

Northwest Lightweight to Tangle With Contender for Lightweight Crown Friday Night

Harper Has Hard Battle On His Hands

IN MEETING Joe Welling, the Chicago lightweight, before the Portland boxing commission Friday night, February 3, Bobbie Harper, the Seattle aspirant, has bitten off one of the biggest chunks of pugilistic competition that could fall to his lot. Welling's record shows that he possesses great class, and if Harper can polish him off as easily as he did the veteran Leach Cross, Bobbie will be in line for a match with the toughest pug of them all—one Benny Leonard, kingpin lightweight.

ARE LIGHT MATCHES
At any rate, the Harper-Welling match looks to be even in all respects except as to records, and in that particular Welling looks like a clinch bet to top the Seattle aspirant. In height, reach and weight the men are well paired, with perhaps a certain amount of cleverness being in Harper's favor. Harper has not had the chance that Welling has had to meet the top-notchers, and therefore his record is less glittering, and his admirers, whom they number in thousands, say that after the Welling job Bobbie will have a token of victory which he may well be proud and which he may take as an invitation to all comers.

WELLING HAS EXPERIENCE
Welling has had far more experience than Harper, but Harper showed in his fight with Leach Cross that he hadn't much respect for experience by outwitting the veteran at all stages of their 10 round bout. Cross, a master of cunning, found it almost impossible to connect with Harper effectively, and Welling, another hard hitter, may find it equally difficult. Harper has disclosed that he is a hard mark for anyone to hit and he will probably be as elusive against Welling as he has been against others.

HELD BRITTON EVEN
He even held Jack Britton even in a 10 round fight in 1912. Any lightweight except Leonard who can stand Britton off has accomplished a man-sized job. Wright does not frighten Welling, for he has also fought a 12 round draw with Johnny Griffiths, the welterweight who boxed Alex Trambatta a few days ago. Welling's record is plentifully sprinkled with knockouts since he began in 1911. At least 15 boxers have been made to hit the dust from his trusty right.

Welling arrived here last evening. He will work out at the Armory gymnasium. A small fee will be charged to see the workout, the proceeds to be turned over to the armory regimental athletic fund. Matchmaker Hansen, with the exception of securing an opponent for Mike De Pinto in one of the four-round events, has completed the preliminaries. He is waiting for Joe Dunne, and Jim Edie Gorman and "Rough-house" Burns will meet in the six-round special event, and Jack Rose and Frankie Webb will meet in the curtain raiser.

Handball Tourney Is Being Arranged
Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—Local and national fraternities, as well as independent organizations on the campus, are lining up for handball, under newly announced plans, will be run on the intramural plan hereafter. The tournament will go; going as soon as the houses have all signed, under the supervision of Coach, who is in charge of intramural athletics at the college.

Billiards
TOM HUESTON, ex-champion three-cushion and pocket billiard star, is showing proficiency as a balkline billiard player in New York city.

Fitzsimmons Was Lucky Boxer
Choynski Made Him Champion
By Tad
AS WEVE remarked here in this column more than once, Bob Fitzsimmons was probably the luckiest heavyweight champion that ever wore the crown.

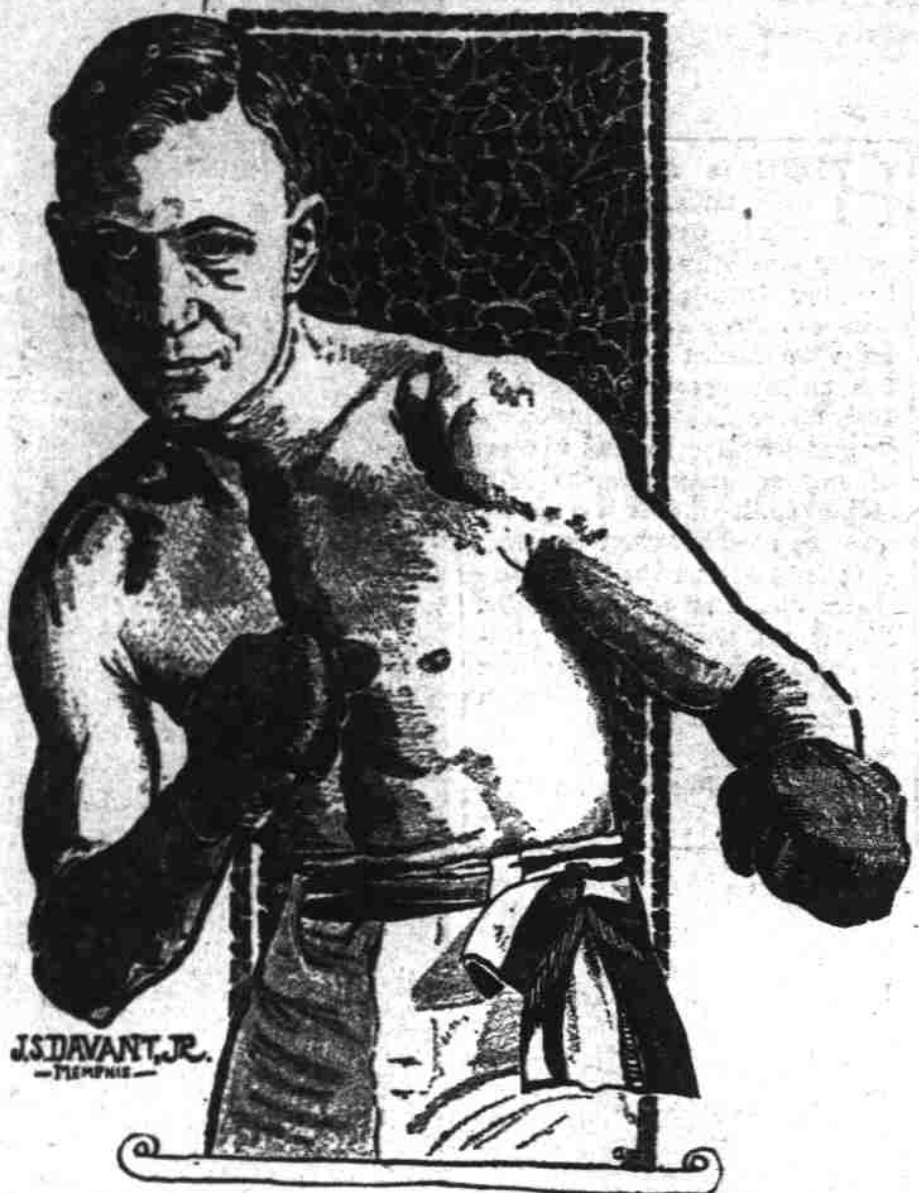
Fitz was a great hitter, a fellow who could take it and keep going, was not what we consider a great fighter. He was on the floor in most of his fights, and won out with luck on his side in nearly every one. Ruhlman had him dizzy and reeling, and after Fitz won he thought it was the fifteenth round instead of the sixth.

BELI SAYS HIM
Tom Sharkey had him out in the first round at Coney Island, the bell saving Fitz. Sharkey went out the next.

Corbett had him on the floor at Carson City, bleeding and dizzy, and if Jim hadn't tried to make a show of Fitz he would have won.

Choynski had him on the floor, dead to the world, when the bell and the cope closed out.

CRACK BOXER TO SHOW WARES



Joe Welling, Chicago lightweight, who will meet Bobbie Harper in the main event of the Portland boxing commission card next Friday night at the Armory. Welling is a contender for Benny Leonard's crown.

Ring Fans Are Hard to Please Boxers' Backers Cause Yelps

By Henry L. Farrell
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Judges at boxing contests realize that it is impossible to please everyone. Many times under the boss and the jeers from the gallery and the ringside they must believe it impossible to please anyone.

NEW YORK fans have been yelping loudly about the incompetency of the judges officiating at some of the big fights and several champions say they will not box for a decision.

O'ROURKE EXPLAINS
Tom O'Rourke, veteran fight manager who is now a member of the state commission, was asked for his reason why it was impossible to get judges that could give some satisfactory decisions.

The trouble results chiefly when two popular boys are in the ring. On one side the house is packed the partisan backers of the one boxer and on the other side is the following of his opponent. Each watches his favorite.

Tennis Players Can't Report Tournaments
A stricter interpretation has been placed on the "amateur rule" of the National Tennis Association. The executive committee recommended that players be allowed to write for newspapers only on technical subjects and be prohibited from acting in the capacity of reporters.

FITZSIMMONS WAS LUCKY BOXER
CHOYNSKI MADE HIM CHAMPION
The men met at New Orleans in the Olympic club, and in the first round Maher clipped Fitz on the chin, hanging him over the top rope dead to the world, or apparently so. The round had still 40 seconds to go when Joe Choynski, one of the seconds in Fitz's corner, reached over and hit the bell, and Alex Greggrains ran across the ring, picking Bob up in his arms and carrying him to his corner, while Referee Duffy was counting Fitz out.

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England Is Opposed to Ring System

SUCH funny decisions were handed down by the boxing judges in New York last year that Benny Leonard and Jack Britton refused to risk their titles. There was no hint of sharp practices, rather the bad decisions were ascribed to incompetency of the judges and laxity of the commission in assigning the men to the judging of important contests.

CRITICS REFUSE
The commission, however, saw the merits in the complaints made by many of the boxers and took means to correct whatever faults they could find in the operation of the law.

Attempts were made to go through the prominent sport writers take out licenses and sit in the judges' chairs, but met with no success.

ENGLAND HAS KICK
In England many kicks have been made recently about the system of judging in vogue there now. It seems that the practice of secret balloting has been substituted for the former custom of publicly announcing the decision of each judge and the referee, in the case of a disagreeing back.

Play in Club Hoop Leagues to Start Again This Week
M. A. C. HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

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Buffalo	3	0	1	.1000
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Tigers	1	4	0	.200
Hawks	0	5	0	.000

After two years of trying, the Robins have managed to break into the win column of the second section, junior boys basketball league of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club.

DECISION OF POINTS
6. Points should be deducted for a foul even though it is unintentional and not of a serious enough nature to warrant disqualification.

Oregon Aggies Lose Two Star Players
As a result of signing contracts with professional baseball teams, Hughie McKenna and Whit Gill, two star athletes of the Oregon Aggies, will be ineligible to participate in intercollegiate competition.

LIL' ART FINED A "Y" SPOT
Newark, N. J., Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—Jack Johnson, former world's heavyweight champion, was today fined \$5 in police court for violation of the traffic rules.

IDAHO'S FIRST P. C. I. A. TEAM

University of Idaho's basketball team, the first to wear the Gem state's colors in the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference. Reading from the left, the athletes are: Back row—Harry Edwards, guard; William Gartin, guard; Harold Telford, guard and center; Oswald Thompson, center; Cobb Cooker, substitute. Front row—Alex Fox, forward; Henry Canine, substitute; Adrian Nelson, forward; Richard Fox (captain), forward; Fred Maricau, substitute; Percy Styner, guard.

Gibbons Will Beat Frenchman Opinion of Eastern Critic

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—After all is said and done, Georges Carpentier's easy victory over George Cook is not sure indication that the Frenchman is as good as he was before he faced Jack Dempsey. Cook was simply built up for Carpentier. He proved another Joe Beckett.

KANSAS WANTS ANOTHER CHANCE
DAN ROGERS, aggressive manager of Rocky Kansas, stands ready and willing to open the eyes of the commission, but he insists that Leonard make a "double" fight.

SOLDIERS IN EAST SOME ATHLETES
CHARLEY ORNSTEIN, director of athletics in army posts in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland, predicts that Uncle Sam's soldier boys are due to open the eyes of the commission.

HAVE NO FEAR, GEORGES
Cook took in London in face of his return to Harry Greb is something we don't quite understand.

COOK MAY BOB UP AGAIN
THOUGH GEORGE COOK kissed the canvas in his bout with Carpentier he may bob up again, perhaps as an opponent for some American brawler who is in the art of growing up and coming on.

Eighty-four Yale Players Have Been On Camp's Elevens
AN ANALYSIS of Walter Camp's all-American teams since 1889 shows, according to an article in the Yale Daily News, that Yale has contributed the largest number of players, 84 in all.

Lively Ball to Disappear From National Game
Chicago, Jan. 28.—The war has been blamed for almost everything, but this is the first time it has been held responsible for the disappearance of the ball.

La Grande's Boxing Commission Resigns
La Grande, Jan. 28.—The entire boxing commission of the city of La Grande has resigned, following dissatisfaction at a recent boxing bout when a large group of fans declared that the chairman of the commission, C. D. Emahiser, should have acted as referee.

No Alliances for Tennis Body England Demanding Too Much
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—English and national alliances—of the British Lawn Tennis association and again the British world body—do not agree to anything but permanent play at Wimbledon.

WANT TITLE PLAY
The one obstacle, however, was the demand of England that the American subscribe to the plan of giving the international championship to Wimbledon in perpetuity.

West to Set New Pace in Track Meets

COACH JOHN F. MEEHAN of Syracuse college football team will inaugurate a series of night school classes for candidates during the winter. A session will be held each week, instruction being mostly by blackboard talks and in a new signal code which will be put in effect next fall.

COLLEGE SPORTS
The Oxford-University of England lacrosse team will arrive in this country in March. It will open against Johns Hopkins at Baltimore, March 28.

Curve Ball Hurlers May Halt Hitting
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—Return to the pitching standards of the old days is predicted in the major leagues next season.

SEEK RECOGNITION
There is considerable sentiment in the Middle West favoring the development of a meet which will be as popular in future as the Penna games. Members point out that the West has conquered the East in track whenever the two sections met during the past century.

TO DIVIDE RECEIPTS
Another reason is the expense of sending a full track team to Philadelphia, without receiving some expense money. Drake is to divide gate proceeds on pro ratio basis among all teams.

RACING
THE Orange county (N. Y.) circuit of light harness races will introduce several novelties July 25 to August 17.

DEMPSEY'S SUITS SETTLED
Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 28.—(U. P.)—Two actions brought by Frank P. Spilleman of Batavia against Jack Dempsey, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, for \$100,000 each, were settled.

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