

Champion Leonard Is Underestimating Southpaw Ability of Low Tendler for Bout Next Friday

LEONARD CONFIDENT HE WILL BEAT TENDLER, BUT IS TRAINING HARD

Lightweight Champion Does Not Take Opponent Seriously and May Be Victim of Overconfidence—Will Finish at Coney Island and Not Go to Betzwood Farms

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THE Palace of Joy again was a busy place yesterday, when Benny Leonard put in another afternoon training for his battle with Low Tendler next Friday night. The lightweight champion looked and acted like a man who was having little difficulty in solving the left-handed attack. At the end of the session he was much pleased with himself and while the quiet rattle of casters rattled, he and the electric pianist laboriously pounded out what might be popular songs and the ballroom men rehearsed their speeches for Saturday and Sunday, he smilingly predicted an easy victory for himself and a lot of hard luck for the challenger.

They tell me that Leonard never has been so confident and this is the first time he openly admits himself all the best of it before an important battle. In other fights he has been strangely silent and in reply to all questions would say he would do the best he could and hoped to win. This time there isn't any doubt about it. He feels that he is the better man. Tendler is made to order for him and, anyway, he can beat the best left-handed fighter that ever lived.

There is such a thing as overconfidence and it might be that the champion has been stung by that affliction. Tendler is not a punch by any means. He is the fastest, cleverest lightweight in the world today, with the possible exception of the champion, and proved it time and again. Low has not all of the good ones and gave a good account of himself. So far as records are concerned, he is the equal of Leonard. He might not hit as hard, but he possesses as much cleverness.

Benny says he can beat the best left-hander that ever lived. He has met a couple of southpaws in his career and scored easy victories. Therefore he imagines Tendler will be just as soft.

Here is where Benny is making a big mistake. He is underestimating the ability of the challenger. He imagines Low is an ordinary southpaw, which he is not. A big majority of left-handed men are knockout artists. Remember Mickey Vernon? He had an awful kick when it landed, but that was all he had.

His cleverness was conspicuous by its absence. George Chaney is good-nights to a clever man, but if he ever gets that left over, it is good-nights to say nothing of certain.

Tendler Does Not Depend on a Knockout Tendler is different. He has a good left hand, but does not wait and wait for an opportunity to slip it over and score a knockout. He is too smart for that. Instead, he boxes the same as a clever right-hander, jobs his opponent with his right hand and then the left when it is possible. He does not depend upon a knockout to win his battles. He boxes and stays away and when he does this it is difficult to get into trouble.

If Low stood up and swapped punches with an opponent he wouldn't have a Chinaman's chance to leave the ring, except on a stretcher. He knows he can't do it and will not take a chance. Of course, he is likely to slip away on a haymaker at any time, but that is the best of his worries. He knows he has a good defense, has had lots of experience and knows how to take care of himself. Another thing which must be considered is that Tendler is a real game guy. He has lots of courage and proved he can take a beating and come back strong. In the Jackson fight, when Willie crossed him on the chin and almost knocked him out, Low took the high dive, staggered to his feet at the count of nine, took another wallop, went down again for another five seconds and then came back and fought the remainder of the round. Those two wallops were enough to knock out three or four ordinary fighters, but after the first round, Tendler started to fight and passed Jackson unscathed.

For five rounds he hit Willie with everything and turned what looked to be a certain defeat into a glorious, well-earned victory. He forgot all about those two socks on the whiskers and performed like a real champion. Tendler proved that night that he is not only a hard and tough puncher, but again, in his battle with Eddie Fitzsimmons, he was hit on the chin and dropped. It was a terrific wallop, but Low was in in time and finished strong. He hasn't a glass jaw, as many believe, and no one can question his gameness.

Therefore, we can't see where Leonard gets all that chatter about winning easily. We don't see how he can't win, but Tendler will give him the hardest fight he ever has had. Low is no set-up for any one. Don't forget that.

Gets Information From Nelson Leonard is a very smart, intelligent boxer. He is a hard-boiled boy and has made a wonderful champion. Never has he stepped a match and since winning the title has defended it in decision bouts two different times. That's a pretty good record for a champion.

Benny always studies his opponents and works information regarding their style of boxing. Up to this fight he has been right in every before the event, but something seems to have changed him. Perhaps it is because those around him are constantly telling him he will win easily and this occurred so frequently that Benny believes it himself.

But he wants to find out all he can about Tendler and southpaws. On Thursday Battling Nelson visited him and he was in a conversational mood. He put on his monogamous and was going strong, when Leonard interrupted with a question. "Naw," replied Nelson, "but if I did I'd knock him dead. Lots of hands were made to order for me and I could hit 'em by the dozen. I'd just get close, take their punches on top of my head and work 'em until they dropped. This is what I mean." And the battle cut on his guard, ruddy at close quarters and would have demonstrated the effectiveness of body punches on Leonard, if some one hadn't stepped in.

"That's my idea," said Benny. "Get close and beat 'em to the punch. I don't know why it is, but I feel I can knock out Tendler with little difficulty."

LEONARD spent considerable time with Nelson, asking the former champion all about the all-time southpaw and what they did when mingling with left-handers. Thus it can be seen that he is gathering all the data available on his next opponent.

Will Not Train at Betzwood Farms Benny will train here in Coney Island until the day before the battle. This means he will not be seen at Betzwood Farms as originally planned. The champion does not like to move so far from New York and will stay in every night his mother notices here for dinner and Betty does not care to leave her.

"I want to thank Senator Clarence Wolf and Ira Lowery for their invitation to train at the beautiful Betzwood Farms," he said. "But I don't want to go as long as I am a resident here and am enjoying myself. I would do me no good to go to Betzwood Farms. I have a lot of friends here and have to put on boxing exhibitions if I don't care to. If my mother says there are thousands of visitors every day, they don't come here to see me. Therefore, I can do as I please.

"I am getting better every day, my work is progressing favorably and I don't want to change. I shall stay here until Thursday, when I will go for Philadelphia."

This is another angle to the match. Leonard is feeling in his element, despite his confident attitude. He wants to get into condition some time away from Philadelphia and does not wish to be annoyed. Perhaps it is all for the best.

Benny went out a happy call yesterday for more southpaw boxes and expects to have three or four more to punch around the last week. Yesterday he boxed Bruce, Fowler and Smith and they punched the bag for two hours.

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JACK KELLY AFTER RECORD IN REGATTA

Big Vesper Outrigger Anxious to Triumph in His Three Races Today

WRIGHT PULLS SURPRISE

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Jack Kelly, Vespa's big attraction, is out to set a four-victory record in the National Regatta, Lake Erie Regatta today. Kelly finished fourth in his first race yesterday when he finished the center four to victory in the international four-beating Duluths by three lengths without exerting himself.

Today Kelly starts the program by striking the Vespa's senior doubles. As usual, Kelly will be in the center. This will be followed by the senior fours and later in the afternoon comes the four-quarter mile solo.

Heaven earned the right to go into the championship class yesterday when he beat Hilton Belyon, the multi-talented St. John's, N. B., sculler, in an eight. Betting on the championship races today favors Costello and Wright.

Joe Wright's University of Toronto intercollegiate eight put over a surprise yesterday when it won from a big boat, including New York's A. C. Blyden, Detroit, Vespa's, Potomac's, of Washington, and Norton's, of Worcester.

Wright's eight will now start in the eight-mile solo, with a partner, against Duluth's, Norton's, Detroit's, and Blyden's, of Buffalo, Ontario, of New York, and a graduate eight from the University of Toronto. M. T. Wallace, who steered Wright's Toronto eight to victory yesterday, is not very much on the lines of Captain Eddie Howell, of Bonn. Both weigh about 115 pounds.

LIETZ BEATS MCLOSKEY Has Bitter of Eight-Round Bout at Cambria Open Air Show

Joe Lietz, 144 pounds, met Willie McCloskey, 141 pounds, in the eight-round welterweight bout at the Cambria A. C. last evening and the former was victorious by a unanimous decision. Lietz forced the fighting throughout and had the better of five of the eight sets.

Lietz has a hard fight from left to left and his punches are well timed and his boxing wide angles over his eyes from a wide angle.

The other rounds: Ray O'Malley, St. Louis, 141 pounds, beat Billy Ryan, 141 pounds, in two straight and Ned Goshan, 141 pounds, beat Johnny Murphy in six rounds.

ANNUAL SCOTTISH GAMES Soccer Game is Feature of Program at Maple Grove This Afternoon

The annual Scottish games, which will be held at Maple Grove, Pa., this afternoon, will feature a soccer game between the Philadelphia and the Washington teams.

JOHN MILJUS TO PITCH A. E. F. Hero Will Also Receive Loving Cup at Pittsburgh Reunion

John Miljus, pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics, will pitch for the team at the annual reunion of the A. E. F. at Pittsburgh, Pa., this afternoon.

Scraps About Scrappers

Scraps about scrappers, including news of fights and boxing events.

SCHEDULES OF LITTLE-LEAGUE AND SEMI-PRO BALL TEAMS

Table with columns for team names and dates, listing schedules for Little League and Semi-Pro Ball teams.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?



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AUGUST TROPHY UP IN FAIRMOUNT PARK

Boys' Tennis Title Gets Under Way at Strawberry Mansion Today

VALENTINE IS ENTERED

CHICAGO FANS BOOM

ARMY POLO PLAYERS TO START PRACTICE SOON

N. Y. COMMISSION BARS WILLARD-JOHNSON BOUT

MIQUEL IN THREE-CORNERED RACE AT DROME TONIGHT

MRS. MALLORY IN FINAL

MEETS Mrs. Marion Zinderstein

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AMERICA AND ENGLAND SHARE 50-50 IN GOLF

Johnny Bull Can Claim Jock Hutchison and Jim Barnes as Native Born, but They Hold American Citizenship Papers

By GRANTLAND RICE

DEAR SIR—In an international way we have cleaned up in polo and in tennis. We have had more than our share of Olympic triumphs. American boys have been victorious in the lightweight and bantamweight titles of the ring. But let us not kid ourselves about our glory at golf.

There is still another point of view to be considered. The present leaders of the golf world are all British born, and the inherent knack for play came down from past generations of British golfers. The victors in the Hutchison and Barnes were in no sense home-bred triumphs.

But there is still another point of view to be considered. Scotland is held and settled by Scots, England by the English. But America is a vast array of English, Scotch, Dutch, Irish, Swedish, Poles, if one is to go back a generation or so.

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