

PUTS ONE OVER ON WILLARD

Fred Fulton, of Original White Hope Crop, Sends Jess Down for Count in Private Go.

CHAMPION IS IN POOR SHAPE

By RINGSIDE. NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—If a report emanating from up-state is to receive any credence, it will be many months before Jess Willard is ready to don the gloves again in defense of his newly acquired heavyweight championship.

The tale floats out of Rochester, and but for fact that it is attested to by a half dozen reputable business men, who have taken oath as to its truthfulness, the rumor would have to be taken with a few grains of saline sprinklings. This is the story.

While Willard was mobilized in Rochester, with the circus that pays him something like \$500 a week for performing prodigious feats of the plains, with a little boxing on the side, Manager Tom Jones scored the town for a heavyweight to put on the gloves with Willard for three "friendly" rounds.

The loquacious Jones was introduced to a sizeable fellow, who announced himself as Fred Fulton. Mr. Fulton has been fighting professionally for five years—ever since the mushroom "White Hope" crop began to appear. In fact, Fulton was one of the pioneer "Hopes," along with Willard and Carl Morris.

Willard was feeling rather moodish, and faked out a long left hook that would have felled Fulton into the arms of Morpheus, had it reached its mark.

That's how it all came out. Of course, the details were easy to get, and Willard now bears the stigma of having been felled since he became champion of the world. This occurred on May 14, last, if the story is to be believed. We refuse to commit ourselves, having fished this item from Otto Fiato. Take it for what it is worth. Willard has neither denied nor affirmed the occurrence.

About two weeks ago Willard was showing up around Massachusetts. Jones again issued a call for volunteers to box with the champion. One evening a tall, sandy-haired giant asked for a chance at Jess. Jones acquiesced.

The unknown boxed three rounds with Willard and carried him along at a fast pace. So fast it was that after the break Willard took the strange side and took him down with a little more strength he might develop into a fairly good fighter.

The newcomer thanked Willard for the prize, and said that he hoped to fight him for the title some day. Jess smiled and said that he hoped the other would reach that state some day.

The old giant went leaping at the newcomer and friend nearly ran into him and exclaimed: "Hello, sandy, what are you doing around here? Trying to steal Willard's title while his back is turned?"

Inquiry by Willard led to the fact that his opponent was Sandy Ferguson, who has been in the fighting game for over twelve years.

"No wonder he knew so much," said Willard.

Coffey Through Beatings. Jim Coffey, the Rosemount giant, who has been resting up since his battle with Jim Flynn, will get into harness again next Tuesday night, when he collides with the afore-mentioned Sandy Ferguson at a Boston club for twelve rounds.

Billy B. Gibson, who is guiding the pugilistic destinies of Coffey, thinks that if he has a chance of disposing of Sandy, Big Jim will be ready for a match with Jess Willard.

Although Coffey scored a technical knockout over Flynn (the bout being stopped in the ninth round to save Flynn, who had not been felled) the Irishman lost some prestige by his showing. He was beaten by stop of the old war horse within six rounds.

Gibson is of the opinion that the long layoff will improve Coffey's effectiveness. We shall see.

LOWELL'S THEORIES FAIL TO STAND PRACTICAL TEST

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Dr. Lowell of Harvard university, in a speech to the seniors, said: "A man reaches his full physical growth when he is 18 or 19 years old, and by the time he is 23 he is beginning to lose his keener perceptions, so that this age may be called the physical maximum."

PELL IS CHAMP RACQUET SMASHER OF THE WORLD

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—T. R. Pell's recent boast that he is the world's champion smasher of tennis racquets, may have been made in the spirit of jest, but his claim to the title is not likely to go long unchallenged. His record of twenty-two racquets put out of commission in a season that is still young is undoubtedly a large number, yet it would be a mistake to suppose that Pell stands alone in his glory.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE BY GOODYEAR TIRE COMPANY

"Improvements," said Joe M. Dine, Omaha branch manager of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, as he pointed to a thirty-five-foot chute which had just been installed. "This will mean that we can do the unloading of regular shipments into our stock rooms in one hour now. It used to take us eight hours. Guess that will help."

M'LOUGHLIN NOW OWNS THE LONGWOOD CUP FOR HIS VERY OWN—Maurice E. McLoughlin, the red-headed wonder from the Pacific coast, who has been tearing up things in the tennis world for the last five or six years, has just permanently annexed the famous Longwood cup, having won from R. Norris Williams, the holder of the championship at present, in a fiercely-played challenge match. It was the third time McLoughlin had won the cup, and it is now his own. McLoughlin last year received a rating never given to any other player. England placed him as the best player in the world, and the United States ranking committee set him at the head of the list for this country. The photographs show him in action. On the left he is illustrated as he starts a backhanded stroke, and next is the impact of the stroke. A posed picture of the champion is followed by the finish of the backhand stroke.



The Hypodermic Needle

By FRED S. KUNTER. TEXT OF THE LATEST NOTE FROM W. A. BOURKE TO ONE JAMES MC'GILL OF DENVER, COLO.

The management of the Omaha base ball club warns the management of the Denver base ball club that if the latter party deliberately resorts to the use of submarines and hidden mines, for instance, any superabundance of slugging by Submarine Galloway or by any over-indulgence of curving by Mitchell in the contest to be staged on the Sabbath, the management of the Omaha club shall take desperate measures to protect itself even though it be detrimental to the welfare of the Denver club in its chances for ultimate victory in the pennant race.

Therefore shall the Denver base ball club consider itself warned and shall control its own destiny and as far as this base ball club is concerned, responsibility only to itself for failure in its pursuit for Western league honors.

THIS WOULD BE SOME BATTLE. If fight promoters hope to win, And gather in a flock of tins, He has a tip, That is a pip, And we will slip This nifty tip, To any guy, Who's up and spry.

Believe us, bo, 'twill be no film, Pick the winner 'tween Paaky Mac, And Michael Gibbons, St. Paul crack, And match this guy with Heinie Zim.

Or a Gold Brick. John Wanamaker has said something about the United States buying Belgium. Probably John would be willing to buy a Western league ball club.

Good Morning, Judge. And thus spoke Leo Magee as he faced the umpire.

Now they are trying to blame the ancient Egyptians as the originators of the grand old game of checkers.

While Tom Orr did some swell moving when he broke the world's record for five miles on the Omaha speedway July 5, we have a hunch he would turn green with envy if he saw Grand Duke Nicholas making his departure from Warsaw.

By the Germans. We trimmed the lowly Belgians, Put the Frenchies on the blink, Knocked the spots off of the Russians, Drove the Johnny Bulls to drink, And we ought to feel quite happy, Quite happy, quite happy, And we ought to feel quite happy and quite rasy.

Base Ball Writings. A YEAR AGO. First Inning. Omaha. Smith opened the inning with a single to right and he was sacrificed to second by Jones. A single to left by Clark counted Smith. Clark was nipped stealing and Collins flew out. One run, two hits, no errors.

Smith stepped to the plate and the first ball pitched was a ball. Umpire Weaver called the second ball pitched a strike, whereupon Smith hauled off and hooked his left to the ump's jaw. The ump promptly threw up his guard and retailed with a ripping uppercut which caught Smith square on the chin. Smith went down for the count of seven, but was up again and he rushed to a clutch. They broke and coming out of the clutch, Weaver drove home a short jab to the wind. Smith ducked to cover and started stalling. The ump was caught off his guard. He rushed in and began to shower rights and lefts on Smith, the latter putting up a good exhibition of stalling. As Weaver began to rush in clutching Smith darted back, set himself and putting all his force behind the blow toppled the ump with a straight right to the jaw. It was a clean knockout.

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