

KNOCK ON FREDDIE WELSH

Opinion that One of the Pugs Has About Reached the Tether of His Fighting Days.

FRIENDS NOW GO GLIMMERING

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, June 3.—Freddie Welsh's unpopularity is increasing apace, while his earning powers are diminishing with equal celerity. As a world's champion Welsh has proved the most disliked character ever connected with the fistfight game. He has reached the tether of his fighting days, and unless he is relieved of his title shortly he will have to retire for lack of engagements.

Promoters the breadth of the country realize that Welsh is in the game solely for what he can extract from the pockets of the gullible public. He has made no effort to give the fans a run for their money, and this stand on the part of the recognized world's champion has embittered the fighting community against the Briton.

Welsh, next Wednesday, will have held the world's lightweight championship exactly one year. In that period he has gathered in the shakels at an astonishing rate—as fast as suckers could be supplied for him to outbox, or be outboxed by. Half of the battles have been adjudged against Welsh, but as he was merely newspaper decisions they did not impair his hold on the championship.

Method of Fighting.

Freddie's method of fighting consists of circling an opponent, jabbing lightly, and then stepping back a couple of paces. This operation consumes fully thirty seconds; so if Welsh repeats the process about ten times the round is over, and he is enriched to the extent of at least several hundred dollars for his three minutes' exertion.

Up to a few weeks ago Welsh thought that he was such an adept at fooling the public that he could continue to fool them until some day set in and robbed him of his title. But there was a rude awakening in store for the artful Welshman.

It all happened on a balmy June evening, about a fortnight ago. Johnny "Young" Lassie was offered up by the sales for Welsh. Lassie is an unskilled lightweight with a punch even less destructive than that possessed by Welsh. Under these circumstances it would seem that Welsh would make a rushing fight of it. But no; Freddie would not jeopardize his championship with even such a raw boxer as his adversary.

Fans Are Disgusted.

Welsh had resolved of making a boxing affair. How it terminated less than a thousand of the original attendance of 7,000 can tell you. As early as the second round the misguided fans started to stream out of the ball park—the bout was contested at Ebbets field—and by the tenth round there was only a handful of onlookers left. Welsh smiled a sickly smile, as he noted the waning excites, for he then began to realize that his tomfoolery had made him an object of ridicule in spite of the fact that he was the undisputed world's lightweight champion.

It is hardly likely that Welsh will be seen around these parts for quite some time. This criticism of him has spread across the continent, and Freddie will have to promise to atone for his past performances by fighting like a real champion before he gets another bout.

Aware that End is Reached.

It would seem that Welsh is aware that he can fight no more suckers with the prevalent flock of good lightweights on his trail.

So Freddie's manager has set a price for a match with the contenders. If Ritchie wants to fight Freddie for the title he must guarantee Welsh \$5,000; but if White, Cross, Mandot, or any of the others desire to engage him for the humble his price will be only \$10,000. Cheap even, say we, to pay for a championship, inasmuch as any one of the men mentioned ought to be able to put Freddie away in a long distance bout, judging by Welsh's form in his last few unsatisfactory fights.

No Fights Monday.

This Independence day will indeed be a passive one, so far as the fighting game is concerned. In former years it was customary to hold two or three championship fights on this holiday; but that was when boxing was in its heyday on the coast.

Not one recognized champion will appear in the ring Monday, with his title at stake. They can all afford to take chances with such a useful commodity as a world's championship, for a title means easy money to them; and who wants to work these summer days?

White on Alling List.

Charley White will be on the alling list for at least two more weeks. The knock-out king of Chicago has undergone an operation on the second finger of his right hand, and the wound is mending rapidly. But he will not be ready for the ring until the middle of the month.

White's feat of stowing away six straight opponents, and knocking out eight of the best men then to face him, is still the interesting topic in the boxing world. Charley is highly recommended as the next world's lightweight champion.

Appleton, Brin, Douglas, Demaree, Alchison, Brock, C. Brown, Cadore, Brin, Kanthil, Potts, Rutherford, Phil, Davis, Boston.

W. L. Huffman

Makes Record for Quick Auto Sale

One of the quickest sales on record is reported by the W. L. Huffman Automobile company, on Tuesday, June 29, to W. M. Padden, the well-known "genie" furnisher made in Omaha. Mr. Padden voluntarily made his appearance in the showroom at about 9 o'clock in the morning and just about five minutes afterwards drove away in his new Hupmobile.

WHO'S WHO AMONG THE SPEED KINGS

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skill to keep up with the big boys. Rick learned the game in Omaha and is the favorite of every local speed enthusiast. That Rickie will be a dangerous competitor here is evidenced by the fact that he was the first American to finish at Chicago, getting third place.

Tom Alley, Deussenberg.

Alley broke into fame as a mechanician for Ralph De Palma. His first race was at St. Louis last year when he had a narrow escape from losing his eyesight when a gas tank caught fire. He is the holder of the 100-mile dirt track record made at Minneapolis when he ran away from the field, including such as De Palma, Mulford and Burman. Alley was seventh at Indianapolis, making the 500 miles without a relief and without changing a tire and was seventh at Chicago.

John De Palma, Delage.

John is a brother of Ralph De Palma and will make his second appearance as a driver here. His mount is the same French car which Thomas rode to victory at Indianapolis in 1914 and Chevrolet to eighth place at Chicago this year. John was formerly Brother Ralph's mechanician.

Willis Haupt, Deussenberg.

Willis was 1914's famous Benz triumvirate in 1910, when the three German cars were imported for the Grand Prix. Haupt had as his teammate Victor Homery, one of the brightest stars of the European speed constellation, and the late David Brude-Brown. He has been with the Deussenberg people two years now.

F. E. Donaldson, Emden.

Donaldson is the youngest driver in the game. He is barely 23 years of age. This car he drives is one he built himself with the idea of making it as near like the latest European models as possible. Donaldson has had quite some experience as a dirt track driver, but this will be his first appearance on the boards.

Joe Cooper, Sebring.

Cooper first attracted attention at Chicago when he was tenth in the money. Cooper's car started bad, broke down a couple of times, but Joe repaired the breaks and when the last 200 miles of the race was run was making as fast time as any of them, and as a result passed many of the drivers and worked his car into the money.

Erwin Bergdoll, Bergdoll Special.

Bergdoll jumped into fame by winning the last of the Fairmont park road races at Philadelphia. Later he created a sensation by leading the field at Elgin until the last lap, when a tire change deprived him of a well earned victory. Again in the 1912 Grand Prix he was beaten only by Cabot Bragg. On this occasion Bergdoll pulled one of the most remarkable stunts ever heard of. A rear tire suddenly getting to pieces, struck him over the shoulder in such a manner as to completely paralyze one arm. Yet he did not stop, but, holding the steering wheel with one hand, shot his car around the course with unabated speed until he reached the pits for a fresh tire. Then he went back into the race again.

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