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WHO WILL FIGHT CHAMP WILLARD? MORAN HAS THE STRONGEST CLAIM

Fulton and Coffey Are Other Two Suggested as Possible Opponents, Though Neither Has Shown Enough to Entitle Him to Match For Title; Gunboat Smith is Best Man, But Would n't Draw at the Gate.

BY T. S. ANDREWS. MILWAUKEE, WIS., Nov. 9.—Who will be the first lightweight to meet Freddy Welsh in a clash for the championship of the world?

The above question has been put by Harry Pollok, manager of Welsh, in a letter addressed to the sporting editors of the country. Mr. Pollok wants the sporting authorities to decide which four lightweight are best entitled to match with the champion. He offers to arrange four battles for the title, after which Welsh will announce his retirement, providing, of course, that he should not be defeated in the meantime.

Manager Pollok wants the man selected and will then appear before the club making the best bid for the contest—that is, the club where championship bouts can be held at least 25 rounds. The offer is a very fair one indeed and it followed out the fans will have nothing but praise for the clever Briton, now champion.

Of course, there is liable to be a hitch when it comes to matching up with Willie Ritchie, for manager Pollok stated previously that he would not permit Welsh to meet Ritchie unless the latter gave him the same purse he was compelled to give the American champion when they fought in London—a purse of \$25,000 for his end. Since that time Pollok has modified his offer, so I am informed, and is willing to accept \$15,000 for Welsh's end.

Ritchie should have first chance. Of the four men to whom Ritchie should have first chance at the title as it was from him that Welsh won the championship and he should be shown that much courtesy as a return bout. This all depends, however, on Ritchie being able to make the weight, etc. It is a well known fact that Ritchie has repeatedly refused to make 135 at 3 o'clock for Charlie White, who has been after him, and whom Ritchie signed to meet before a Milwaukee club in October or November. Willie will have to make 135 at 2 for Welsh or he will get no chance at the title.

Then White or Dundee. The next in line are Charlie White or Johnny Dundee. These two boys are evenly matched and really should fight it out for the honor in a 25 round battle. There are four boys who should fight it out for third prize—Joe Mandel, Johnny Griffith, Milburn Saylor and Joe Welling. They are all of about the same size and weight and would make a good quartet for an elimination tournament. Saylor has really earned a right to a chance, owing to the unsatisfactory ending of his battle with Welsh at Winnipeg, when it was claimed Saylor should have been declared the winner instead of loser on an alleged foul. Ted Lewis, the English boy, who has just eliminated Jack Britton in two matches at Boston, is surely entitled to a try at the title, providing again he can make the weight. He has failed to make it in a couple of instances of late, but at that he may be able to do so. If he can then he is a dangerous contender. And if Ritchie Mitchell, the Milwaukee youngster, continues to travel at the speed he has shown of late he will be a contender in six months' time.

Sammy Trott, the Columbus (Ohio) lightweight, while never considered a contender for championship honors, but always a tough proposition to beat for any of the lightweights, has decided to retire from the game for good. Sammie got this idea into his head after being knocked out in seven rounds by Jimmie Anderson, about 19 days ago. In writing regarding the matter, Sammy says:

"My Dear Mr. Andrews—Just a few lines to let you know that in losing to Jimmie Anderson, I have decided to retire from the game for good."

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BY DAMON HUNTON. NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—According to advices from New Orleans, Jess Willard's opponent in his fight there next March will be Frank Moran, Jim Coffey, or Fred Fulton.

The list is singularly unimpressive. Fulton is unknown hereabouts, and may be much better than his record indicates, while Moran has as yet done nothing to astonish the fistie world. However, it would be the height of absurdity to consider Jim Coffey ahead of Moran for a title contest in view of the Pittsburgher's easy victory over the Rosecommon man a short time ago.

Of the three named, Moran certainly has the strongest claim on the champion's attention. Although no one has any definite information on the subject, Fulton is a huge fellow who was unscathed in Minnesota, and who has some mystical claim to having knocked Willard down during an exhibition bout when Willard was out with a circus.

Apparently the Willard syndicate regards the claim of a knockdown by an unknown as a greater stain upon the Willard escutcheon than the 20-round decision over Jess held by Gunboat Smith, or the 12-round victory over the champ attributed to Tom McMahon. Fulton has been doing most of his fighting since that time, and has not lost a single round since he was beaten by Arthur Pelkey not long ago, but then everybody beats Pelkey. True, Willard failed to stop Pelkey in ten rounds on one occasion, but that fact adds nothing to Fulton's record. At Palmer's credit with knocking Fulton out in four rounds in May, 1914, at Houston, Wis., and Palmer was on the chutes even then.

So Fulton has done nothing to date that gives him any particular standing in the more select fistie circles. His record is even less impressive than the record of Jess Willard before Jess met Johnson, and that was regarded as about the last utterance in pugilistic unimpressiveness.

Properly press-agented in the modern fashion of constructing champions by earnest typewriting, Fulton might be made a more commanding figure between now and the day of the battle if he got the match; but at the present moment he figures only as a set-up for Jess. On his record, he could not draw enough outsiders to New Orleans to see him fight Willard to fill the front row of boxes.

He May Be Great. We are not saying that Fulton is a poor fighter. He may be a marvel for all we know to the contrary, but it always a tough proposition to beat for any of the lightweights, has decided to retire from the game for good.

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MISSING ONE IN FRONT TO THE POCKET---BRIGGS



That makes the wild cat wild. Didja say that was your ball Jerry? We got your number boy we got your number. Oh shame on you Jerry. Oh ho ho! That's rich 'at is - and he said it was his ball. Oh you lil ol' Jack Pot! Oh murder! I thought I was rotten Jerry - good night - shirt. Aw shet up yo nickle bunch.

"Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK"

CHICAGO papers like the sensational and one of them recently "cashied" a short wire about unbusiness at the Juarez racetrack, when Villa was confiscating horses and vehicles, into a yarn about "battle may result" and so forth. It made good reading but they rather stretched the facts.

FRED FULTON is to be the opponent for Jess Willard at New Orleans next March, according to Chicago reports which are considered fairly reliable. Didn't believe that Jones, Lurley & Company would consider putting Willard against Moran or any man who would stand a real chance. They don't want their meal ticket punched yet.

WITH Graham on the mound, which now seems probable, the soldiers will give the Professionals a real ball game at Rio Grande park Thursday afternoon. Graham and Wilson appear to be the only soldier heavies who really have class enough to go against the professional players yet but Ross, Adams and Paris all show flashes of good form. They will pass muster when they learn to keep cool heads in emergencies.

COMMERCIAL cars will take up at least one mile in the big motor parade in connection with "El Paso Automobile Week," if H. M. Gillespie is a good guesser. "Gillie" is looking after the truck department of the parade and asserts that his section will be a big surprise to everybody.

GUESS we're getting to be some automobile burg with a truck factory considering the prospects of locating here and a tire company promoter on the ground now.

TUCSON held a successful automobile race over a mighty poor track on Saturday and now the speed merchants are tuning up for a big 150-mile race at Phoenix. Pity El Paso can't have a big race here some time this winter. Laying out a mile or a two-mile track somewhere in the valley near the city should be a good investment.

JOHN J. MCLOSKEY is doing some grand boosting for El Paso in California. One San Francisco paper devoted two columns to "Honest John" and his arrival there and quotes him as saying that "the best sports in the entire world live in El Paso and it's the finest city of its size that I have ever been in."

TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS BISBEE BY 22-14 Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 5.—Tucson High school's football team won from the eleven of the Bisbee high school here by a score of 22 to 14. Both teams played clean, fast football.

Bisbee—Verfath, captain; Jefferys, halfback; Doyle, fullback; Saindie, quarterback; Percy Page, center; Watkins, right guard; Paze, right tackle; Wallace, right guard; McRae, left guard; Mulhead, left tackle; Krigbaum, left end; subbitter, Williams, Ralph, Peterson, Hoesch, coaches, Benson and McKinstry.

Tucson—Frazzini, center; Aron, Ser-vin, guards; Moffit, Stocker, tackles; Harris, Davis, ends; Henry, quarterback; Davenport, Stanacker, half-back; Meyer, captain, fullback; sub-bitters, Waigel, Roberts, Schwalm, Blankenship, Coach, Schilleman.

SILVER CITY IS TO PLAY HERE

Return Game With High School Scheduled for Saturday on Local Field.

Football will be played at Rio Grande park again next Saturday, when the heavy team of the Silver City Normal school comes here to play a return game with the high school Tigers. A rattling good game should be the result, as the score at Silver City was only 10 to 7 in favor of the Normal and the high altitude militated against the high school boys, who found it very difficult to out-loose with their speedy offensive plays on this account.

Coach Evans says that, although the team is not in the best of shape, the fact that the boys will play on their own grounds and under normal conditions should make the contest one of spectacular excitement and intense interest.

BOWLING

Results in the Industrial League bowling matches on the Cactus alley, Monday evening, were as follows: Real Estate Team, 1st 50 50 711; K. H. Aber, 143 214 178 230; Ray Ward, 122 122 122 122; P. Roberts, 102 152 117 642; C. L. Woodley, 143 143 143 442; W. Cook, 122 122 122 366; Totals, 701 836 745 2332; Points won, Real Estate 2, Laundry 2, high game, Aber 24; high total, Aber 711.

FRED WINSOR wants to put "Kid" Arrousey, his featherweight star who now also claims the lightweight title in California, against "Kid" Payo or "Kid" Lammerson at Silver City and is also trying to get a bout in New Orleans with "Kid" Herman.



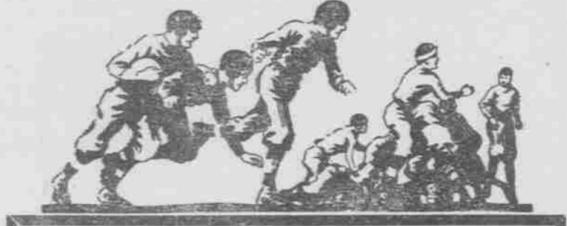
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