

FANS HOPE TO SEE LEONARD STOP CHAMPION WELSH—ALEXANDER NEARLY BREAKS RECORD

HUGE CROWD TO SEE BENNY CHASE FREDDY AROUND RING FOR THE LIGHTWEIGHT CROWN

Leonard-Welsh Bout Should Draw Fight Followers Who Have Hopes of Seeing Champion Take the Count

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

EVERY time Freddy Welsh faces the barrier against a recognized opponent—which is seldom—the howling mob storms the gates, seldom real money into the box office and promoters profit greatly thereby.

Freddy always is a good drawing card, and there should be a huge flock of cash customers at Washington Park, the old Fed ball yard in Brooklyn, when he meets Benny Leonard tomorrow night.

However, comma, the frenzied, night following fans will not separate themselves from their legal tender because Mr. Welsh is a popular champion. Ah, no!

R. W. MAXWELL and likewise nix, nix! The pecuniary patrons will enter the park with hope surging in their manly bosoms—a hope that Benny busts Freddy on the jaw hard enough to knock him over the right-field fence or drop him into the bleachers for a home run. In other words, they want to see the lightweight champ take the count of a couple of hundred and are anxious to be in on the finish.

Has Been Quite Active

For years Freddy has been one of the most active members of the Freddy Soft Club. He has met all of the class houses in the land, but the class he insisted on was steepest. Few ninth or seventeenth raters missed him, and he accumulated quite a wad of the stuff they use to pay the ice and grocery bills—voluntary contributions from the Dear Old Patient, Suffering Public. The champ seldom took a chance, and while they stood for it, why should he? If Welsh were a wrestler he would be the first to challenge Gutch for the championship—now that Frank has a broken leg.

But enough of this panning. Freddy is a swell boxer, is clever, has a wonderful defense and has the best footwork ever seen in the ring. Somebody told us a couple of days ago that the Allies over in Europe were in hard straits, up against it, and other things, because they didn't know what step to take next. They shouldn't worry. Welsh is a good British citizen, and all they have to do is to wire him. Freddy knows every step that has been invented, and some more that are kept secret from the public. He can offer valuable advice, as he puts his stuff over with such ease and grace that Vernon Castle turns green with envy every time he hears about it.

Speaking of Steps

Welsh does most of his stepping to the side, and the chances are that he will make use of his terpsichorean art in his fusa with Leonard. Benny is hot after the lightweight crown and will not hesitate to flatten Freddy if an opportunity presents itself. The Champ has had his ear to the

ground, however, knows Leonard's evil intentions, has the dope on the dastardly plot to swipe the title, and will do all in his power to prevent it.

Freddy has been training hard for the bout, and says he is in great condition. Judging from pictures printed on the back page of the EVENING LEDGER yesterday, his stuff will go big. The champion is seen trying to throw a bull, and seems to be the master of the well-known animal.

Welsh also is doing quite a little road work for the fracas, for he intends to use his legs to good advantage. He has a wonderful Marathon record in the ring, and probably has covered more ground than any other boxer in the business. Freddy will begin to run in the very first round and his speed will make Ted Meredith's record-breaking performance look like a race between Barney Oldfield and an intrepid driver of an ice wagon.

Here's the Dope

But to get down to the real dope. We arrive at the following conclusion: Benny Leonard wants that title and will do everything possible to get it. Freddy Welsh has the title and is not at all anxious to part with it. What will be the result? Benny will force the fighting and Freddy will keep away from him. Benny will chase the champion all over the ring for ten rounds, and at the end will be declared the winner. But—and this is the best part of it all—Freddy will not lose his crown. He cares nothing for a cluster of adverbs newspaper decisions, for his scrap book is filled with them. He will retain the lightweight championship of the world and still be able to meet Charley White in Denver on Labor Day and get a big slice of that \$17,500 purse.

As has been said before, Freddy is a very clever person. If he goes into the ring and remains on the defensive, nobody in the world can knock him out. Leonard can try every stunt he knows, but he will be unable to make a fight, and unless Welsh comes out into the open there will be a bunch of sad guys sitting around the ringside.

Welsh Has Nerve

Don't get the idea from these Spencerian bouquets that Freddy is a quitter. The Champion has all kinds of nerve and can take some mighty hard wallops on the chin without showing the white feather. He has been handed several beatings in the past and always came back for more, fighting harder and harder. If he tin-cans in his bout with Leonard, it will not be because he fears physical injury, but because he is protecting his title. He is very careful about his ring honor.

However, he might surprise us all by standing up and exchanging punches with the challenger—the way he did with Frankie Whitney in New York last March. If he does this, it will be a swell scrap and worth going miles to see. If not, you know the answer.

And here we come to the big question which will be answered tomorrow night. Will Freddy Welsh?

BENNY LEONARD IN TRAINING FOR WELSH MIX



ALEX COMES NEAR BREAKING RECORD HELD BY MATTY

Nebraskan Pitches Only 72 Balls in Retiring Pirates Yesterday

AFTER EARNED-RUN MARK

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

Many of the fans at the Philly Park yesterday commented upon the fact that the first game, but few realized just why the contest was completed in one hour and 22 minutes. This is an unusually fast game, particularly when one considers the one-sided score and the fact that 24 hits were made by the two teams.

If the fans had known the real cause of the fast time of the game, they would have been reminded of it along about the seventh inning, a new world's record for the number of balls pitched in retiring a team for the first time in the history of the game. In the nine innings of the first game yesterday, Alexander pitched exactly 72 balls, which is four above the record made by Charley Matheron.

When one considers that Alexander was found for 10 hits and eared up in the closing innings of the game, this near-record is one of the most remarkable pitching feats in years. Had it not been for the fact that he eared up in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings after having been given a seven-run lead, it is virtually certain that a new mark would have been made.

About six weeks ago Alexander retired the side for nine innings on 76 balls, but that game was close and the Nebraskan could take no chances, whereas yesterday he started the seventh inning carefully, issuing his only pass of the game, and in the last three sessions the Philly star pitched almost as many balls as in the first six.

earned, and he is striving to break the average earned runs per game and total runs scored record for a season, and it looks very much as if he will turn the trick.

Included in Alexander's 19 victories are nine shut-outs, which is only three below his greatest record for a season, and it is reasonably certain that he will break this mark. He also has allowed less than one earned run per game, which is a feat never before equaled at this time of the season. If it had not been for one game against Brooklyn earlier in the season and another against Boston, Alexander would be almost certain to keep below the one earned run per game average for the season.

"Alex" had only two days' rest, and it is likely that this will be the limit resting period for him for the balance of the season. Manager Moran realizes that the Phils must have better pitching to win the pennant, and as Alexander is in wonderful shape and not feeling the effects of overwork he is to be pushed to the limit for the balance of the season, or until the pennant is won or lost.

Lalip Wins Smithtown Polo Cup
SMITHTOWN, L. I., July 27.—Lalip's crack polo team outright yesterday the Smithtown polo cup, defeating the Smithtown players by a net score of 164 goals to 64.

Runs Scored This Week by Big-League Clubs

RUNS scored by all teams in American and National Leagues from Thursday, July 20, to Wednesday, July 26, inclusive. Only runs that figure in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of five innings or more are included in the table:

Club	T	F	R	S	M	T	W	T
Chicago	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Louis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pittsburgh	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Boston	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New York	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Washington	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cleveland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Paul	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cincinnati	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

THREE BIASECTED GOLF COURSES WILL PLANT NINE HOLES MORE

By SANDY MENBLICK

DECISIONS by three of the smaller local clubs to extend their nine-hole courses to 18 holes, probably at the end of the present season, has stirred up considerable agitation among members of other nine-hole courses.

They would do likewise.

In these modern times executive committees of clubs find that golfers want to play 18 different holes, and that the same nine holes and day out get very monotonous to a golfer at all expert.

This is the fellow who jumps his short-hole club at the first chance he has of membership in a club owning links to the full measure.

Frankford has a very strong membership of star golfers, though its best two, Clem Webster, Jr., and Maurie Jones, have not been able to play at home this season. The club has a very fine nine-hole course with excellent greens and fairways. There is plenty of undulation, and a creek crosses and recrosses the fairways.

Attenuated Links Grow

But the committee hopes to spread out on a beautiful neighboring property at the end of the season and have an 18-hole course as good as any of them. Some of the present holes will be kept, but it is likely that there will be a complete re-planting.

The Lu Lu Temple Country Club, which has added a tremendous body of recruits to the golf army of the city, is on fire with the golf fever and finds the present nine holes pretty tame. They too, will take over an adjoining property and have a fine 18-hole links.

The layout will be completely shaken up, and it is probable that only two or three of the present holes will survive. Woodbury contemplates cutting out holes through the woods and beautifully adapted ground which adjoined the old first green. In one or two more seasons all these clubs expect to be in shape to offer their courses for the regular scheduled events of the Golf Association.

Most of the members of the Bala Golf Club are thoroughly satisfied with the present nine-hole course, for it ranks in the minds of most local players as the best bisected course in the city. This is one of the few clubs in which the members do not openly show their envy.

We have heard talk that some day 18-hole courses will be entirely out of date and all folks will play on will be 36-holers. This does not seem reasonable, since such a layout requires a small fortune and almost the land of a county. There was a time when nine-hole courses were thought to be about the limit. The first championship in 1894 was played over a nine-hole course at 35 holes of medal play. The winning card was 185, by the way.

18 Holes in 132 Champion

But this had nothing on the first woman's championship.

Mrs. C. S. Brown won it with a fine card of 133 for 18 holes. If that were the speed nowadays we fear they would never be able to find the winner, for the whole entry list would have its hands on the cup at the finish.

A family golf tournament would not be a bad idea in this city; husband, wife, daughter and a son. There would be several such teams that could give each other a fine run for the championship. One of the best teams would be that of the Meehan family, at North Hills.

This family has probably won more trophies of all kinds, but mostly golf, than any household in the city. As one of the boys puts it: "Gee, a fellow can't bump into anything or nick anything up in the house without it being a prize or trophy of some sort."

This is a fact, too. The house is filled from top to bottom with all kinds of trophies signifying the athletic prowess of the family.

There are more than 30 cups alone. J. Franklin Meehan, Sr., head of the house of Meehan, started his athletic days as a baseball player. He played in many a

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Club	W	L	P	W	L	P
Brooklyn	49	33	588	902	580	580
Philadelphia	48	37	549	854	482	482
Pittsburgh	48	40	520	820	470	470
New York	48	48	470	482	470	470
St. Louis	47	40	482	482	470	470
Cincinnati	47	40	482	482	470	470
Cleveland	47	40	482	482	470	470

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Club	W	L	P	W	L	P
New York	51	34	573	573	547	547
Boston	49	37	549	549	523	523
Cleveland	50	40	530	530	504	504
Washington	47	45	523	523	497	497
Chicago	47	45	523	523	497	497
St. Louis	47	45	523	523	497	497
Athletics	47	45	523	523	497	497

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati at New York—cloudy.
St. Louis at Brooklyn—cloudy.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia—cloudy.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York at Chicago—clear.
Boston at Cleveland—clear.
Washington at St. Louis—clear.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Newark at Baltimore—clear.
Providence at Richmond—clear.
Presidents at two games—clear.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia, 9, Pittsburgh, 1 (first game).
Philadelphia, 9, Pittsburgh, 3 (second game).
St. Louis, 3, Brooklyn, 2 (first game).
Cincinnati, 6, New York, 2.
Boston, 1, Chicago, 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis, 5, Athletics, 0 (first game).
Detroit, 5, Washington, 3 (1st inning).
Boston, 3, Cleveland, 0.
Chicago, 3, New York, 0.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Newark, 6, Buffalo, 5 (first game).
Providence, 6, Buffalo, 5 (second game).
Newark, 11, Baltimore, 3.
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MABEL TRASK IS WINNER OF RICH TROTTING STAKE

Merchants and Manufacturers' Classic Goes to Walter Cox's Steed VICTORY WAS EASY ONE

DETROIT, Mich., July 27.—Mabel Trask, owned and driven by Walter Cox, of Dover, N. H., had little trouble winning the historic Merchants and Manufacturers' \$10,000 stake for 2:08 trotters at the Grand Circuit meeting here yesterday. None of the other contestants seemed able to give the New Hampshire mare anything like an argument and she won almost as she pleased.

Eight horses made the start in the first heat, but when the third was reached only four were left. Trampright and Sadie S. being distanced in the first and The Eno and Rusticoot in the second heat. The Eno fell over in the second heat, but was not injured.

In the first heat Mabel Trask led St. Frisco and Virginia Barnette all the way from the first quarter, swinging along easily into victory half a length ahead of St. Frisco, with Virginia Barnette several lengths back in third place.

The Eno made a good showing in the second heat until he fell in the stretch. Mabel Trask, however, came up from second place at the turn and won in a canter with Cox holding her back. Miss Perfection was second and St. Frisco a poor third. The first quarter of this mile was stepped in :32.

The third heat was much slower than the preceding two and was taken by Mabel Trask eased up, with St. Frisco second, four lengths behind, Virginia Barnette a nose behind St. Frisco.

Colleen had anything but an easy time winning the 2:14 pace. She got the decision by taking the first two heats, one in a whipping finish and the other by a neck in a hard drive. The third heat was the best mile of the race. In another whipping finish Thomas Earl nosed out Colleen for the decision.

The 2:14 trot went to Azora Axworthy, which won the first two heats. Miss Denmore, a strong contender in the first two, won the third by coming up from behind at the stretch and finishing a neck ahead of Azora Axworthy.

Mermaids to Compete in N. Y. Tonight
NEW YORK, July 27.—Charmant women swimmers of the east and aspirants for the championship will compete in the first of a series of swimming races and diving contests which will be held in the big pool at Riverside Park, at Coney Island, during the events for the women will be a 50-yard freestyle race and handicap competition. The diving contest has been well filled.

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