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CHAMPION GAINS HIS SECOND VICTORY AND TAKES ON ALL COMERS

By WILLIE RITCHIE

After winning my first fight I began to warm up to the game in great shape. Both Edwards and Baker patted me on the back and outlined a plan of training for me.

Naturally, I fell for much of their talk for I am no different than anybody else. Praise sounds good to all of us now and then. But at the same time, I knew that they were handing me a whole lot of stuff that they did not mean.

I still held my job down at the wholesale house. I used to do my training after work. I would come home and eat my supper and then take a long run out to the park or some place else.

GETS HIS SECOND CHANCE

And I was doing all of this practically for nothing. I wanted to fight all right, but it was hard for me to get a match. The four round promoters did not seem to think much of me.

I told my father about my debut and how I fought under an assumed name. He was sorry to hear it, and he tried to advise me against the game.

After several weeks of hard work, I finally got another match. This time they picked out Kid Austin, a clever little bantam, who was looked upon as a comer.

TALES OF "WILLIE RICHARDS"

Well, the announcer grabbed me first and asked me what my name was. You see, he forgot all about me. I told him, "Willie Richardson." He got me wrong and introduced me as "Willie Richards," but nobody noticed the difference.

My opponent sure was a clever kid. He danced and stalled around all the time, and he kept jabbing me to the head with his left. I could hear the fans laughing and telling him to go in and clean me.

When I came back to my corner after the first round my seconds cheered me up and told me to go right ahead and not mind anything. "Rough things up with him," said Baker.

I discovered in the second round that Austin could not hurt me. He kept landing his jabs all right, but that was all there was to it. I took the advice of my seconds and waded in.

There wasn't much to it in the next two rounds. I cracked the kid a couple of good rights to the jaw and he stayed away from me. I started to chase him, and he seemed to be tiring rapidly.

TAKES ON ALL COMERS

In a couple of weeks I was signed up again, this time with Jim Davis, who was regarded as a pretty shifty boy. I had the same seconds behind me, and I won this battle, too, on a decision.

Then I got into the game for keeps. The promoters seemed to like my style and they kept me busy. I used to fill in as a ring warmer nearly every Friday night.

Among the boys I beat were Frank Murphy, Alexander McDonald, Willie O'Neil, Jimmy Regan, Jim Ford, Tony Josephs, Kid Finch and poor little Tommy McCarthy.

I met McCarthy twice, the first battle going to me and the second one being a draw. McCarthy was the toughest that I tackled up to that time and one of the toughest I have tackled since.

I fought my first 17 fights. I generally gave away weight. I fought several feather and few lightweights at that, although I did not scale more than 110 pounds.

From time to time about eastern athletes and "expenses," there seems to be more truth than fiction in the Finnish press.

The Lick team is ready for a game on the Stanford field next Saturday. The fight will be a real one, with a lot of quibbles in connection with the game at Palo Alto.

Tennis has been declared a "major" sport at Cambridge University in England. There is some doubt at the local universities as to whether the "expert judges" are that good.

The Pacific coast swimming team to fight at Honolulu next February will be badly handicapped without Ernie Smith and Ludy Langor.

A wit remarked relative to the big championship cross street race today, "expert judges expect all existing coast records to be smashed."

It is practically assured that the United States will be represented in the big international games, which are to be held at Athens in next year.

James E. Sullivan has received an invitation from Greece to have the "Big Chief" think well of the idea. It is practically a go, already.

It is just the time that Walter Camp team will be pretty hard for Walter to try and hang an 80 percent Yale bunch over this year.

Previous to the investigation of the Finn, Hannes Kolehmainen on the charges of professionalism, Lauri Pitkanen, president of the Finnish A. U. wrote a story for the Outlook magazine in which he said:

"It is hard for a good runner to preserve the appearance of strict amateurism in the United States. If he runs too often, he is supposed to be too keen for profit."

INDIANA WHIRLWIND IS HEAVILY BACKED BY THE FIGHT FANS



The Indiana marvel is picked to take the measure of his sturdy rival, Frank Logan, when they meet in ring today.

Pennsylvania Rules A 10 to 6 Favorite Over Cornell Today

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—The speedy Philadelphia eleven ruled a 10 to 6 favorite over Cornell in the early betting today, and the scarcity of Cornell money at those figures augmented to 2 to 1 odds before the teams grapple in their twentieth annual clash on Franklin field this afternoon.

The weather is right for football. The sky was cloudy during the morning and snowflakes fell, giving promise of furies by game time.

About 30,000 will witness the combat. Probable lineup: Cornell: Left end, McColl; Left tackle, Crane; Left guard, Murray; Right guard, Carter; Right tackle, Harris; Quarterback, Young; Fullback, Minda.

Willard Is Still In Bad in Gotham NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The state athletic commission will have to straighten the tangle between Jess Willard and the Queensberry Athletic club of Buffalo before Willard will be allowed to box Carl Morris in Madison Square garden next Wednesday night.

Swimmers Will Get Tryouts for Coming Trip to Honolulu A special series of swimming trials will be held early in January to select the team which is to go to Honolulu to compete in the mid-Pacific championships.

Ernie Smith, the best sprinter on the Pacific coast, and Ludy Langor, the Pacific coast 880 yard champion and record holder, will be unable to make the trip.

Both are attending the University of California. Besides the best swimmers from the Pacific coast it is expected that several of the champions from Australia will also be on hand to meet Kahanamoku and the other Hawaiians.

Jimmy Clabby in one of his fighting poses, ready to lead an attack.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS TOE THE SCRATCH IN THE DALY ARENA TODAY

By WILLIAM J. SLATTERY

Two of the many men who claim a right to battle for the middle weight championship title of the world will line up this afternoon at Jim Coffroth's Daly City arena. They are Jimmy Clabby of Indiana, one of the cleverest performers in the business, and Frank Logan, the former soldier, who has been quite a success as a short distance performer here and in the east.

The battle will be a regulation 20 round affair, and the followers of the sport look for action in plenty, with a possible knockout. It goes without saying that both men will try everything they have in order to bring over the wallop which will mean a fortune to them in the future.

Clabby rules a 10 to 4 shot over his opponent. He opened up several days ago at odds of 2 to 1, and yesterday the price was forced down a point on account of the rush of money to be played upon the artful Indiana lad.

They look for Clabby to set the pace right off the bat, just like he did last such a fellow from what I expect to be a bit and then starts in with style a bit and then starts in with speed and the skill, but whether or not he possesses the knockout wallop is a question. He did not show it in his last go here.

Logan is heavier Logan is a big, strong, rugged fellow with a punch. He is awkward in his movements and he does not boast much ring science. But he is game and always willing to go the route. He can take punishment with any middle weight in the ring today and when one of those long, sweeping swings of his land they generally do a whole lot of damage to his opponent.

The Logan admirers believe that the superior strength, weight and hitting ability of their man will more than offset the cleverness and the speed of the cyclone from Indiana. This is the reason why they are betting on him. They are getting a fine price for their money and they all believe that it is well worth taking a chance at.

Logan will have about 10 pounds the advantage in weight over Clabby and this undoubtedly will count in his favor. He likes the fighting and 10 pounds certainly should count when they get close. It looks as though Clabby will need all of his handy tricks if the former soldier ever does manage to work himself in close and start hammering away at the body.

Three corking good preliminaries will round out the card. The first will start shortly before 2 o'clock and the great middle weight preliminaries that the crowd will not be kept waiting on the ring at 2:40. Jim Griffin will be the referee, and George Harting, the veteran time keeper, will hold the watch.

MAYOR USES DUKES Two hundred and seventy dollars for boxing lessons and a course in physical training is the largest item of expense contained in the campaign expense account of Mayor elect John Purroy Mitchell of New York.

Stanford Athletes Are Highly Honored STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Nov. 27. Ten of Stanford's prominent athletes have been initiated into the Skull and Bones society, which is one of the prominent local honor organizations composed of the pick of the cardinal athletes. The neophytes are F. E. Rohr of Geneva, A. M. Standish of Berkeley, E. L. Peck of Pasadena, F. W. Reeves of San Bernardino, L. Tilton of Los Angeles, H. W. Andrews of San Diego, W. S. Burns of New York, G. A. Jacomini of Pasadena, C. W. Knight of Pasadena and R. R. Blase of St. Paul, Minn.

Fight Program for Today How They Line Up in Ring

COFFROTH'S ARENA DALY CITY MIDDLE WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP 2:40 P. M. JIMMY CLABBY, Hammond, Ind. 158 Pounds at 10 O'clock, Noon JAS. J. GRIFFIN, Referee 1:45 P. M. NORMAN STONE, Los Angeles Six Rounds at the Middle Weight Limit 2:15 P. M. BUBBLES ROBINSON, San Francisco Ten Rounds at 133 Pounds HARRY FOLEY, Referee Contestants weigh in at Corbett's. Take Valencia street cars along Market street, marked Daly City Arena, and Daly City and San Mateo electric cars along Mission street. BUY SEATS AT OFFICIAL BOX OFFICES ONLY

Rival Rugger Line Up for Workout on Los Angeles Field

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—The University of California Rugby men had a light workout this morning on the field in preparation for the big game with the University of Southern California this afternoon. Coach Schaeffer put his 20 men through their paces, though no strenuous work was ordered. A little running and passing and a few packs of scrums was about the only set work Schaeffer ordered.

The southern university squad followed the northern team under the direction of Coach Pat Higgins, and the work was similar. Last Saturday the University of Southern California held the Stanford team down to 10 points, and the followers of Pat Higgins' team feel confident that the blue and gold of Berkeley will not be able to do any better. Today's game is the second annual contest between the two universities, last year's game being won by the northern team by a score of 13 to 0.

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FANS FAVOR LONG GRIND RIVERS IN SOUTH FOR THE RUNNERS

Little Mexican Is a 10 to 9 Shot Over Leach Cross

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—Joe Rivers of Los Angeles and Leach Cross of New York are ready to line up in the Vernon arena this afternoon in one of the most important 20 round battles of the year. The local lad is a 10 to 9 favorite on account of his popularity, although the New Yorker has many backers who believe that he will win by a knockout.

Both men were examined by the club's physicians yesterday afternoon and pronounced in perfect physical condition. Each did a little light work, just to keep them on edge.

Referee George Blake visited both camps yesterday and talked over the rules with the principals, both of whom promised to obey every command issued by the third man in the ring.

The fans look for a grueling battle and a possible knockout. It is expected that Rivers will assume his usual aggressive attitude and carry the fight to Cross from the outset.

Despite the fact that Rivers was decisively beaten by Willie Ritchie last July, the Los Angeles fans still pin their faith to him. The good showing which the Little Mexican made against Frankie Russell in New Orleans a few weeks ago indicated that he has fully recovered from the effects of the beating which Ritchie gave him and that he is on the road to a comeback.

The boxers were up bright and early this morning and ate heartily. Both are well under the weight, which is 133 pounds three hours before the battle, so there is no fear that either will have to give up his forfeit.

A great crowd is expected, and Promoter Tom McCarry has made special provisions to handle it. Two preliminaries will precede the main event, which is scheduled for 1:30. Rivers and Cross are carded to enter the ring at 2:30.

DO TANGO IN RING Five men whose combined weight totaled 1,025 lbs. did the tango in the ring of the South Side A. C. of Milwaukee recently and when they finished tripping the light fantastic the director ordered: HARRY A. WISCONSIN boxing commission formally O. K.'d the ring.

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