

Low Tandler Will Be Leonard's Most Dangerous Opponent Since Knocking Out Kilbane

LEONARD WAS MARVEL IN K. O. OVER KILBANE

Lightweight Champ Out-classed Smaller Man Here, Stopping Him in Three Rounds in 1917

EASY SAILING SINCE

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
 FOR a period of four years, from the time Benny Leonard became the lightweight champion of the world, bringing the crown back to the head of an American when he knocked out Fred Welsh, the Briton, in nine rounds in New York, no serious contender stood in the Gotham gloverman's way until Low Tandler, of Philadelphia, loomed in his path. Lew had been knocking on Leonard's throne for two years, and on Leonard's promoters Taylor and Gunnis finally Promoters Taylor and Gunnis finally lined a Tandler-Leonard battle for the Phillies' Ball Park here August 12, 1917. It was on the night of May 28, 1917, that the coronation of Leonard occurred at the Johnny Kilbane had had shot at the lightweight championship a few weeks previously, but the featherweight titleholder was unable to show away Welsh in a ten-round, no-decision match. Then Leonard came along and stopped the Englishman.

Benny did not follow in the footsteps of most champions by conducting himself in the limelight as a circus performer or a prizefighter. Instead, he proved himself a real fighter, a man who could knock on set-ups, and Leonard did not pick on set-ups, or plants or blimboes, as the sayings go, less than two months after annexing the title Leonard was matched with the Kilbane, and this really has been the last crucial contest for Leonard.

Tandler Has Chance
 Since disposing of Kilbane there really has not been a man who has been recognized as having a good chance of winning the championship from Leonard. Tandler is the first boxer since that match, in which Leonard scored a technical knockout in the third round at the Phillies Ball Park, July 25, 1917, who is being credited with a possibility of upsetting the dope.

Of course, Leonard is picked to retain his laurels against Tandler; still, there are a host of fans in this city who believe that a new champion will have been crowned on the night of August 12. His last win came on July 11 against the Caris here.

Kilbane Will
 But Kilbane would not be denied. As in the previous two rounds, the smaller man came from his corner shooting out right-hand punches for the jaw, and missed. Leonard, over-anxious, also failed to connect with several hay-makers. But the lightweight recovered first, scored with a left hook to the point of the chin and a right-hander forced Kilbane to the ropes.

Kilbane tried to clinch, but as he was groping for a hold, with eyes stazy and half-blinded, Leonard stepped back, jabbed forward and the bigger man landed a left and right to the head. Kilbane wrapped both arms around Leonard in a death-grip.

Leonard permitted Kilbane to rest for a moment, evidently giving himself a chance to think what next to do. Suddenly the lightweight champ pulled himself loose from Kilbane, and as the latter came tearing in, missing with a wild over-hand right hand, Leonard pulled a short left hook to the body. Then a series of lefts and rights, all terrific punches, made Kilbane try to clinch and Leonard finished his fusillade of body smashes by swinging forward a vicious right uppercut to the chin. Kilbane collapsed, going to his knees and grabbing Leonard around the ankles with both arms. The featherweight champ was in a daze, and he proved it by regaining his equilibrium without taking a count.

Towel Ends Match
 As Kilbane strains, hardly able to hold up his arms, a right by Leonard to the jaw almost turned the Cleveland man around. Then a short left hook to the chin and a round-house right-hand wallop behind the head made Kilbane punch-drunk. He staggered and tottered, almost falling to his haunches against the ropes. Another solid punch, would have knocked Kilbane cold. And Johnny never had been counted out in his life.

Since then Leonard has pushed aside a number of good men, but none was figured as having a possible chance of dethroning him. Now Tandler is a little less than a week away from an opportunity to win the lightweight laurels, and the hard-hitting southpaw, recognized as the foremost contender for Leonard's title, has a good chance of making ring history.

RICKARD SEEKS WILLARD

Wires Jess Regarding Condition and Price to Meet Dempsey
 New York, Aug. 1.—Tex Rickard today sent a telegram to Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, asking him how long it would take him to get into condition to meet Jack Dempsey, present titleholder, and also to name a price for his services.

Desires Game for Saturday
 Grand Field Club, one of the foremost traveling teams in this city, has this Saturday, August 6, open a week's trial to hear from any membership team offering a game. Address, 1200 Locust street or phone Market 5499 during the day.

LEONARD PUNCHING THE BAG



TENDLER HAS HARD DRILL WITH PALMER

They Box Three Spirited Rounds in Training—Jack's Mouth Is Cut

Delanco, N. J., Aug. 1.—Low Tandler put in his hardest day's training yesterday since coming here to get in condition for his battle with Benny Leonard in Philadelphia on the night of August 12. With clear weather and a hot sun, although a nice breeze was blowing, the southpaw got back to his outdoor training and put in three-quarters of an hour's work.

The feature of Tandler's workout was a three-round three-minute slugging, not sparring—match, with Jack Palmer, rugged South Philadelphia welterweight. They punched each other hard and all over the fourteen-foot ring. Both connected with some terrific wallops, and while Palmer showed himself off as a real rough guy, he was pretty tired at the finish.

Several of Tandler's straight right jabs opened a cut on Palmer's upper lip, and during the last round Jack's mouth bled profusely.

Boxing, shadow boxing and setting-up exercises completed Tandler's daily training in the afternoon. Percy Wallace, flyweight, and Kid Williams, bantamweight, have joined the camp. Wallace is going to box with Tandler, beginning probably on Thursday or Friday. Later in the week Harry Kid Brown will report for shock-absorbing duties.

"Skoodles" and Eddie O'Keefe went on the road with Tandler in the morning, and he virtually ran them off their feet. Later in the morning Lew won by a big score in the twilight play with Phil Glassman, his manager, and Stanley Dillon.

This was the first day of "secret training" for Tandler, the general public being barred. Newspapers were the only outsiders allowed to view the contender in action. Bert Igoe, a New York critic and cartoonist, spent the day at the camp.

Allie Miller Signs to Coach Villanova Eleven
 Allie Miller, the former University of Pennsylvania football star, has signed to coach the Villanova college football team for the coming season. He succeeds Dutch Sommers, another former Penn star, who is expected to go to another college this fall. Miller was coach of the scrub teams at Penn for several years and lately has been acting in the capacity of scout. He was at one time prominently mentioned as graduate manager of athletics at the University. He is a brother of Heine Miller, the All-American end of two years ago.

Poor Rollie Naylor
 With George Smith getting out at least four days from the hard-luck case, Rollie Naylor, the Athletic tough one, drops into place. Rollie hurled good ball yesterday, but the breaks were entirely against him. With two down in the ninth inning Strunk shot an easy grounder to Chick Galloway that would have been converted to the third and last out, just as Chick rushed in to get the pellet it hit a stone with force enough to bound clear over his head for a single and Johnson, who was perched on third, ambled home with what proved the winning run. Score, 5-4.

One Hit or Bush
 Only twenty-nine batters faced Joe Bush, of the Boston Americans, in his one-hit shut-out victory over St. Louis. Two men who reached first base, did so after two men were out. Sisler singling in the first inning and Gerben walking in the second.

The next twenty-one batters went out in order. Six of the Browns were strike-out victims. Bush is the first American League twirler to pitch a one-hit game this season. Douglas, of the New York Nationals, has two such performances to his credit.

An old-fashioned pitchers' battle between Mogridge, of Washington, and Oldham, of Detroit, was won by the Senators' pitcher, who held the Tigers to six hits and no runs, while Washington won by buncing a triple with a single for the only tally on the game.



GEORGE SMITH GETS A BREAK IN LUCK

Phil Twirler Gets the Verdict After Six Innings—Third Victory This Year

"George 'Columbia' Smith now pitching for the Phillies" has meant nearly all season that the big right-handed twirler would get none of the breaks and that the victory would go to the opposing team, not always because Smith failed to pitch ball, but just because the breaks went against him.

Yesterday out in Chicago Gavage had some of the breaks. The vagaries of the weather enabled him to make it three straight for the Donnavanless Phils, incidentally ease Smith's third year of the season out of seventeen starts. His last win came on July 11 against the Caris here.

The game was one of those abbreviated affairs that happen every once in a while. After the Cubs had batted in the sixth rain fell copiously and the ump, after waiting the required time, which is as long as they feel like waiting, called it a game. It was the fifth victory out of eight starts for the locals, their best streak since way last May.

This funny how those clubs of ours get going when they leave the home loam.

The Macks on their last away trip performed brilliantly in every city on the circuit except New York and St. Louis, and now have the Phils performing the same capers.

Five Points Needed by Yankees
 The merry battle between the Yankees and the Indians showed a big gain for the Gothamites. Sergeant Jim Bagby, the hero of last year, was on the mound in his second start in weeks. He was battered for ten hits that counted five runs. Waite Hoyt, the kid twirler, opposed the former A. E. F. and held the Yankees to nine hits, scattered superficially to keep all but two of the visitors away from the pentagon.

Both the Giants and the Pirates came through with wins yesterday and the one-game margin of the Buccaneers still holds good. The Pirates tumbled the Braves by a seven to three score, old man Adams stopping the youngster McCullin.

Fire Department Books Games
 The Philadelphia Fire Department All-stars have booked games with St. Raphael's C. C. and the Philadelphia Fire Department. Manager Timin will place the following line-up in the Ben Anderson, J. Thompson, B. Grady, C. Miller, G. Boatman, W. H. Lee, P. R. T. All-Stars line up, and Dingler. The All-Stars team is like to play at the Philadelphia Fire Department. For game address John Miller, Chemical No. 7, Second Street, Tinticum Avenue, Phone Woodland 4727.

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P. R. T. All-Stars' Park at Tenth and Butler Undergoes Repairs
 The P. R. T. All-Stars will play Bridesburg in their first big game of the season tomorrow evening on the trolley-men's grounds at Tenth and Butler streets. The immense field there has been in the hands of workmen for several weeks and is now fully inclosed. It is one of the best and most convenient in the city and will no doubt be the location where many big sporting events will be held in the future.

The All-Stars are playing in top-notch form. They have won nine games in a row, but both games last week went unplayed. On Friday they were booked with the North Phils and rain interfered, and on Saturday they were to play a well-known downtown team, which disappointed a big crowd by failing to put in an appearance.

MILLE. LENGLEN WILL SAIL ON AUGUST 6

French Tennis Star Will Play No Matches Before Championship

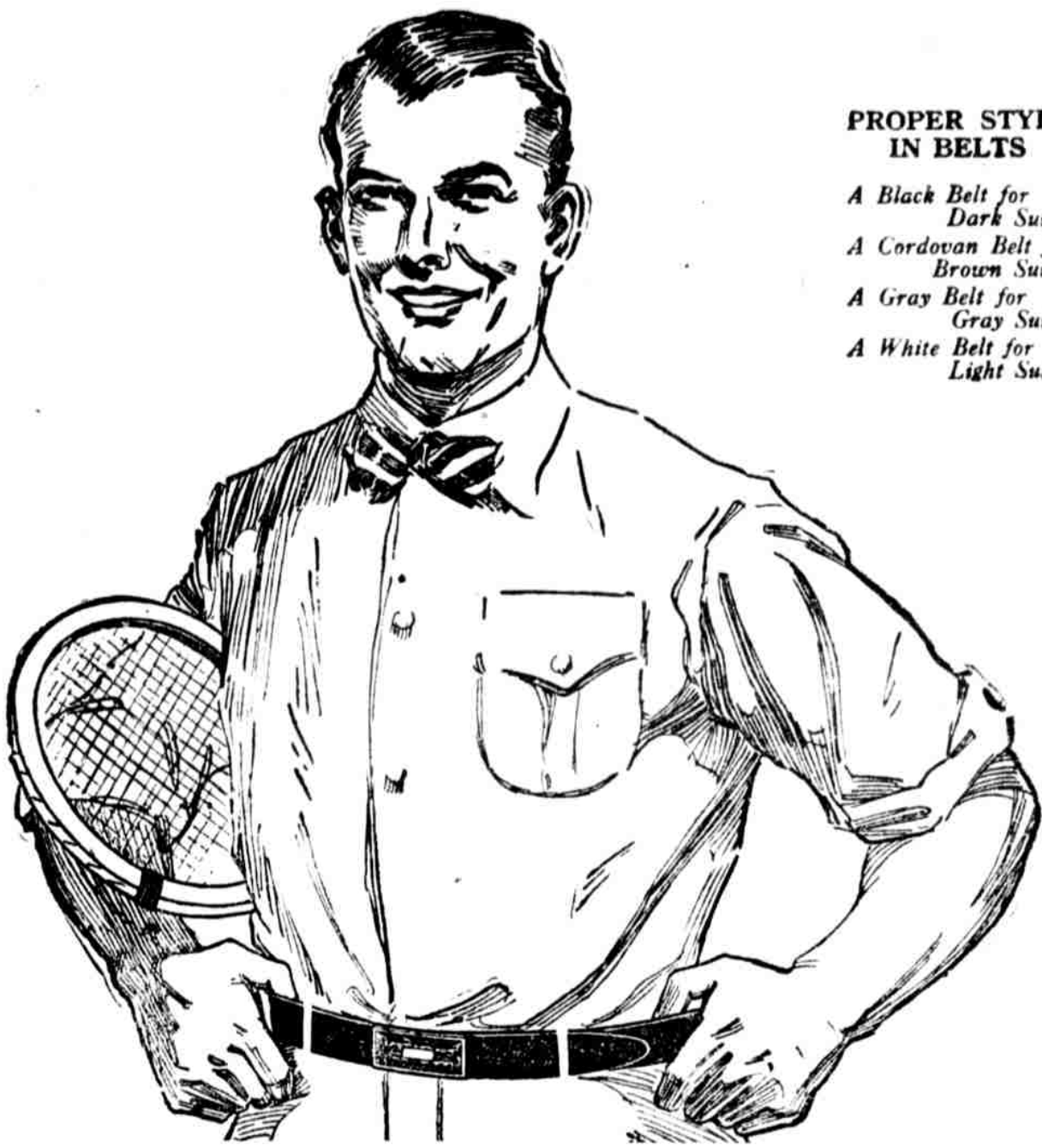
The United States Lawn Tennis Association has received word that Mile Suzanne Lenglen, world's woman tennis champion, whose departure for the United States has been twice delayed, will sail from France on August 6 and reach this country in time to play in

NEW PLAYERS FOR LITS

Rapine, Mattis and Florshelm Add Strength to Store Team
 Sam Germon, manager of the LIT baseball team, announces the addition of a trio of stars to the personnel of the store team. The new players are Rapine of Stenton Field Club; Florshelm, of Woodstown, and Ralph Mattis, the heavy-hitting Stetson outfielder and formerly with the Boston Braves.

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