

NEW YORK FANS CONFIDENT M'GRAW'S MEN WILL WIN CHAMPIONSHIP—OTHER SPORTS NEWS

ALVIE MILLER BETTER BOXER THAN WILLIAMS AND KILBANE, SO LORAIN FANS BELIEVE

Ohioan Willing to Meet Either Champion—Six Bouts at National Tonight—Ertle Crawled Out of Kaufman Match, Says Manager

LORAIN, O., has a world's champion. The fans there admit it, although record books do not carry the name of a boxer recognized as a title holder from that city. Just as soon as Kid Williams or Johnny Kilbane gets into the same ring with 21-year-old Alvie Miller the entire universe will be convinced that Lorain has a champion in its domain. This is the opinion of Al's home constituents.

Miller, who meets Frankie McManus in a return mix at the National Club here tonight, is a legitimate featherweight. He can make 115 pounds, he says, and will do that poundage for Mr. Kid Williams at an old time and at any old place where 20-round matches to a decision are permissible.

While the Lorain lad would like to get a crack at Williams' crown, he would much rather try to knock John P. Kilbane, featherweight champion of Cleveland, O., off his pinnacle. Why prefer Kilbane, considered to be a much better man, pugilistically than Williams? Oh, well, Alvie knows he can win from Kilbane.

Fought the Champion

Last year, September 4, to be exact, Miller met Kilbane in 12-round contest at Cedar Point, O., and in the last few rounds, Alvie says, "there was nothing to it. I had Johnny going, also coming, and if the bout was scheduled for 20 rounds Lorain, O., would be happy with its own champion."

Miller impressed local fans with his terrific punching ability on his debut here several weeks ago, when he knocked down and defeated McManus. McManus is one of the smartest little fellows in the ring and it was surprising to see Miller catch Frank unawares and topple him to the canvas. It was the first time McManus had been knocked down in local competition.

Tonight Mr. Miller will find himself stacked up against a more careful boxer, one who will take advantage of every opening, and Alvie probably will be in receipt of many hard wallop. Although Miller won by a big margin over McManus in their first fight, Alvie has no easy proposition tonight, and he may find himself running second when the final gong clangs.

Five Other Bouts

Six matches in all are billed for the National. Joe Asvedo, the Portuguese battler, is down for the final. His partner for the act is to be Buck Fleming, who indulges in the hit-and-get-away act rather than slug.

Two clever boxers—Johnny Cahill vs. Al Nelson—should make things interesting for each other as well as the spectators in their endeavor to land the more jobs. Frankie Conroy vs. Joe Welch, Henry Hauber vs. Ben Carlin, an up-state middleweight, and Willie Baker vs. Johnny Loughrey are the other numbers.

Ertle Crawled

"Johnny Ertle crawled out of his match with Kaufman and no one can convince me otherwise," Benny was all primer to give Tomillitis Johnny a fine lacing, too. "This was the statement made today by Charley Weir, manager of the Philadelphia box. When Mike McNulty agreed to the match he had no intention of going through with it. If he had, why didn't he post a forfeit?" Weir displayed a receipt for a \$250 forfeit for Kaufman, posted with Jack Hanlon for appearance and weight, 115 pounds, ringside.

Harry D. Nelson, who is to fight Ertle for the match on May 18, according to Weir, but Kaufman never hooked up until after his match with Nate Jackson two weeks ago. Weir regrets very much that the match was called off, as he

CENTRAL HIGH IS FAVORITE TO WIN BIG MEET TODAY

Captain Everett Smalley Likely to Break Records in Title Games

BASKETBALL.

Upper Darby High vs. Haverford High, at Lansdowne.

Cheltenham High vs. Lansdowne High, at Lansdowne.

South Philadelphia High vs. Wilmington High, at Wilmington.

Dorchester High vs. Haverford High, at Haverford.

Collingswood High vs. Haverford High, at Haverford.

Malvern High vs. Burlington High, at Burlington.

Delaware High vs. Jenkintown High, at Jenkintown.

Lower Merion High vs. Norristown High, at Norristown.

Norristown High vs. Ambler High, at Ambler.

TRACK.

High school track and field championship meet, at Houston Field.

Unless the unexpected happens the Central High School track and field team will win the city high school championship meet this afternoon at Houston Field. Dr. Mathew C. O'Brien's protégés are the favorites, having won the indoor title and also the dual meets with the other high schools in this section.

Led by Captain Everett Smalley, the star hurdler, who has been breaking records in going over the low as well as the high timbers, the Central High athletes loom up strong, with Northtown High and West Philadelphia next in line for titular honors. Originally the games were scheduled to be held on the Northeast field, but the Central High grounds can accommodate a larger crowd.

Coch James Sigmund, of the Northeast High team, has been working hard with his youngsters. Northeast High has sure point winners in such runners as Rodgers, the colored quarter miler, who has been running in time close to 61 seconds, and McCormack. Records are sure to fall in the meet this afternoon, for Smalley's running in the hurdle races has been the sensation of the scholastic season.

The professors at the Germantown High school are elated. They had school team in the annual Germantown High-School game at the home field 14 to 10. The game was a fine one. Philip G. Lewis pitched a good game for the home team, and the other players did splendid work. Kids, the star outfielder, was the leading hit on the Germantown High side.

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