

Look Out for the Fighter Who Thinks More of His Oratory Than of His Punches

DOUBLE PAGE OF SPORTS

RITCHIE AND MURPHY SQUARE OFF TONIGHT IN 20 ROUND BATTLE

For the third time when he won the lightweight championship of the world from Ad Wolgast a little more than a year ago Willie Ritchie will defend it this evening in the Eighth street arena against Tommy Murphy of New York. A few months ago the fans of San Francisco were demanding that Ritchie forsake the footlights, forget the alleged "soft ones" and give Murphy a chance at his title. These same men today have made Ritchie a 10 to 4 chance over the New Yorker. This denotes that they have either lost confidence in Murphy's ability as a fighter or else they believe that Ritchie has improved so much in the meantime that he is now in a class by himself at 135 pounds.

Everybody who takes an interest in ring affairs is anxious to see the fight, yet few of them care to register a bet except on the champion. The Murphy shouters have faded away, fallen by the wayside. Only a small army of them was on hand this morning to deliver their speeches in his favor, while the Ritchie supporters were around in flocks and numbers.

Everybody expects a wonderful battle. They look for Murphy to fight and tear and plug away while there is an ounce of strength left in him. They look for Ritchie to take the lead and maintain it, for they believe that his class, his speed and his ability to deliver a telling punch are more than offset the excitement, grit and ring tactics of his rival.

RITCHIE FIGURES BEST
The champion has so many physical advantages that he figures a choice over his rival at first glance. He is larger, stronger, has a longer reach, weighs more and has about six years the better of it in age. He also excels in boxing skill and according to the records of the two men, his punch carries more steam behind it than that of Murphy's.

The New Yorker is a veteran campaigner who has met the best of them in his time. He never was noted for his brilliancy around his own home or in boxing rings, but in the east where he fought for so many years. But at the same time, they were all willing to admit that he would take a weak champion to beat him, especially over the twenty round bout.

It will be a battle where condition and hitting powers should tell the tale. The winner will have to be strong and fit in order to get twenty rounds or a fair fraction thereof. If the battle goes the limit, the man who has done the leading and landed the cleaner blows will be handed the palm of victory by referee Jim Griffin in a fair minded decision.

According to the figures of those wise men of wisdom, Ritchie will be far and away in the lead in the event that the battle does not end, ere the going songs the end of the twentieth period. It is their belief that his youth, strength, cleverness and weight will carry him through and prove too much of a handicap for his veteran opponent to overcome.

KNOCKOUT IN DOUBT
The betting was brisk this morning that Ritchie would win within twenty rounds. Both sides seemed to be willing to risk their good money on this, although the Ritchie boosters were in the majority.

Many of the Ritchie men, unable to secure Murphy takers when they offered a twenty round basis came down to eighteen. Here the Murphy boosters began to wake up and many thousands dollars were poured in. Thus it can be seen that the betting men are figuring the battle very evenly. The Ritchie men are leading on confidence, but at the same time, those who are stringing with Murphy believe that he will be a meal ticket to them, by preventing Ritchie from stopping him.

Both men are past masters at the game of attack and defense and this should be enough to make the battle should be replete with every feature that makes the staid ones forget that dignity ever existed and makes the nervous ones nervous. There is no reason why the champion and the challenger should not furnish San Francisco with one of the greatest glove battles in its history and this is asking a lot of them too.

BOTH IN CONDITION
If there is anything wrong with the physical condition of either combatant, the defect is not visible to the naked eye and so far as is known, nobody went to the trouble of putting them under the microscope. They look as fit as any two fighters who ever faced each other here and there have been no rumors to the contrary.

The battle plans of the rival gladiators are well kept secrets, but chances are they will fight as they usually have fought in the past. Fighters seldom switch from the style with which they have met with success in former battles. They don't care to take long chances.

Murphy is one of those ring performers who likes to bore in and keep close. He plays for the body of his opponent and if the latter is careless enough to leave his head exposed, Harbottle will be the first to snatch his attentions to that section. To him must be handed the honor of being as busy a ringman as we ever have seen in action. He is a past master at the art of generalship and he knows the game.

The champion has a puzzling style. To some he appears clever; to others he is awkward. His record shows a national record shows that he is a sort of a combination of boxer, mixer and knockerout. He is a wonder at grasping an opportunity. He showed this when he dropped Wolgast in the sixteenth round, which was about the only round that the champion left his head uncovered.

There is little doubt but that Ritchie will be able to land on Murphy. Most conceded, they were able to hit him in the past. The New Yorker is a better charger than a retreat. But he has managed to weather many a rough storm during the past fourteen years and he may have just vitality enough left to furnish the pugilistic world with another surprise.

GATES TO OPEN EARLY
Promoter Jim Coffroth proposes to open his Eighth street arena early so as to accommodate the big crowd. The bleacher gates will open at 6 o'clock and the main gates at 7 o'clock. There will be two six round preliminaries, the first between Mickey Hogan and Kid Bertelson at 8:20 and the second between Owen Hooker and Eddie Miller at 8:40. The main event is billed to start promptly at 9:15.

The articles call for Murphy and Ritchie to step on the scales one hour before the battle and make 135 pounds. That both will do this poundage handily enough is conceded. They were well within the limit this morning, and if necessary they can work off a few ounces today.

The champion will be attended by his manager, Harry Foley, who will do

HARVEY BOY GIVES GUNNER A FAST RIDE ON HIS BACK

Tom Murphy gives a little test of his strength by lifting heavy weight Gunboat Smith upon his back and carrying him around the San Rafael training quarters.



The little New Yorker spent yesterday loitering at his camp and playing tricks with his training mates, thus dispelling all rumors that he is worried about the battle.

RITCHIE HOPES FOR KNOCKOUT

I AM out to defend my lightweight title and win as quickly as possible. Murphy has been picked out as the toughest lightweight in the business, and I really believe he is. I have great respect for him, and I feel certain that he will give me as hard a battle as I ever fought. Of course, I will play for a knockout. I always do. I don't expect to escape punishment, for I know that Murphy is a tricky fighter and liable to land on me at any time. I am in the best of condition and I can't see where I can lose.

MURPHY FEELS FIT FOR FRAY

I HAVE been fighting for 14 years to get a crack at the lightweight championship of the world, and at last I have landed. I have seen Ritchie fight, and I believe that he is made to order for me. I am out to win, and not to stay the limit and save that 20 round money, as many think. Ritchie is younger than I, but I think that I am stronger and that I can take any of the punches which he lands on me. I have been a short ender in all my fights here, an dthe fans know that I generally delivered.

Art Devlin Is No Slouch With Mitts

Vancouver ball fans have often wondered why Bill James, the former Seattle pitcher, disappeared from the box scores last fall after getting off to a sensational start with the Boston Nationals. Ed E. Hughes, sporting editor of the Seattle Times, returned a few days ago from an extended trip in the east, and he furnishes the key to the rebus. Mr. Hughes talked to a number of Boston sport writers during the world's series, and while all dope James strong for the next year, they said he was "not ready" and wanted to clean up on the club. Naturally, that got him in wrong.

"His greatest mistake," avers the Seattle millionaire voyager, "was hooking up with Arthur Devlin, former New York Giant, now managing Oakland. Any man who fights with Devlin is not ready for the job. He can just about clean up any ball player in the business. James did not know that, or evidently did not care, for he went to the mat with Devlin." "The Boston scribbles say that Bill was knocked down as fast as he got up and had no chance to win the battle. But he was a corky and cocky, and later, showing that there is nothing the matter with his nerve. Stallings likes Bill and expects to make a great pitcher out of him."

Could Get \$10,000 For Pitcher Cole

Baseball men say that if Frank King Cole, the former pitcher, who was drafted from Columbus by the New Yorks last September, several big league clubs will pay \$10,000 for him. Garry Herrmann and Joe Tinker are ready to pay any price for Cole, while the Red Sox and White Sox also will take him at the price named. But Chance will not let the King get away under any circumstances. The P. L. says that Cole has every quality that makes a great pitcher—speed, control, a quick hook curve and brain. Bobby Quinn of the Columbus club has sold Cole for \$3,000 cash to several clubs before the draft, but he wanted to keep the big pitcher another year. He says that Cole pitched much better ball than did George McQuillan, who was purchased from Columbus by the Pirates last season. Cubs in 1910 say that he is every bit as effective, and will be a sensation in the American league next season.

Old Player Praises The Giants of 1888

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BIG MOTORMAN PROMISES TO SHOW FANS

Charley Miller Working Hard for His Bout With Elder

Big, good natured Charley Miller is grinding away for his comeback stunt against Soldier Elder at the Pavilion rink on Friday evening. Charley hopes to take off several pounds during the course of his training, and he promises a surprise to the fans when he steps into the ring. He figures that he will be able to go better with less poundage to pack.

Miller is still a favorite with the fans, despite his defeat at the hands of Gunboat Smith in three rounds in New York last month. Up to that time the giant motorman had been going like a champion and his admirers held a great thing of him. Miller is not in the least daunted over the loss of that battle to Smith, and promises to keep right on fighting. Elder is a performer who looks much like the only Bob Fitzsimmons. He is tall and lanky and is shy a crop of hair on his head. But he can hit and he is very game. He gave Miller two of the hardest fights of his career a couple of years ago. Elder has been out of the game for some time, but he looks to be in good shape and they say he still retains the old wallop.

Lee Johnson, the Oakland chocolate drop, and Kid Exposito, the tearing lightweight from the north, ought to make the fur fly when they hook up in the special event. Johnson has the speed and the cleverness, while his opponent keeps boring in all the time. Exposito may have a shade in the weight, but the little coon is a hard puncher and an artful dodger.

The middle weight attraction will be provided by Dude Clark, the Los Angeles slugger and Montana Dan Sullivan, who was once looked upon as a possibility for the middle weight championship. Both are good, hard punchers and it looks as though a knockout is in store for the fans.

Norman Stone, another 135 pounder from Los Angeles, hooks up with Harry Wallace, a newcomer. Stone fought Stockyards Murphy off his feet in a preliminary Logan bout and looks like a live one.

Sailor Jack Carroll, the heavy weight, is to get a chance against the black suit Cammer, the best turf Thomas and Dick Kendall will meet in a return match. There will also be a couple of good ring warmers.

vice president of the Amateur Athletic union; Louis McLean, an old time athlete, and official, together with Tim Fitzpatrick and Doc McConnell, two of the club directors, will form the Olympic club athletic committee for the coming year. Truly a quintet that knows its business from every angle.

The regular monthly meeting of the Pacific association will be held at the Olympic club Thursday night.

By the way, what has happened to that scheme originated by a member of the Rugby union whereby the union was to gain a ground right in the heart of the city? When the idea was mentioned it sounded good, but doubt was cast on its feasibility. The doubting Thomases are still waiting.

Though nothing definite has been settled up to the present it is practically assured that the Olympic club will again hold one of the big hikes to the briny deep and make the east envious of our climate by taking a swim in the waters of the Pacific January 1.

With examinations at all the universities, there is not much activity among the students from an athletic point of view. The fun will start again about the middle of January, when the track men and crew men will commence activities. Once these men get out for work there will be plenty of doings.

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Tommy Burns' Big White Hope Will Work at the Beach

Arthur Pelkey, the white hope, accompanied by his manager, Tommy Burns, arrived from the northwest last evening, and within a few days he will settle down to work for his 20 round contest with Gunboat Smith, which is scheduled for New Year's day.

This is Pelkey's second visit to San Francisco. He came here last summer on a theatrical trip shortly after his defeat of Luther McCarthy. The big fellow is very quiet and of a manner and does little talking. He leaves this to his manager. Burns is very confident that Pelkey will take the measure of the former tar, and if he does, Tommy hopes to take him over to Europe and there go against the best of them.

"Pelkey is in pretty good shape right now," said Burns. "He is a big fellow and weighs in the neighborhood of 220 pounds. A couple of weeks' work will put him on edge. We have not selected a training quarters yet, but the chances are that we will work out at the ocean beach. We will need plenty of good, quiet and mild partners, for Arthur is a hard driller."

Burns looks pretty good himself after his long absence from the ring. He intends to don the big mitts now and then and aid his white hope in rounding to form. In the meantime, Gunboat Smith will take up his quarters at the Hotel Hamilton, where he will be trained by Manager Jim Buckley and probably Harlem Tommy Murphy.

DE MARA TO TOUR EUROPE
Walter de Mara, formerly of the Bay city wheelmen, has decided to try his luck on the European tracks in the early part of next year. Walter has been working out on the roads around San Mateo and by the time he is ready to go across the pond, expects to be in pretty good form. Walter started his cycling career in this city as a member of the Bay city wheelmen in 1907 and was the best rider on the board track at the Pavilion that year. With Percy Lawrence he won the 24 hour team race. De Mara is known on the eastern tracks as "Hippo." He rode with great success at Salt Lake city track during the season just closed. As an amateur he showed remarkable speed and several amateur world records are today standing in his name.

ATHLETES WHOLE SHOW
According to New Zealand and Australia, the visit of the All-America track and field team is the greatest event in the history of athletics in the antipodes. The visit of the team is being held in the city is insignificant compared with the A. A. U. team under the management of Eustace Pelkotto, now touring the world. The boys will hold their first meet next Saturday.

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