

GORDON STAMPS BY CARL MORRIS

Writer Says Oklahoma Fighter Never Would Be Guilty of Faking Bouts.

REFORM IN RULES URGED

Plastic Expert Shows Where the Game Has Deteriorated in Boston and New York and Explains Causes.

BY JAMES J. CORBETT. BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 11.—(Special).—Heavyweight Champion Johnson would have us believe there is no cause for worry on his part over the occasional good showing by one of the pugilistic "hoppers" and that there is little danger of his losing his grip on the title for a long time to come. Still Jack must give the matter considerable thought, for he recently has let out a roar that Oklahoma's marvel, Carl Morris, is a faker and that he wins his fights by "arrangement." The champion also alleges a proposition was made to his own protégé, Walter Monahan, to "lay down" to Morris.

From what I have heard of the young man from "Baltimore," I believe that's the name of the town, and I am personally acquainted with several of his closest friends and well wishers. It will be advisable for the champion to keep as far away from a proposition of the kind as he can. Morris is after one man in pugilism, so his friends claim, and that man is the champion. He would not object to an opponent who could with the negro in the least, and particularly now that the provocation is so great.

Says Morris Is on the Square. I do not consider Morris such a chump as to make the proposition that Johnson charges in the indictment, and from what his friends who have known him since childhood tell me Carl is not the sort who would stoop to such methods at this stage of his career, or at any time, for that matter. All accounts he is a pretty smart youngster, educated and level headed and would realize that overtures of this kind on his part would put an end to his career as a pugilist.

Morris has done everything asked of him to date, and in every instance has won his fights with a knockout. True, the only man he has ever possessed a "rep" was Marvin Hart, and that gentleman has been "all in" for several years. A man who was at the fight tells me that Marvin was in bad shape and could not give a good account of himself. Hart was a good man not so long ago, and had a decision over Johnson to his credit. Jack says he was robbed in that fight, but that's what they all say when they lose. Even if Hart was not in the best of condition when he met Morris, his experience and knowledge of the game should have carried him through ten rounds or more against an ordinary novice, but Carl handed the Kentuckian a good licking in three rounds, which would go to prove that he can fight a little bit.

One Manager Is Enough. Several Oklahoma admirers of Morris recently waited upon me and requested that I consider a proposition to take charge of the boy, and went so far as to suggest that I should sign upon me. When I discovered that the young man already had signed up, as the ball players put it, and was the proud possessor of the right kind of manager who probably never had seen a boxing glove, I informed the well-meaning gentlemen that there was no need for a conference.

I am much in earnest in my hunt for a likely aspirant for heavyweight honors, and would be willing to give up a year or more of my time to help develop the right material if it should happen along, but I have to pass up the managers. There is enough work attached to the name of a pugilist without excess baggage in the person of a boy manager.

However, I don't mind saying that if I were in charge of Morris I would go ahead slowly when it came to the matchmaking. The boy knows practically nothing of the science of boxing, and would be the victim of a sucker in the hands of a really clever man just at the present time. A systematic course of training for a year or two would be my plan, with an occasional trout against one of the second raters. Morris is young and has a long career ahead of him if properly handled—providing the right kind of stuff is in him. His success will depend upon himself. All the training and boxing instruction will not make a champion unless the proper material is there to work on.

Method of Procedure O. K. I note where a millionaire oil man has taken an interest in Carl and purchased the contract from manager number one. The new backer has arranged to build and equip a gymnasium for his charge and to enlist competent teachers. That's the right way to begin, and if Mr. Oilman will take a word of advice from one who has been through the mill he will not be disappointed. The latter would be too much for Morris at this stage, and a defeat might not do the youngster any good.

Great care should be exercised in the selection of an instructor, and whoever is placed in charge should be given full and complete authority. There should be no compromise in the training quarters and his word law. There are a few good men in the market, but only a few. I mean men who know how to instruct properly, a boxer and superintendent of the boxing instructions as well. By all means do not neglect the boxing lessons.

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Asks for Revision of Code.

Rules Violated in Gotham.

Says Referee Was Wrong.

Cy's Luck Changes.

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two hits and no runs. On the other hand, Detroit gathered three runs on eight hits. Boston opposed Cy July 8, and the veteran was knocked out of the box in the second inning. Cleveland ultimately winning the game, 4 to 2. Five days later he stacked up against Ford once more and lost, 4 to 1. Cleveland making only four hits to nine for New York. July 19 he beat Washington with Helbing and Groom pitching to 2 and the Athletics with Plank working, July 25, the score being 4 to 2. Washington made seven hits off him and Philadelphia 8. Then he went along with three more victories, making it five in a row.

He downed St. Louis, with Lake pitching, 2 to 1, July 30; New York, with Watson, 4 to 1, August 4, and Washington, 7 to 1, August 9. New York hit him hard, but not with men on bases, while Washington found him but six times. The casual defeat of the Athletics winning from him, 5 to 2, August 15, in 10 innings, Morgan holding Cleveland to seven hits, while the Athletics got eight off Cy. Cleveland beat Washington, with Helbing and Groom pitching, again August 20, Cy retiring in the seventh inning. He was again out against a Waterloo August 25 when he faced Ford again. As usual, the Naps did but little with Ford, making only three hits and no runs. The casual defeat of the Tigers in the second inning, the Detroiters making three runs on five hits in those two rounds. Summers pitched for Detroit.

MEETINGS TO BE YEARLY

Christian Endeavor Society Amends Constitution—Vacancies Filled.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special).—The second day's session of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor here today was held at the city hall. The day commenced with a sunrise prayer meeting at the Presbyterian Church at 7 A. M. Prayers, service, conference, reports of conferences to the National convention, which meets in Atlantic City, N. J., in October.

A reception and banquet was tendered the victors this evening at the Armory by Ashland City Union. Members of the convention will occupy local pulpits tomorrow.

LEAGUE COUNTS ON WOMAN

Local Option Election for Spokane in Spring, Is Plan.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special).—"We will call a local option election for Spokane this Spring, if the Legislature turns down the county local option bill," declares L. R. Horton, superintendent of the Washington Anti-Saloon League. "The counties in which there are no big cities fear the passage of the local option law. The bill exempts cities of the first class, so I cannot see any reason why Spokane is not a single in three fast sets at the bar of the local option law. The bill is only necessary to get 300 signatures. The bill will pass the Senate by a two-to-one vote. If the Spokane Representatives defeat the county local option bill, and thereby put us out of business in the state at large, there will be absolutely nothing that we can do but make the big fight in the City of Spokane or quit business altogether."

"We are convinced that on a plain wet or dry vote in the City of Spokane, at least 60 per cent of the women would vote dry, and that Spokane would go dry."

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Miss Sutton Wins From Sister, Mrs. Bruce.

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