The Sport of Kings May Be Dead, Still Many People Take a Live Interest In It

# NEWS WRITTEN BY LEADING EXPERTS

## GIANTS MIX IN GOTHAM TONIGHT

### New York Sports Make Carl Morris Slight Favorite Over Jess Willard

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Nearly 500 pounds of bone and brawn will clash in the Madison Square Garden ring tonight when Carl Morris and Jess Willard put up their gloved hands for a ten round bout. Willard said today that he would weigh about 230 pounds, while Morris admitted that he might tip the beam at 235. These men are the biggest white heavy weights in the world and also the tallest.

Willard stands 6 feet 6 inches in his stockings and Morris is only two inches shorter. Each was born in 1886, and their ring experience is limited. Willard began fighting two years ago, while Morris' first scrap for money occurred in 1910.

In spite of the fact that Willard has accomplished more in ring contests, Morris is a slight favorite, probably because he put up such a hard fight with Gunboat Smith in the garden early in October. Morris is wonderfully strong and game. He was a greenhorn when Jim Flynn hammered him for ten rounds here two years ago, but he has been improving until he begins to look like a real heavy weight.

He has changed his style completely. His blows are delivered straight from the shoulder with tremendous power, and he relies upon hooks and uppercuts instead of the ineffective overhand swings which he employed when he tackled Flynn.

**WILLARD MUST SHOW 'EM**

Willard probably knows more about boxing than the Oklahoma giant and he can hit, too. But just what he can accomplish when Morris puts him under a heavy fire remains to be seen. Willard is so tall that few of his opponents have been able to reach his jaw. He moves about with surprising agility and has a good left hand.

Three weeks ago Willard met Rodel, the Boer, in Milwaukee and made a poor showing. He says he was out of condition and underrated the South African, who actually outboxed him.

Willard does not display an improvement tonight, therefore, sporting men seem to think Morris, who is in splendid condition, will defeat him.

Morris frequently has promised to stop Willard inside of the 10 round limit, but Willard doesn't appear to regard his opponent seriously.

The Texan declared yesterday that he would outpoint Morris by a wide margin. Willard walked four miles on the road up in Westchester yesterday and boxed four rounds with Bob McAllister, the California middle weight. Morris also indulged light exertise at the new Polo Athletic association.

As a matter of form, the state athletic commission, at yesterday's session, raised Willard's suspension, while William Joh was agreed on as the referee.

Bob McAllister, the California middle weight, has recovered from an attack of tonsilitis and will meet Young Mike Donovan at the Fairmont Athletic club a week from tonight.

## Sailor Middle Weight Is Touted by Tars As a Coming Wonder

Jack Machedo, a husky sailor lad, is being carefully nursed and groomed by his associates over at Goat island for his debut before the local fight fans at the Pavilion rink on Friday evening. Jack is to start out against Billy Murray of Sacramento, who is renowned for his punching ability, and if he beats Murray he will have a fine chance to go to the front.

The tar gained most of his ring experience in Manila. During his stay there he cleaned up all comers, including several heavy weights. He was regarded as a far better performer than Frank Logan. He is being kept under cover by the sailors at the island, who are figuring on making a big cleanup on him when he goes up against Murray.

The Butchertown contingent is also figuring on cashing in when Antone La Grave faces Al Rogers. This bout is causing much comment all along the line and it gives promise of being a whirlwind affair.

La Grave surprised everybody by rushing Rogers off his feet in their last mixup a couple of weeks ago. The fans thought he should have had the decision, but the best he got was a draw. Rogers is a very tough fellow with a hard punch and he is also noted for his gameness.

Johnny Sodenberg, the Omaha lad, will try to get even on Tom Nickola, the middle weight, who beat him a month ago. They look to be very evenly matched, although Nickola is the better puncher.

Molly McDonald's new lightweight, Tommy Stevens, goes in against clever Frankie Jones again. They fought a hurricane four round draw two weeks ago and each is eager to square himself with the fans this time.

Five other bouts between all classes of scrappers from feather weights up to heavy weights will complete the card.

**PROFITS BY BOXING**

Does the boxing game pay? Ask the Wisconsin state treasurer, and he will say yes, for he handles the state's end in the different boxing matches held under the Hedding law legalizing the fight game. Although the law is less than three months old, something like $2,776.28 is in the treasury above the expenses of the commission which regulates the game.

The coin comes from 14 boxing clubs chartered and operating under the commission, and they turn over 5 per cent of the gross receipts from each contest. The result is a big surprise to the authorities, who did not expect to do better than break even at the start. However, now that the game is supposed to be in its season, the treasurer expects the state to make about $10,000 by June 1.

## The Judge's "Wiff" Delivered a Regular Yell & & & & & & By Tad

## Slattery's Spikes

UNLESS he meets with some unforseen accident or goes stale while he is training, Champion Willie Ritchie is sure to display improved form when he lines up against Harlem Tommy Murphy a week from this evening to defend his hard earned title. Ritchie has gone ahead by leaps and bounds ever since he emerged from the ranks of the four rounders. Each start has been an improved one with him. He never was caught napping nor has he ever had a "bad night," which so often is the alibi of great fighters when they suddenly go wrong in an important contest.

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THIS is one of the reasons why he is bound to rule a top heavy choice over his dangerous little rival from New York town. Consistency is one of Ritchie's best assets. He has shown it in every battle that he has fought since he began to come to the front. He, therefore, has won the confidence of many fans who at first refused to believe that he had the goods.

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"THE only regret I have is that I did not knock Cross out," said the little champion yesterday afternoon. "I would have finished him up in that third round, too, had I been used to the clean break style of milling. It was new to me, and before I gould get my bearings, Cross was back on his feet again and able to protect himself.

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"I ALWAYS have been used to the straight Marquis of Queensberry code of fighting, while Cross knew the other like a book. Therefore, he had the edge and I knew it right along. But I will be right at home in my next battle, and I guess that Murphy will, too, for that matter. I certainly am not trying to take anything away from him."

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RITCHIE is not making any predictions, either. He is not given to boasting. But at the same time he is full of confidence. He knows that he can hit harder than Murphy, he knows that he will have the advantage in height and reach, and he knows just how much punishment he can stand. He certainly ought to after taking all that Wolgast had to offer him.

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THIS is just about the way the fans have it sized up at that. The close followers of the sport have watched the past performances of the fighters with great care and they have come to the conclusion that the class, the strength and the hitting ability of the Californian ought to prove sufficient to carry him through in perfect safety.

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RITCHIE displayed his gameness against Wolgast and wore the champion out. Then he came back against Rivers and played the same trick over again, for everybody who saw the battle must admit that the Mexican gave Willie an awful lacing for the first five rounds. Yet Willie was standup and Joe lay on his stomach when the referee started to count.

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THEY seem to be figuring the battle from all possible angles. Those who have made up their minds to get a little bet down on Murphy believe that the aggressiveness and the gameness of the Harlemite will count in the long run. They argue that he did even better than Ritchie did against Wolgast and that Ritchie has been afraid of Wolgast ever since.

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"I DID not bring this boy 4,000 miles to have him licked, even by a champion," says Manager Jim Buckley. "He can get all the action he wants around New York and he is not here to fight for the loser's end. But it is the championship that he is after. He has been fighting for years to get this chance and he's going to make the best of it."

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THERE is no doubt that Murphy is a wonderful all around fighter, but still he never has displayed the ability to punch. He failed to show us the wallop in any of his numerous battles here save the one against Frankie Burns, whom he stopped in the sixteenth round. And then many wink their eye and declare that Burns quit under fire.

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WE HAVE often heard good judges of the game remark that it will take a man with the deciding blow to dispose of the champion. And they come pretty near being right at that. His wonderful gameness and recuperative powers always stand by him in the tight places and he must be put to sleep before he will consent to remain on the mat.

## Dav's Day Dreams

**AN OLD FAMILIAR SAW CARELESSLY RESET**

It is better to give than to receive, particularly when one is in the roped arena exchanging punches.

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No, Clarice, there is absolutely no truth in the report Charles Webb Murphy has wired Heine Zimmerman's back dues to the Basebal Players' fraternity. In fact, there is no foundation for the report.

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**Said Willard (Jess) to Pelkey (Art),**
**"For the championship I guess I'll start."**
**Said Pelkey (Art) to Willard (Jess),**
**"Great stuff, old sport, have another guess."**

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The national comish allows as how Dave Fultz is not the man to head the Baseball Players' fraternity. This being the case, said national comish will prbably proceed to elect the proper man and then take full charge of said fraternity, that being the usual proceeding of said national comish.

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Meantime, Davie Fultz recommends a strike. About two strikes and Davie will be called out.

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It is said the Pittsburg Federal league club has millions behind it. The paramount question is—how far behind?

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**LINES TO LOUIE COMISKEY.**

**We wish you much joy as the world you go 'round'.**
**You will see many strange sights, Louie;**
**But when you land over in old Shanghai town,**
**You will long for that State street chop suey.**
**And you'll be hungry, too, in Hungary, Lou;**
**We fear it, despite all your cash;**
**For this is a fact, and we're handing it to you,**
**State street is the place for goulash.**

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"Big League Teams Are After Florida Quarters"—according to a news headline in an afternoon paper. We have always observed that big league teams do not care a tinker's curse what state the quarters may come from just so they come, and they are also always ready to accept any twobit pieces that happen to roll along.

Perhaps Vruwink figures he was hoodwinked, and p'raps he was.

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John B. Barbour is the new president of the Pittsburg Federal league team. He is a stock broker and we predict he will be broker than usual at the end of next season.

**LEVINSKY AND WEINERT**

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Battling Levinsky stumbled over a bag of thorns last night at Brown's gymnasium in the fighting person of Young Weinert of Orange. The "skeeter" held the battler to a draw.

## ENGLAND STILL AFTER THAT POLO CUP

### American Mallet Wielders Expect a Challenge Almost Any Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Poloists were busy today discussing the cup challenge, which is on its way here, according to cable dispatches from England. No official notification has been received by the officers of the polo association and none is expected now until the challenge arrives.

H. L. Herbert, chairman of the association, has had private advices to the effect that the Englishmen would make another effort to lift the cup, but it is unlikely that any preparations for the defense will be begun until after the annual meeting of the polo association in January.

America is better off in the matter of ponies than for many years back and some extremely useful animals were left behind by the duke of Westminster's team last season. It is likely that under the care of Larry Fitzpatrick these will show much better form on the field than when they were used by the Englishmen. They will have had time to become acclimated properly and will be schooled in the tactics of the American players.

Fitzpatrick is a past master in conditioning polo ponies and has always surprised rival teams by the speed and hardiness developed for the match games. About a dozen of the English ponies came into his hands after the last matches and he already has brought about considerable improvement in their appearance.

In applying the weight test Fitzpatrick found that the English lot of ponies increased about 1,500 pounds and one put on about 150 pounds within a couple of months after he took them in charge.

## Gossip Along Gas Row

**RENSTROM IS MOVING**

"No, we haven't finished moving yet," said Frank Renstrom of the Regal organization. "We have been in our present location so long that we couldn't make up our minds to get out of the neighborhood, so we secured the building across the street from our old location. I really believe that Van Ness and Golden Gate avenues will remain the 'heart' of automobile row for a long time, and of course I want to be right in the swim. This moving job is some job, all right. It has taken us a month to prepare, and the average person would suppose we could pick up and drive across the street in a few hours' time. Our stock room is the biggest job in handling, while our accessory and supply department will also be a big moving job. It will take considerable time also to dismantle our shop and get all our machinery set up in our new location, and as we were delayed in our calculations because of the fact that the building was not vacated when promised, it will be several days before we are located and running smoothly at the new place."

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**BINGHAM RETURNS**

Mr. Bert Bingham, traveling sales manager of the Pioneer Automobile company, has returned from a trip to the central part of the state, where he placed several new agencies for the Chalmers cars.

"Business looks very good, and the ranchers no doubt will have a good year, and as a result we are looking for a big demand for Chalmers cars," said Bingham.

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**WEAVER IS BUSY**

Mr. C. N. Weaver of the Studebaker corporation has been a very busy man of late. He has taken an agency for a carbon remover, and it has proved so satisfactory that he has been compelled to wire the factory for an immediate shipment to come by express.

**CHIPPEWA TO JOIN MACK**

Joe Graves, a Chippewa Indian of Walker, Minn., has signed as a pitcher for the Philadelphia American baseball team for the season of 1914. Graves during the last two or three seasons has pitched sensational ball for Walker and Brainerd, and has been been looked upon as a local wonder. He was a teammate of Leslie Bush and Albert Bender in several professional games before the two latter broke into the big leagues.

## ATHLETIC CHATTER

By WILLIAM UNMACK

Charley Brickley is a great kicker. Admitted. The same Charley Brickley, however, while he has the elevation to drop the ball over the bar for goals, has still to go some before he can get the distance to his kicks to put our Pat O'Dea out of the limelight. It is some years since Pat established his world's record at Wisconsin, but it still stands, and until some one breaks it the same Pat must always be remembered when talking of some kicker."

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Doctor Angell of Stanford has not minced matters in the Rugby football situation. There is not a keener man for sport than Angell, but he likes to see so styled "governing bodies" at least act up to their policy.

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By the way, just a suggestion. What is the matter with Angell for the presidency of the California Rugby union for 1914? He would be the right man in the right place; a man that all organizations have confidence in, and a man who deals out justice with a firm hand.

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The intercollegiate agreement between Stanford and California calls for just three reserve men to be used in the game.

Why not have the same rule apply to all games whether varsity games or college versus club?

It will be remembered that California accidentally used four men this year, and my, oh, my, what a holler was raised! The clubs, however, can holler as much as they like and there is not even an apology made such as was the case when the college agreement was broken.

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If the California Rugby union had control of the football situation there would not have been any of the schoolboy antics that prevented the Olympic and Barbarian clubs playing off their contest. Properly constituted Rugby union will have laws to prevent men jumping from one club to another just as fancy strikes them.

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Alfie Shrubb, the professional distance runner, has shown that he is still the great performer he was some years ago. The other day down in Australia Alfie beat the Frenchman, St. Ives, over 10 miles in 51 minutes odd. It takes a man in his best condition, and a good one at that, to travel the 10 mile course in 51 minutes. Shrubb has been running for many years and for the last few years has coached the Harvard cross country men.

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"No use," says John Elliott, "you might just as well try to mix oil with water, as to mix amateur and professionals in competition."

## Oakland Likely to Meet Palo Alto on The Stanford Field

Although the date for the playing of the Palo Alto-Oakland high schools Rugby game for the championship of northern California has been definitely decided on as Saturday, the coaches of the two teams have not as yet decided on the field for playing. Opinion has it that the teams will line up on the Stanford field.

Palo Alto won the Portola interscholastic championship game by defeating Berkeley high and the Academic Athletic league honors by their recent victory over Lick, while Oakland, after defeating some of the high class teams about the bay, recently took Sacramento into camp.

The winner of Saturday's game will meet the Los Angeles high fifteen for the state championship.

**CROUSE BEATS GRUP**

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—Buck Crouse of Buffalo defeated Billy Grup of St. Louis in an eight round bout here last night. Crouse sent Grup down for the count of nine twice.

**ST. PAUL GETS WORKS**

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—Pitcher Ralph Works, who came to the Indianapolis American association team last season from the Cincinnati National league team, was sold today to the St. Paul American association club.

## PUTNAM DIFFERS WITH ANGELL OVER RUGBY

Opinions differ between Stanford and California professors as to the advisability of having a Rugby union to control the sport. Prof. T. M. Putnam, chairman of the faculty athletic committee of the University of California, takes a direct opposite view to the union idea that Prof. Frank Angell of Stanford does.

Professor Putnam does not think anything would be gained by a stronger union, and points out that the primary object is only for intercollegiate relations and that the idea of a Rugby union is secondary only with California.

The California professor realizes that such visits as the Australian and New Zealand teams make could not have been arranged had it not been for the Rugby union combination, and he gives the union full credit for its work along those lines. He also appreciates the fact that the Rugby union has done good work in supplying referees for the games.


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