per cent of gross receipts, with the guarantee named.

Preliminary—Jack O'Keefe vs. Muggsy Mullins, at catchweights, six rounds. Referee—George Blake.

Time of preliminary—8:15 o'clock.

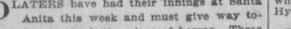
Time of main event—Immediately after preliminary is ended, but not earlier than 9 o'clock.

Winner of main event is signed up with the Jeffries Athletic club to meet Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle the night of January 26, at Vernon, for a side bet of \$1000.

The usual special car service down Spring street, direct to the arena, will be maintained, beginning at 7 o'clock and operating upon a three-minute schedule. The cars will leave from the Temple block, proceed south on Spring street to Seventh street, thence to the arena. All cars will be marked "Direct to Jeffries' Vernon Arena."



AL KAUFMANN



JIM BARRY

ALTO TALK BY JAY DAVIDSON

PLATERS have had their lings at Santa Anita this week and must give way today to the better class of horses. Three of the events on the card for today are a class race and should result in fast time, exciting finishes and good sport. It is the class race that can be depended upon to observe form more nearly than is the case with the platers, so it should be another day for favorites. The feature of the card will be the Santa Anita handicap, at six and a half furlongs, and the bunch that is aggregated in this event should put up another day of the class race and should result in fast time, exciting finishes and good sport. It is the class race that can be depended upon to observe form more nearly than is the case with the platers, so it should be another day for favorites. The feature of the card will be the Santa Anita handicap, at six and a half furlongs, and the bunch that is aggregated in this event should put up another day of the class race and should result in fast time, exciting finishes and good sport.

HERALD'S SANTA ANITA FORM CHART

SANTA ANITA, Dec. 29, 1908.—TWENTY-NINTH DAY. Weather clear, track fast. J. A. W. Hamilton, presiding judge; J. Holtman, starter.

169 FIRST RACE—5 furlongs; maidens; 2-year-olds, selling; purse \$400.

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