# FIGHT FANS IN NEW YORK CITY BELIEVE FRANK MORAN WILL BEAT WILLARD

### "TIP" IS CIRCULATING IN NEW YORK THAT MORAN WILL DEFEAT JESS WILLARD

No One Knows Source of the "Inside Stuff," but It Appears Reasonable Considering the Battlers' Present Condition

THE tip is out in New York that Frank Moran will defeat Jess Willard in the big battle on March 25. No one knows where this "inside stuff" originated, but all of the wise birds that roost on Broadway are digging into the family bank rolls and wagering their perfectly good coin with reckless abandon. Many bets have been placed that Francis will receive the majority of newspaper decisions, while a few brave persons are on the short end of bets that Moran will knock out Willard before the fracas is over.

Perhaps there is a reason for this financial bravery, or it might be the result of the dreams of dopesters. Then, again, the wise ones might be backing their own judgment after looking over the training methods employed by the titleholder and the challenger.

Jess Willard is not training hard for the bout. He appears every afternoon at the Pioneer A. C. and performs before the "two-bit" audience 30 minutes per day. The boxing bouts with his friendly partners are huge jokes, and as yet the champion has shown nothing that can be considered high-class form. Moran, on the other hand, is working hard every day, is in the best of shape and can enter the ring today and give a good account of himself. While Jess is warming his feet near the steam radiator on sloppy days, Frank is trudging through the snow and slush on one of his seven-mile jaunts. All of which points to the fact that Moran means business, while Willard seems to be taking a chance,

#### Willard Is Out for the Coin

By this time it is a well-known fuct that Willard and his barber manager, Tawm Jones, of Kewanee, Ill., are out for the money, and they don't care how they get it. That stunt of charging the public 25 cents to look at the champion cavorting around the stage and the barring of newspaper photographers looks

One day last week a photographer had the courage to approach Willard's training quarters to take some pictures of the champion. He was stopped at the door, and it is said that Mr. Jones sent down word that nothing could be done until he (Mr. Jones) arranged for "his share." This sounds like petty larceny, and as a result few pictures have been shown, as the photographers refuse to "give up."

Willard is unpopular and is growing more so each day. He has acquired an air of concelt which is not at all becoming, and perhaps it is the wish that he will be defeated that has stimulated the betting in the large city.

#### Matty's Fate Is in Doubt

Fans who for the last 15 years viewed the exploits of Christy Mathewson are dublous as to the success of the Old Master in this season's campaign. Matty is toiling daily at Marlin, Tex., and on the outcome of his condition depends largely his fate in the games to come,

Big Six is making a determined effort to get in shape. Should the pains in his shoulder return when he cuts loose, his career as a member of the Giants will probably come to an end. It would be useless for him to continue training. Last season the big hurler was off form on account of a nervous disorder

in his left shoulder and his neck, and accordingly spent much time on the bench. When he did resume his post he was hammered harder than a bush leaguer just breaking in. He has been under the care of a specialist all winter, and on his departure for Marlin was told that it was almost certain that his old trouble would not return.

#### Amateur Association Great Boost for Baseball

The coalition of the Federal League and organized baseball was probably the biggest factor that ever developed for increasing the popularity of the national pastime. But the work of the National Baseball Federation, the body representating the amateur leagues of America, is second in this respect. The Federal League affair might be properly termed an accident in the history of baseball, while the continued efforts of the N. B. F. is simply an overflow, so to

speak, of baseball interest and enthusiasm.

Next Saturday there will be a meeting of this amateur association in Cincinnati. At that meeting it is proposed to have every amateur league in the country join the Federation. This will mean that baseball will get the most general impetus that it has ever gotten since the beginning of organized baseball and the adoption of the constitution which governs it.

For several years Cleveland has been the seat of the best amateur baseball in the country. There are more than 100 leagues in the Ohio city today, and every year the municipal tournament attracts far greater crowds than the Indians, on the average. Of course, one reason for this is that the games are played once a week; nevertheless, the excellent quality of baseball put up by the contending teams shows that the interest is not entirely due to the comparatively long time between games.

With Cleveland doing her full share, St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Columbus and Philadelphia joining in, the Federation this year should enter on a period of prosperity and progress hitherto undreamed of by the original backers of

#### May Draw Haughton Back to Harvard

Strangely enough the many former Harvard football stars new resident in this city and conspicuous in the activities of many of the prominent local clubs. are not mourning today and deploring the fact that Gliman, the All-American tackle and captain of the 1916 Harvard football eleven; Boles, a fast-running varsity halfback, and Tom Enwright, looked upon as the successor to Brickley and Mahan in the Crimson backfield, have been dropped from college for failure to pass examinations.

Many of these Harvard men, while regretting that such a fine type of man as Gilman should be lost to the team, look upon this action of the Harvard faculty as a blessing in disguise. They take this view, a strange one to be sure, because they believe it to be the lone thing that will keep Percy Haughton in control of Harvard football for a year or two more, at least,

It has generally been recognized by Harvard men here that Haughton would not actively control Harvard football next fall, but that he would, in view of his pressing duties with the Boston baseball club, be the advisory head of the eleven, and that the actual coaching, which he has performed in the past with such care and maryelous result, would fall to others. The planning of Harvard's play was to have fallen to Haughton, but some of his present stoff of conches would take up the actual field work:

#### Gilman Was a Tried, Seasoned Player

This course was believed feasible in view of the fact that Harvard had such a mature, seasoned captain as Gliman, who is older than the usual run of college player, a thinker and marvelously efficient player. It was thought that as so many veterans were available, and such a man as Gliman in direct charge on the field, Haughton could afford to step out and let the machine go along on its own momentum until a new controling head was obtained.

Now the complete elimination of Gilman, with its consequent upsetting of plans, and the removal of Harvard's bulwark in the line, makes matters assume a serious aspect, and the pressure from all sides, as well as from within Haughton's own mind, is believed by local clubmen to be now great enough to induce the peerless Haughton to put himself to the necessary inconveniences and to assume ence more the burden of Harvard's coaching destinies.

#### Penn Needs a Department of Freshman Athletics

Now that the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania has set aside one plot of ground of the newly acquired museum tract for the use of the Athletic Association, it should make a still further advance by establishing a department of freshman athletics, under the supervision of a competent director. No big university in the country has ever been so handkapped for room to develop its athletics as Pennsylvania. The plan of the Football Committee to turn this new field over to the freshman football team is good as far as it goes, but the sports of the first year men have now assumed such an importance that they deserve something more than a separate field.

Harvard has the right idea. The Crimson authorities put their freshman athletics under the management of a single department two years ago, and with one accord they announce it one of the best things they ever did. It would benefit Pennsylvania similarly, because it is the only way to get first year students started in athletics and to interest them sufficiently to keep them in athletics for their

entire college course. -

As things are now, the average freshman pursues his athletics only as long as he sees he has a chance to make a varsity team. The suggested department is needed to retain the interest of the mediocre men who, with careful supervision. may frequently be developed into first-class athletes.

# CAN F. BAKER COME BACK? HE IS, RICE SAYS

Home Run King Lands on Two That Settle Existing Doubts

FINGERS STILL SORE

#### By GRANTLAND RICE

MACON Ga., March 9.— The vital park, gentle reader, is still there. The id flame in the batting orb is still blazing. You may be in doubt as to blaxing. You may be in doubt as to whether there is a war in Europe or whether money mules a valuable justicesion, but if you desire one truth that is self-evident and beyond all rebuttal you can stand by this, viz.: "John Frank-

Fate stacked the earth against the one Run King yesterday, which makes his debut the more impressive. For a year he has been out of big league harness, dabbling with the succulent cab-bage and the perous squash.

He reported with the index finger of his right hand mashed, picinted and swathed until it resembled a breaded coal cultet more than a human talon. This accident, the result of a log-rolling party, must have made hat gripping a painful affair. He started on a day cold and cutting

nough to freeze the eyeballs of an Eski-no, in the whirt of a wind that hummed and whistled from the red clay hills down the whisted from the red cap across the held. It was no day for baseball, not even for those who had built up their tality through two weeks work.

And for the first time Donovan worked order four of his regulars-Keating. Caldwell, Fisher and Shawkey.

All this, certainly, was not picking any resched for a star to full upon on his first day out. The most carping of all critics could not say the occasion had been cut and dried for any assured triumphal de-

But when his time came to but Baker drove two that ranged beyond outfielding reach, out of four times up, and one of these brought up against the fence with a distinct thud. And that only starts the story. Haker, under such adverse condi-ions, might have easily been content to merely hit and then loaf to roften himself degrees. Generally, the more high ced the bric-a-bran, the more fragile it. The price was there, in golden bulk, but there is no fragility, gentle reader, about the first citizen of Trappe. Md.

He went to work with a swing and a map. After butting he circled the basis on a par with the dash of Magee and Maisel, and between chapters he was hat had brought him fame and fortune nd the plaudits of the crowd.

They will tell you that John Franklin cares nothing for fame or acclaim. You can write that off the list. No such superstole ever lived. But even if it were to work and by the flash of picusure that crossed his face as the first clean drive sailed on out to centre. The Old Boy wanted to feel one leave that sail again as much as any kid on the first warm day of spring.

game, and, as we suggested before, say what you want to about him, but don't forget this—John Franklia Baker can litt.

#### Bowling Alley Topics

Progressive made a poor showing amplies conters which amonged all three games corne Hill cracked out 611 for the winners. Northwestern No. 1 outrolled Adelphia in tirce straight sames on Terminal alleys, They con the second game by SIT to S14.

C. B. Higgins averaged a triffe under 209 of Bartram in its sweep against Spartan. His st scare, 225, was in his third game.

S. Beck, of Oak Lane, got a 237 score in his second game against Larchwood, Schinger started off with 245 in his first sine for Underdown No. 2, but did not main-

Accounting wen two from Supply in the Philadelphia Electric League, while Meter, rumoresum, rolling a billind, dropped three to installation.

Duffy contributed 213 and 203 in the last we games which Smith, Kilne & French won rom Mulford, the tallenders showing good Mooney's big effort netted 236 for Nationals a his final game.

#### Willard Gets Riled at Snapshot Artist

NEW YORK, March 9. - Big Jess Willard is a modest young fellow. He hates to have his picture taken, especially by strange photographers.

O. F. Browning, representing the Associated Newspapers, yesterday attempted to snap the champion as he walked from his hotel along West 81st street toward Central

Jess had previously refused to pose for Browning unless the lat-ter had Tom Jones' permission to make the picture. Browning did not have the consent. Says Browning in describing subsequent happenings:

"Willard rushed at me, grabbed me, shook me and threw my camera in a snowbank."

Browning hadn't made up his mind last night whether to sue Jess or not.

### KELLY-A GAME AT HOME



## PHILLIES' CHANCES TO RECAPTURE FLAG IN NATIONAL LEAGUE DEPEND ON MANY "IFS"

#### Wilbur Good and Bender Two Men on Whom Pat Is Depending to Help Club

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

With the other teams in the National League strengthened? This question has been asked thousands of times by the opposing team put more than one hurler fans since the peace agreement between in a hole from which he could not extricate himself unless the game had been Organized Ball and the Feds was signed. Prior to the peace agreement the Phil-lies looked like an excellent bet to repeat, if the broads did not go against them, but the same cannot be said at the present time. On paper the Philis do not look strong enough tin comparison with other teams) to finish better than third, because

the future of the Philis depends largely upon "ifs." and this treacherous little word can never be desended upon. The team has not been strengthened unless Bender and Good show better than they did in 1914. It may play better because the men naturally will have greater confidence and the advantage of further experience as a combination. The pennant of 1915 was won largely be-cause of a grand combination built on Alexander and Cravath.

#### Alexander was half the defense, while

but the moral effect of a Crayath on the Crayath played in a small league in Cali-

#### Phillies 1916 Roster

	PITCHERS	
Mexander	Mayer	Demare
Bender	River	Oeschie
t halmers	Aincup	Adams
McQuillan	Haumgariner	Rindes
	CATCHERS	
Killefer	Fish	Buens
Adams	O'Conner.	
	INFIELDERS	
Luderus	Bancraft	Dugey Nichoff
Barne	Stock	Nichoff
	OUTFIELDER	54
Devore	Cravath	Whitten
Paskert	Weiser	Ground

won by the Phils. Al- ander declares he is as good sever. It would be surprising if he did not, but it will require a few months of the playing season to convince

the skeptical.

Cravath also is a doubtful caulity. The home-run king will be able to hit as long as he can tote a bat to the plate, but if his legs are not stronger than they were in the closing days of the 1915 campaign, his value will decrease almost 50 her cent. value will decrease almost 50 per cent.

The eye is the last thing to go back on a great natural clubber, while the legs or arms are first. When the legs start to give way under the strain, a player is nearly at the end of his career. Perhaps Cravath's legs will be as good as ever, If they are, the Phillies' chance is much

#### Long Career

Alexander was half the defense, while in Cravath's case, it must be remem-trayath was almost half the offense, i red that, while he has been with the other players drove in runs and were in-likely only four years, he is starting directly responsible for many victories, his 15th season of professional ball.

### PHILLY CAN PLAY INDOOR TENNIS WHEN GIVEN CHANCE

Interest Shown in Recent Tournament Holds Well for Development of Stars—Larger Entry List Expected for Next Year

#### By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

First, many people learned what a few

If was also discovered, holwithstand-ing Paul Gibbons' assertion that many great efforts were induced by the band, that while music hath charms it is not conductive to good tennis. However, since we heard Mr. Gibbons make a few remarks about that hand we think he really agrees with us.

agrees with us.

The great discovery, however, is that Philadelphia is quite able to play indoor tennis if given the opportunity. The events in all classes were marked by good tennis and great interest. The ladies played consistently and well. The boys showed that we have quite a few promising kids to work with while the men's event produced some of the best tennis seen around Philadelphia in years.

The real reason that the interest was

The real reason that the interest was sustained to the end was the efficient management of Paul W. Gibbons, chairman, and his assisting committee. Mr. Gibbons never allowed the court to be variant for a moment, with the result that every event except the men's doubles was finished on time. These doubles would have been completed, only Thayer and Hall, Thayer and Davis, Tilden and Oxborne and about three others played over borne and about three others played over-time matches that delayed the doubles. There is no doubt that next season's

There is no doubt that next meason's tournament will see a larger and classic entry list even than this. It is a pleasure to feel that the name of Willis E. Davis, California State champion, is the first to go on our new trophy cup. It will be a great incentive to men next year to try to place their name alongside. Judging by Davis form indoors, it looks as if we may also have the ulcasive of greating bits. have the pleasure of greeting him as our ext outdoor city champion

THERE is a saying that one is never too old to learn. It is from new ventures that we learned much from the indoor tennis championship of Philadelphia, held last week at the armory.

which won the praise of all the tennis better than Mayer if he gets a good start, as he gains confidence and goes better if neck and Myers, of Penn Charter, runners up in the doubles, did not play singles. Pernock, especially, showed remarkable form and would have made the event still has his old-time speed, and just so more interesting.

First, many people learned what a rew of us already knew, that Willis E. Davis, the new champion, is a tennia player of the very first class. Some of us learned it from sad experience, It was also discovered, notwithstanding Paul Gibbons' assertion that many large Paul Gibbons' assertion that many pounds and class of the game goes were David Beard, of German'own Academy, and Carl Fischer, of Cynwyd. Fischer, with his remarkable forehand drive, needs but some good instruction to make a really remarkable youngster. Beard has a better rounded game, volleying with accuracy and his game, volleying with accuracy and hit-ting well from the base line. Both these boys are handicapped by size at present. Howard Shiel, runner-up to Wilson in the Nebraskan gruelling finish. A good left-h the singles, showed what steadiness and headwork without shots can do. It look him to the finals and on the way beat two

ners, are hard hitting, erratic joungsters with lots of possibilities of development

#### M'CARRON AND BORRELL ARE WORKING HARD FOR CONTEST Local Entry Training for Knockout

in Norristown Match

Reports this morning from Allentown Reports this morning from Allentown stated that Jack McCarron was training more diligently for his encounter with Joe Borrell at the Palace A. C., Norristown, next Tuesday night, than for any match of his career. "Middleweight Champion of Pennsylvania" goes to the winner, and the Irish Demon is anxious to bring the title to Allentown.

Borrell has been dropping his sparring partners in gymnasium work-outs daily, and he was confident today that he would have McCarron on the floor for the 10-second toll before the limited 15 seasions

St. Paul promoters will have their eyes focused on the result of the Norristown battle, and it is probable the winner will get an offer to meet Mike Gibbons. Bor-The junior event was a great success, both in the interest the boys took and the excellent tennis they played. Sering Wilson, of Cynwyd Club, who won the championship, played a game in the finals win by the kayo route.

# Cravath and Alexander Were Offensive and Defensive Stars of

fornia in 1902 and joined Los Angeles in 1995. He remained with Los Angeles un-til the Red Sox purchased him. His career since that time is too well known to be worth regating.

Last Season

Bancroft is going to be even better than in 1915, and probably will be the peer of shortstops before the coming season ends: while Stock also should improve. Niehoff may be a trifle better, but he is a player who has certain limits, above which he never will go, and the mad chase for a second baseman this winter will not improve his confidence any.

Barring the pitching and entching

Barring the pitching and catching, there is not another position on the team which is likely to be stronger than last year. Already Goods is being awarded Paskert's position, but if he beats the veteran out it will surprise National League players greatly.

The great trouble with Paskert is lack of confidence. If he can open the season with a lot of base hits he will continue to club the ball, but if he gets a start similar to 1915, his average will be just about as low. Paskert worries and thinks too much about his batting average, and must be rid of the fault. But at that he is a better all-around man than Goode if the latter has shown his best at Chicago.

Whitted is a certainty in left, and is good outfielder. It is said that he will a good outleider. It is said that he will be switched to second base, but there is little chance of this. Huggins tried to make a second baseman of Whitted, but found that he was not only slow in handling throws, but could not field a ball to his right. He also takes too much time getting a ball away from him. To throw fast and accurately, Whitted must straighten up and this type bever straighten up, and this type never amounts to much at the keystone sack.

#### Good Pitchers

The Phillies will have another great pitching staff, and there lies its chance for the pennant. If Mayer can get off to a great start again and does not break in midseason, as he did in 1915, he will win about five more games than he did last year. Manager Moran will have more confidence in Chalmers and he will be allowed to work oftener. Chalmers will be even better than Mayer if he gets a good start,

"Chief" Bender is going to be a great help to Moran. The former Mackman still has his old-time speed, and just so long as he has it he will be a wonder for relief pitching, even if he fails to go the route. The writer is confident that Bender is going to shock the baseball fans who is going to shock the baseball fans who have been predicting that he is through as a major league pitcher. If Bender is able to go to the relief of wavering twirlers. Moran will be enabled to keep Alexander out of the "bull pen." which will permit the Nebraskan to save his strength for A good left-hander is needed badly by

A good left-hander is nessed that, the Phils. Rixey pitched some fine games last season, particularly against the Braves, but the team has little confidence in him because he lacks it himself. He is above this season if he is ever to be must show this season if he is ever to be of much value to the team. If Rixey does at least show the form his great natural ability should permit, Moran's staff will be as formidable as that of the Braves. Not much dependence can be placed

on the recruits, but Demarce and McQuil lan may prove of value. Demarce has an excellent head and a thorough knowledge of the National League batsmen, which makes his position certain. McQuillan nust show consistent form or he r allowed to depart to make room for Joe



# VETERAN PHILLY PITCHERS ENGAGE IN SHORT DRILL

Bender and Alexander on Mound in Batting Practice This Morning

WEATHER IS WARM

By a Staff Correspondent

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fia., March 5.—
The mid-season ring of the old base bigs was heard and echoed through the play woods surrounding Coffee Pot Park the morning. Pat Moran, having once read a paper that one of the best methods of getting runs is to pound out hits, has decided that his young men shall become thoroughly proficient in the art of size, ming the pill full in the face.

Therefore, Moran sont, Chalmers, the

Therefore Moran sent Chalmers Alex. Therefore Moran sent Chaimers, Alexander and Bender to the mound to és a little gentle tossing to the batsmen the morning. None of them put much as the ball, the result being that base his fairly rained down the long slope in cannifield and kept the retrievers working extime to recover and relay the spheres best to the diamond. After this trio had gatten enough pitching some of the yoursters were sent to the hill. They had more stuff than their better-known teammates, or at least they were willing to let the immedices out further. Consequently they was a noticeable let-up in the base hiting and more weak grounders and pop file gladdened the infielders' mitts.

Today was warmer than vertender.

Today was warmer than yesterday. The wind that swept across the field as Wednesday was lacking, and the team got a fine workout. Moran told every man to be back in uniform and ready far afternoon work at 2 o'clock.

Al Lang, the leading real entate man and backer of baseball here, has been en-tertaining the Phillies extensively size their arrival.

#### ROOKIES AND REGULARS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Manager Onlifth and the main squad of Washington American Leaguers arrived today. They found nearly all the rookles on the hospital list, with toss little and severe colds, even Comedian Nic Altrock cronking.

MACON, Ga.—All Macon trooped in to view Frank Baker's finner, when the home-ranking finally put the member on exhibits Baker said a log rolled on his right hook.

MARLIN, Tex.—Jim Thorpe gof a threshouser in the Giants' daily six-inning practic game. The Wendels heat the Kochers, 9 to 3.

DAYTON. Fla.—Dave Hickman, form ferrapin star, gathered most of the hass then the Dodgers stove in Steison College, to 10, in the Dodgers first full-length pea-ame. Hickman got three triples and a dock

MIAMI. Fla.—With Panama hats as states we teams of Braves started a series of larges here this afterboon. Knetter state it the box for the regulars with Barnes of copposing bill. MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—At the White Set raining camp here Jim Scott's new curs as been dubbed the "x-ball," the sirebnal true being applied because it is not knew just what turn the curve is going to take

TAMPA. Fin.—A game of weary and seemuseled athletes went through a light work out at the Cub training camp here telegraphers. Frank Schulie and Zabel are in the way a drawing suspensions if they don't get on be loss soon.

PALESTINE, Tex.—With the Browns ship the first eligns of rounding life shipleder Jones slowed up the workouts to the regular eight-inning game was called

SAN ANTONIO. Tex.—The Cardinals as rimed for the first squad game today. Will be Bronchos away. Huckins divided his spat i two sections and will tura them loose is eligible in the game this afternoon. There is a Charley horse in the samp. WACHASICHIE, Tex.—Jennings gave by Theors their first taste of real basenall re-terday in a seven-inning game between pick-teams. The frrisistibles walloped the la-vincibles, 7 to 6.

WASHINGTON—Clark Griffith and most of his regulars left Washington at 10:10 tolar for the Charlottesville training camp. Sheat all answer roll call tomorrow as expected & will be on hand, of whom 30 actually appear in the line-up.

DAWSON SPRINGS KY.—Clearettes as taboo in the Pirate camp. Manager Callabar put his foot down on them in the course of secture delivered to the Pittsburgh advance squad today. A long hike over the hills as some lively baseball practice was the program for this afternoon. NEW ORLEANS—Manager Lee Fold today made the prediction that Cleveland fans as aroung to be able to boost of the fastest have ranning team representing that city in mar seasons. Larry Chappelle and Bobby Rea are showing all sorts of speed in the outside and on the bases.

CHICAGO—A rumor persists here that Bal Chase will play first base for the New ter Glants. The ex-federal Leaguer is the last of the stars of that organization to land win organized baseball. Chase is due in the sal today or tomorrow to settle his bases?

SHREVEPORT, La.—The famed game of huttlesock is playing a part in the Rhinner of the control of

Chinese Nine on Way Here HONOLULU, March 9.—The Chinese versity ball players have left here on steamship Matsonia for San Francisco, without will begin their tour of the United Six The opening same will be played with Stanford University nine, on March 16.



ONE LOOK! THAT'S ALL National A. C. National A. C. Joe Azvedo vs. Johnny O'Leary Patsey Cline vs. Eddie Morgan

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Balabridge MONDAY NIGHT—8:30 SHAPP Whitey Fitzgerald vs. Franks Clark STANLEY KETCHEL vs. VOUNG WEBSE GEORGE RUACKBURN vs. ABE KARLOFF BUCK FLEMING vs. EDDIF. MOY Benny Leonard vs. Sam Robideau Adm., 25c. Bul. Res., 50c. Arena Res., 15c.

McCARRON-BORREL 15

BROADWAY A. C. STANLEY HINKLE VS. JOE WELSH

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-WHAT? DOST THOU HESITATE, MANTILLUS, EVEN ON SATURDAY NIGHT? A CLEAN PASS

