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Louisiana, Who Meets Joey Fox at National Tomorrow Night, Came Close to Shattering Precedent When He Twice Dropped Kid Williams for Count in 1915

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. WHEN Frankie Brown landed that left hook on Johnny Kilbane's chin and sent the champion to the mat in the third round at the Olympia last Monday night some of the audience believed they were about to see a championship change hands. But there was no chance. In the first place, it wasn't a championship bout and neither man weighed even close to the featherweight limit of 122 pounds. In the second place—and this is the real dope—championships never change hands in the city of Philadelphia. This sounds strange, but take it from us, it's on the level. Philadelphia is the foremost boxing city in the world; more bouts have been held here than in any other city, yet not one champion has been crowned. Some of the champs had narrow escapes, but never has there been a clean knockout in a bout where a champion met a contender and the title changed hands. The Kilbane-Leonard bout was one in which Kilbane had everything to win and nothing to lose. Had Johnny stopped Leonard that night he would have been the lightweight champion. As it was, he took the count, but still retains the featherweight title. Boxing has been a sport in Philadelphia for ninety-eight years. Perhaps the old boys staged bouts longer than that, but the earliest record in 1821, when a young man named Jim Sanford was knocking 'em stiff along the river front. That's a long time for a sport to stick before the public, but we must admit it's popular. But speaking of championships changing hands, the state of Nevada stands in the front rank. Three times has the titleholder been beaten—first on March 17, 1897, when Bob Fitzsimmons showed the effectiveness of the solar plexus blow on Jim Corbett; afterward on September 3, 1906, when Joe Gans beat Battling Nelson, and the last time was that memorable July 4, 1910, when Jack Johnson annihilated Jim Jeffries in fourteen rounds. California also must be considered, for it was there that Jimmy Britt, Stanley Ketchell, Johnny Kilbane and others won titles. Wisconsin has one, Papke and Ketchell; Connecticut one, when Young Corbett knocked out Terry McGovern; New York has seen many new monarchs step in, and even Louisiana is on the list. Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania have been forgotten.

SOME kind person once looked up the heavyweight championship battles since the days of Sullivan when the title changed hands, and submits the following: Louisiana has had two, Sullivan-Ryan and Corbett-Sullivan; Nevada has had two, Fitzsimmons-Corbett and Johnson-Jeffries; New York one, Jeffries-Fitzsimmons; Australia one, Johnson-Burns; and Cuba one, Willard-Johnson.

Williams Had Narrow Escape Against Louisiana

ONCE upon a time we almost crowned a champion in our city and missed by a fraction of a second. It was on April 5, 1915, the day Willard vanquished Jack Johnson in Havana. Kid Williams, then bantam champion, met Louisiana at the Olympia, and the boys weighed in at 116 pounds rindside. For two rounds Williams, who was a great little fighting machine, hammered Louisiana all over the ring, and it looked like an easy victory for the champion. But it was different in the third. When the boys were coming out of a clinch Louisiana landed a left hook on the Kid's jaw and Williams dropped. Frank O'Brien walked across the ring and began to count. At four Williams tried to arise, but was flat on his back at the count of six. When O'Brien reached eight the champion pulled himself together and barely arose to his feet before ten was tolled off.

The house was in an uproar. Williams, blindly staggering around, was struck again and once more dropped to the canvas. He took the long count, arose and after a few clinches went down again. It was Louisiana's wildness that saved the champion, for after the third round he came back strong and kept out of danger. Louisiana has grown larger and now is one of the leading featherweights. Saturday night he meets Joey Fox, the champion of England, at the National, and the battle will go a long way toward selecting an opponent for Johnny Kilbane. Also, it must be remembered that the local boy will be the champion of something if he scores a knockout.

In 1894 the Kentucky Rosebud knocked George Dixon stiff in a benefit bout, but the boys did not weigh in and another round was boxed after "Little Chocolate" recuperated.

Louisiana Should Make It Interesting for Fox

JOEY FOX, holder of the Lord Londale belt, which is emblematic of the featherweight championship of England, made quite a hit at the National two weeks ago when he trimmed the sturdy, hard-hitting Young Robinson in six rounds. Fox is a legitimate featherweight and one of the cleverest boys we have seen here this season. He defeated every one on the other side and came here with the express purpose of annexing Johnny Kilbane's crown.

When he stacks up against Louisiana tomorrow night he will meet a very tough customer, a boy who can hit hard with either hand and who will rough it up at every opportunity. It is an ideal match, for it brings together a boxer and a slugger, and that always is sensational.

Taking it all in all, Jack Hanlon has arranged a very good program for the National patrons. Battling Murray, who scored a decisive victory over Battling Leonard two weeks ago, will be in the semi-up against Bobby Doyle. The Battler, who is managed by Johnny Burns, is anxious to meet Jimmy Wilde in England. He is a hard hitter, built like a motor-truck and is fairly clever.

Battling Leonard will mingle with Tommy Gorman, and that, too, will be good. The boys boxed at the Cambria a short time ago and made a big hit.

MOST interest, however, is in the wind-up, and the result will have an important bearing on the featherweight situation. If Louisiana wins by a knockout he will have a chance to claim the championship of England. If Fox is victorious he can continue on his campaign to force Kilbane into a match.

Johnson's Childlike Squawk Pathetic

JACK JOHNSON has a penchant for getting in bad every time he opens his mouth. His squawk about that fake fight with Willard is pathetic and childlike, for no one believes it, and those who witnessed the battle will swear it was on the up-and-up. It was a fake, Johnson was wholly to blame, for Willard had nothing to do with it. He was in there to win and it took him twenty-six rounds to do the trick. Johnson also tried hard, but his age and condition were against him, and after the tenth round he knew it was only a question of time before he took the final count. That's the story of the championship battle staged in Havana, Cuba, on April 5, 1915. Willard won because he was the better man.

But this all this stuff is very ancient, Johnson having pulled it three years ago in Scotland. At that time he was touring the country with his theatrical troupe and always opened the show with a speech telling of the alleged frame-up with Willard. The natives over there fell for the yarn and Jack became a hero. They continued to refer to him as the world's champion and Willard was forgotten.

When he arrived in Havana, Jack evidently believed he could get away with the same line of chatter, discredit Willard and eventually get a match with one of the leading heavyweights. But who wanted to watch a fat person forty-three years of age lumber through a few rounds with a lithe, active youngster? It can't be done. Jack did not know Fred Fulton tried the same thing and talked himself out of the boxing game.

JACK CURLEY and Tom Jones, who are Willard's bitterest enemies, admit that Johnson is talking through his hat. And if those birds knew anything that would discredit Willard maybe they wouldn't spring it! We'll say so.

THEX RICKARD, who is back in New York after a tour through the West, says Willard is training hard for his bout with Dempsey and already has taken off ten pounds. The promoter says the champ will be in first-class condition by July 4 and Dempsey will not have an easy time of it.

No site has been selected as yet and no announcement will be made until May 4. Tex realizes the value of publicity and will spring the dope at the proper time. It looks like Nevada, with twenty-five rounds to a bout.

MOVIE OF A MAN, A SCRAP OF PAPER AND A WINDY DAY



Manufacturers' League Plans to Boost Sports

Baseball Has Great Influence in the Various Shops—U. G. I. Receives Silver Cup and Pennant at Circuit's Spring Meeting

Sports in general, and baseball in particular, as a fundamental influence in the shop was the keynote of the annual spring meeting of the Manufacturers' Baseball League held last night at the Hotel Bingham. The related banquet and presentation of a silver cup and pennant to the champion U. G. I. team was also a feature, and in tender congratulations of the firm were always forthcoming. President Brumfield reviewed the past season, which was the most successful in the history of the league, and Tom Callaghan, the father of the organization, spoke on industrial baseball in Philadelphia for a period covering about ten years. It was learned that the Electric Storage Battery Company was the pioneer in industrial baseball, when they organized interdepartmental leagues, and since they adopted the idea a host of the big manufacturing concerns have followed in its tracks and at least a dozen times the year will have eight-club leagues right in their own shops. The outlook for the Manufacturers' League for the coming season was reported as particularly bright. One club that sent twenty-three men away to the front was the J. T. Lewis team, of Port Richmond, and while it only won a couple of games, Manager Bill Creely said it would be back on the job and, now that all the boys were coming home, served notice on the U. G. I. that the pennant the coming season will float from that company's office flag on Aramingo avenue, in Richmond. President Brumfield will call another meeting in several weeks.

GALA MOVES TO 2D IN BOWLING

Elyrian Five Gains on Leaders in American Congress Tourney

TEAM COUNT OF 2807. Toledo, O., March 14.—The Gala five, of Elyria, O., went into second place in the American Bowling Congress tournament standings here last night with a team count of 2807. The Elyrians had 873 in their first game, 972 in the second and 962 in the final. The team ran into a series of bad breaks in the first game. The Gala was the only team on the late shift last night to enter the list of first ten. The second highest score of the squad was 2487, registered by McMyler Interstates, of Cleveland. The Roseville A. A., of Newark, N. J., with Sealey and Van Ness, 1914 doubles champions of the A. B. C., was third with 2652. BOTAFOGO BRINGS \$200,000. Famous Argentine Racehorse Brings Record Purchase Price. Buenos Aires, March 11.—Botafogo, the famous Argentine racehorse, son of Old Man and Korea, has been purchased

13 OUT OF 14 GAMES WINS FOR PENN FIVE

Princeton, Expected to Be Easy in Final Contest of Season—Three Titles for Jourdet

LEW MARTIN BIG HELP

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK. THIRTEEN victories out of fourteen games in the record of the 1918 Penn basketball players, the champions of the Intercollegiate League. By tomorrow night the figures will jump to fourteen out of fifteen unless cage critics miss their guess by a mile or more. The final game of the season will be waged against Princeton in Tigerdom tomorrow night. Fred Leuhning's quiet was outlasted by the Quakers 37 to 21 in the first game. Black appeared in Weighman Hall, Princeton is not expected to put up any serious opposition tomorrow. Nineteen-Nineteen has been a banner year in basketball among a half dozen of banner years. For the third time in the five seasons that Lou Jourdet has had charge of cage affairs at the University the Quakers have landed on top in the race for the intercollegiate title, and in the other two campaigns the Red and Blue finished well up in the running. No official championship was awarded this year on account of the incomplete schedule, but the Quakers got the decision by a wide margin. Since Penn has started to win titles and dances have been held after the games, basketball has been raised to the plane of one of the few money-making sports at the University. Ever since 1916 the balance after the season closed has been on the right side, and judging from the crowds that have attended all the contests this season the athletic association is going to benefit again. The only game lost this year was to Yale at New Haven in the early part of the season. The defeat can be attributed to the fact that the Quakers did not present their strongest lineup. Danny McNichol was unable to make the trip and Milt Zucker was substituted. The weakened Red and Blue considered. Jourdet's record at Penn speaks for itself. Three championships out of five chances is an achievement that does not need to be substantiated. From an unknown in coaching circles he has raised himself to a leader. This season Lew Martin, star of the team last year, has done much of the actual tutoring, as Jourdet was tied down with war work. Lew has been a very successful aid. Three of the regular players and two of the first-string substitutes will be lost through graduation this coming June. Lardie Davis, captain and center; Andy Stannard, leading field goal scorer this year, and Dutch Peck, All-Collegiate guard, will be graduated from the Dental School. Mike Sweeney and Danny McNichol are the only regulars who will be left. Joe Mitchell and Roman, two of the substitutes, also will receive their diplomas. Of the squad, besides McNichol and Sweeney, the best of those remaining are Al Mouradian and Milton Zucker. Bill Graves and Springer, who starred with the freshman quintet, have an excellent chance of getting on the 1920 varsity.

Penn's Passers Scored 445 Against 275 Points

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Points Scored. Lafayette at Penn... 7, 0; Mullenberg at Penn... 38, 17; Columbia at New York... 22, 18; Yale at New Haven... 22, 20; Yale at Penn... 20, 10; Delaware at Penn... 20, 21; Swarthmore at Penn... 31, 14; Cornell at Penn... 38, 24; Columbia at Penn... 30, 10; Haverford at Penn... 49, 20; Swarthmore at Penn... 30, 24; Cornell at Ithaca... 25, 11; Totals... 445, 275.

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