

RITCHIE DEBEAT NOT EASY TO EXPLAIN

Foley, ex-Manager, Says Champion Might Have Been State in Go With White.

SHOWING IS BIG SURPRISE

If Proposed \$40,000 Bout With Welsh Falls Through Coffroth May Offer Boys Match in San Francisco, Says H. B. Smith.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, May 30. (Special.)—California boxers of high and low renown suffered a bumping the first of the week and even now we are blinking our eyes and wondering how it all happened.

Back in Milwaukee Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie, who was gleefully quoted as a 10-to-2 shot, took the worst of a test in the hands of the hands of Charlie White, the Chicago scrapper, and the accounts, all of which seem to fit fairly well, go to state that Ritchie was a mighty lucky boy not to have been boxing where some referee could have given a decision that would have cost him the crown.

And on the same night, down in Los Angeles, Sailor Ed Petroskey, who never before had suffered an indignity of the sort, was knocked out in the 12th round by George Chip.

Truly, the 26th of May, 1914, is one long to be remembered in this neck of the woods. The showing of White against Ritchie was naturally the surprise, for while White had to his credit a win in the ten-round game over Ad Wolgast, he didn't beat Joe Azada with any blare of trumpets, and those who had seen him in action could not conceive that he had much of a chance, although it was figured that he would strip the limit and perhaps make a respectable showing.

"Ritchie's Reputation Slightly Spoiled." But before we go any further let us say that, under the circumstances, Ritchie is as much the Northwest champion as ever, although his reputation has been slightly spoiled.

In Wisconsin, as in New York, the law does not permit referees to give decisions. Therefore, the matter is left to the newspaper writers, who give their verdicts in an unofficial fashion. And that, apparently, is what counted in favor of the California boy. He is still the title-holder, although sooner or later, granted that he continues to wear the crown, public opinion will force him into a 20-round bout somewhere on the Pacific Coast against White, which will likely settle the question once for all.

From reading the accounts, it is evident that Ritchie was slow to get started and that his punches lacked force. He seemed to be being outboxed, but it was White, and not Willie, who was doing the effective scoring. Reports also are to the effect that Willie suffered considerable punishment and showed the effects when he left the ring.

It is not easy to explain, but the chances are that Ritchie, who has proved that his rupture with Foley was no mistake, tried to do altogether too much work, and left his fight and his punch in the lurch.

Harry Foley Gives Opinion. That, in short, is the opinion of ex-manager Harry Foley, whose statement will be read with considerable interest. "I am sorry that Ritchie lost," says Foley. "Moreover, I am greatly surprised, because I had told a number of newspapermen the day of the fight that Ritchie was a cinch. However, I have an idea that he overdid his training. I read in one of the papers that Ritchie spent two hours the first Sunday in the gymnasium, and I know from experience that that was altogether too much work for him.

"Ritchie is apt to be overly ambitious. When I was training him and he had had quite enough work for a day he would always want a chance to do a little more. I simply had to shut him off, regardless of his own wishes, and it is well to bear in mind that Ritchie was stale when he met White. There is no question but that he left here with his mind made up for a great showing. Then, too, I think he was overconfident. I know that he likes to have his boys box and not fight. He probably kept at Ritchie from start to finish to outwit White, and that was a mistake. Ritchie is a fighter, rather than a boxer, and, moreover, it is a bad mistake for anyone in the ring to follow one course from start to finish. Against Tommy Murphy, Ritchie changed his style frequently. That is what he ought to have done in the White match. I repeat that I am sorry he lost, and I trust this will make no difference with his negotiations to receive \$40,000 for a Welsh bout in London."

Showing Reflects Credit on Foley. To be frank there isn't any question but that the loss sustained by Ritchie in being beaten by White will reflect great credit on Harry Foley, who was his trainer prior to their split-up. There are a lot of people in San Francisco who are of an opinion that Ritchie made a mistake in splitting with Foley, and they are going to think so even more firmly now.

The champion in a statement he issued from the ringside declared that the outcome of the White fight would not be allowed to interfere in the least with his plan to leave early in June for London. Of course, the English promoters will have something to say about that. Willie Ritchie is still the champion of all the lightweights. It is up to the men who will have to make good on a large guarantee to determine whether he has lost any prestige.

Reports from Wisconsin are to the effect that the receipts were in excess of \$20,000. As Ritchie received a cash guarantee of \$10,000, with the right to accept 45 per cent instead, if he so elected, and White was to be paid 25 per cent, there isn't much left for Promoter Tom Andrews. It also is said the weather was extremely hot, which was responsible in part for the small attendance. Now, those of us who have followed Ritchie are quite well aware he doesn't like hot weather, and without attempting to manufacture an alibi for the boy, it is within the possibilities that the weather didn't do any good to his chances.

In the event the London match, for any reason, should fall through, it is quite likely that Promoter Jim Coffroth will be on the job to see what can be done with reference to a return match between White and Ritchie right here in San Francisco. Coffroth could well afford to give Ritchie a guarantee of \$15,000 for his end, so it can be seen that the San Francisco chap has still many a chance to get into the big money. Even now he has lasted longer than falls to the lot of the average champion, and the prospects are as bright as ever. Ritchie is a dollar bet who is ready to call it quits, so far as boxing is concerned.

BALLPLAYERS OF TWO NORTHWEST CONFERENCE TEAMS.



Washington State College Left to Right Casad 1st B, Anderson 3rd B, Bohler 3S, Kernan, P Lambert, P, Davis, C, Lester, 2nd B, Hartman, P, Anderson, CF, Coulter, R. F., Tuttle, L. F.

OREGON FANS SMILE

Varsity Nine Looks to Be Conference Winner.

WELCH'S RIGHT ARM BEST

Washington University and Oregon Aggies Out of Race—This Week's Games With Washington State to Decide Struggle.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—University of Oregon fans are entertaining visions of a Northwest Conference baseball championship for the present season. Three games with Washington State College, on the local campus, next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, will tell the tale.

By twice defeating Wilkie Clark's nine, at Corvallis, last week-end, thus making it four straight from the Aggies, Coach Bendek's men showed the University of Washington team out of first place in the Western division of the conference. Washington State College meanwhile has outclassed the University of Idaho and Whitman in the Eastern division.

This Season to See Decision. In any event there will be no repetition of last year's unsatisfactory finish, which left the conference championship in the air. The three colleges in the Western division then tied, and therefore, there was no winner to play the Pullman team, which cleaned up the other two colleges in the Eastern division.

Many critics consider Bendek's present aggregation the strongest that ever represented Oregon. In recruiting his team the Pittsburg scout stole a march on several professional managers, as Carson Bigbee, Nelson, Welch, Tuereck, Cornell and several other of the Oregon stars have seen chances to break into league baseball.

Bigbee has a trio of pitchers which possesses unusual class for a college staff. All three men worked last year, but apparently have improved under Bendek's tutelage. Of the three, "Bill" Tuereck has perhaps made the biggest stride in a single year. Although he pitched well in flashes last season, he did not get into enough conference games to entitle him to a letter.

Johnny Welch "Class" of Heavers. Johnny Welch, a veteran of three seasons, is the most reliable dispenser in Bendek's string. During his conference career he has worked in the greater share of the games, and has posted defeat but once. Welch has the advantage of greater experience than his colleagues, and is cool-headed in his pinches. Formerly he pitched for Washington High School.

Lyle Bigbee, a member of a family talented in the diamond art, is a big, husky heaver, with good speed and curves.

Dick Nelson, of Lafayette, is proving one of the cleverest first-sackers who ever wore an Oregon uniform. On second base Anson Cornell, All-Northwest.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONS BY VIRTUE OF VICTORY IN THE MULTNOMAH SPRING TOURNEY.



Milton Frohman Dick Jones



Morris Bigbee, L. F. Oregon; Bill Tuereck, R Oregon; Carson Bigbee, S. J. Oregon

west football quarterback, is equally shifty. Anze is not batting up to form this season, but his base-running and fielding are high-class.

Carson Bigbee is the best shortstop Oregon has had since "Cady" Roberts. Not only is the Albany lad handling everything that invades his territory, but he is leading the team in hitting. Amunson, at the difficult corner, is making his fourth season the best of his college baseball career. He is fielding in almost faultless style, and is crowding Bigbee for batting honors.

Captain Carl Fenton, in midfield, Morris Bigbee in left and Bryant in right, form a combination which takes care of the garden work in rattling shape.

LELAND STANFORD IS SECOND

Chicago Wins Mississippi Valley Conference Track Meet.

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—The track team from the University of Chicago defeated today 11 other universities and colleges in the Mississippi Valley conference track and field meet, winning the meet with 14 1/2 points. Leland Stanford, Jr., University came second with 34 and Colorado third, with 15.

No world's records were broken in the meet, but six conference records were eclipsed and two others were equalled.

Ritchie-Welch Match Seems Likely. SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—(Special.)—Harry Folke has written Coffroth, intimating that it looks as if the match between Welch and Ritchie would go through and he has asked to be excused from the scheduled bout between Welch and Harlem Tommy Murphy for the middle of June.

Pollok adds that if anything should interfere he will be prepared to go ahead with the Murphy card as previously arranged.

Motor Boats Pass Locks.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—About 30 boats of the Portland Motor Boat Club passed through the locks here today on their way to Butteville, Marion County, where the annual races of the club will be held tomorrow. The only speedboat which passed through this city today was the Oregon Wolf.

TENNIS CHAMPION IS BEATEN

McLoughlin Plays Exhibition Match and Talks of Australians.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 30.—Maurice E. McLoughlin, United States singles and doubles tennis champion, was paired with John Hoofs, of Berkeley, against William Johnston and Clarence Griffin, the San Francisco cracks, in an exhibition match yesterday.

McLoughlin did not exert himself to any extent in the first two sets. Griffin and Johnston were in great form. They got the first set 6-6 and the second 6-4. The third set also went to the same pair, 6-2.

McLoughlin regards the Australian team as "the one to beat" in this year's Davis cup competition for the international team championship.

"In Anthony Wilding, whose game is now at its zenith, Brooks, Doubt and Dunlop, the Australians have the strongest team they have ever placed on the courts and one of the most formidable combinations, if not the most formidable that has ever represented any country," said the champion today. "The team that defeats Australia should take the trophy."

McLoughlin said a large number of tennis enthusiasts in this country did not realize how expert the leading players of Continental Europe had become, and predicted that this year's Davis cup matches would prove surprising in this regard. "Freitheim, of Germany, is considered the first flight of the world's best players."

"This year's championships are not going to be merely a battle between English-speaking countries, with the rest nowhere," he prophesied.

Champion McLoughlin has begun daily practice, but says his work is ragged at present. He will not get any turf court practice until he goes East early in July.

Association Financially Strong. CHICAGO, May 30.—The American Association is perfectly sound and is backed financially, strongly enough to be as well prepared as either major league for anything that may happen

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YOUTH WINS AT TENNIS

VETERANS GOSS AND ANDREWS LOSE IN IRVINGTON TOURNAY.

Nearly 30 Matches Are Played on Opening Day of Annual Spring Contest. Miss Campbell Among Winners.

Youth was victorious in the opening day's play of the Irvington Club's annual Spring tennis tourney yesterday. Nearly 30 matches were swept off the schedule in the all-day play, and the juniors won practically everything in which they were entered.

In the singles the youngsters Kurtz and Beggs defeated the veterans, Edgar and Morton, while Davis and J. Kurtz won from Shives and Rosenfeld.

In the doubles Kyle defeated Rosenfeld, and Catlin Wolfard defeated Beggs, while the two veterans, Walter Goss and Fred Andrews, were among those to go under the way. Morton eliminated Goss, and Kirk Smith defeated Andrews.

Miss Campbell won her match in the women's singles over Miss Kurtz, after losing the first set.

The results:—Wakeman beat Durman, 6-2; Lantz beat Whitmer, 6-1, 6-4; Morton beat Goss, 12-10, 6-3; Hobson beat Shives, 6-4, 6-2; Cameron beat Saunders, 6-2, 6-4; Callahan beat J. Kurtz, 7-5, 6-4; Munger beat H. M. Kurtz, 6-2, 6-2; Kirk Smith beat Andrews, 6-6, 6-1; Zollinger beat Easter, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Wolfard beat Beggs, 6-0, 6-0; Davis beat Detch, 6-3, 6-4; Wilkins beat Starr, 7-5, 6-4; Cook beat Harrigan, 6-3, 6-3; Gill beat Fleming, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; Edgar beat Ross, 6-2, 6-1; Brewer beat Johnson, 6-1, 7-5; Kyle beat Rosenfeld, 3-6, 6-3, 9-7.

Men's doubles—H. Kurtz and Beggs beat Edgar and Morton, 7-9, 6-1, 7-5; Davis and J. Kurtz beat Shives and Rosenfeld, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; Durham and Fleming beat Lantz and Saunders, by default; Mann and Cameron beat Ross and Kern, 6-2, 6-0; E. H. Smith and Zollinger beat Lantz and Hobson, 6-1, 6-2.

Women's singles—Miss Brown beat Miss Whitfield, 6-0, 6-0; Miss Campbell beat Miss Kurtz, 1-6, 6-1, 6-0. Miss Rose beat Miss Cook, 6-2, 6-0; Callahan beat Mrs. Gregg and Mr. Wakeman, 7-9, 6-3, 6-4; Miss Brown beat Cameron beat Mr. and Mrs. Northrup, 6-2, 7-6.

Cooling the Sport Tortillas

PHIL BRAIN, Spokane tennis crack, has moved to Libby, Mont., and Joe Tyler will have to find another partner for his double team.

The Victoria ball club is in for a shakeup. Zimmermann and Crum are the first to go and Catcher Carney is to be turned back to Lincoln, Neb. The Bees are negotiating with Vancouver for Hunky Shaw.

It is said that James Coffroth has declined to act as manager for Willie Ritchie, presumably because Coffroth wants a steady job.

Doping the Portland ball club appears to be on a par with figuring what a woman will do next, only more so.

Amateur athletics in New York are in an uproar over a scandal in the Millrose Athletic club. This club is made up of employees of the Wanamaker department store, and it has been cornering in the star performers, paying them salaries. Mel Sheppard is drawing down \$15 a week as special investigator, whatever that is, meanwhile holding his old job. Which truth is, although it is being withheld from the New York newspapers, and the Athletic Union managers are scared. They are duty bound to put a stop to the practices yet they fear the tremendous Wanamaker influence.

Which reminds of the story of the husky yokel who was cornered by a graduate and sent to college to play football. "Ah, Mr. Jones," said the registrar, "you have studied chemistry." "Sure," replied Jones, who had worked in a drug store. "You have read Latin." "Sure," answered Jones, wondering what Latin meant. "How much of it, Mr. Jones?" "How much," replied the candidate indignantly. "Why, all of it."

Conflicts of the Federal League with clubs of organized baseball have occurred in every city of the outlaw circuit except one thus far. That one is Brooklyn, and the war begins there on Monday. The first day on which both the Dodgers and Tip Tops are at home. Ebbets' National Leaguers will have the Boney Braves as visitors, and the Baltimore Feds will have the attraction at Washington Park, which is just about an even mile from Ebbets' Field.

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