

WHEN WILL RITCHIE FIGHT? CHANCE READY FOR SEASON

Bill Naughton Thinks He is Getting in Bad at Home.

Fearless Leader Announces His Team Fit for Campaign.

CHAMPION DISAPPOINTS MANY

Followers of the Ring Would Like to See the Leader Make Good on His Claim to Distinction.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—If Willie Ritchie is given to thinking at all, it is a high time for him to be thinking of his return to the ring. He appears to be fencing with the question, in fact, there isn't a glimmer of promise in anything he has to say in this connection. He is playing squarely into the hands of his enemies, who have contended all along that he would make the most of an accident which enabled him to grab the title from the youngster who won it by dint of hard fighting and who risked it and defended it as often as an opportunity arose.

Makes His Own Trouble. Ritchie has himself to blame if a suspicion of this kind attaches to him. He has not accomplished sufficient to warrant him playing fast and loose with the boys of his class and with the sporting public generally in the way he is doing. He knows that even those who took his side of the argument when a question arose as to whether Referee Jim Griffin was justified in depriving Wolgast of his crown on a technicality were unanimous in declaring that the circumstances called for a return match at the earliest possible opportunity.

Ritchie pleaded a fight to garner a little of the footlight harvest at other similarly situated had done before him and no one said him nay. He took the road with the tacit understanding that he would face Wolgast or some other worthy lad on the Fourth of July, if not before. He is talking now of continuing and crossing the ocean for a world-wide theatrical tour, and if there is anything in his treatment of various fight proposals made to him that a promoter can stick a pin in, the writer for one has not come across it.

Either Ritchie is timorous about facing this issue or he has overestimated his own standing in the boxing world. The pretentious program he has mapped out would be all right for a man who had proved beyond chance or argument that he is the best of his weight in the United States, but it smacks of assurance in this particular case. The average Irish music hall patron has a keen sense of humor and a sarcastic tongue, and if Ritchie made a bid for the stipends and shillings of the English vaudeville circuit and it leaked out that it was a punch from the other man that made him champion and not a punch delivered by himself, his mighty receptions might lack cordiality.

The chances are the British trip will not be taken, at least until Ritchie's record has been enhanced sufficiently to warrant a triumphal tour. This talk of flustering offers is but another of the descriptions for the stage earnings of American celebrities on the other side are always ridiculously small.

A story told recently by Jim Corbett has bearing on this matter, seeing as how it makes evident that the best advertised pugilists of this country are sometimes scarcely known in England. Corbett was billed to start his British stage whirl at Bristol—it may have been Birmingham—and when he appeared to do his monologue he was visibly discouraged by the lack of effervescence in the crowd and the calm-eyed manner in which he was viewed.

"From the look on their faces I think some of them were wondering whether I was a ventriloquist or was going to give imitations of famous actors. It wasn't until I told them I was the fellow Fitzsimmons knocked that they took a mild interest in me," said Jim.

What Will Ritchie Do? Now if Corbett, conqueror of John L. Sullivan and Charlie Mitchell had to go to such extreme to make himself known, how will poor little one-fight Willie Ritchie fare in that strange land.

One of the things that is putting Ritchie "in bad" with practical sporting men is the apparently insincerity of the way in which Manager Nolan keeps harping on the prospects of a contest with Packey McFarland to the exclusion of other and more legitimate matches.

"We want McFarland and we will sign with him the moment he agrees to do 135 pounds a few hours before, as he agreed to do at Milwaukee." That is Nolan's battle cry.

The veriest ignoramus in sporting matters knows that McFarland cannot make 135 pounds for boxing purposes at any time of day. If Packey agrees to any such thing the match would be one to view with suspicion. Jimmy Britt once declared that there are no ethics in pugilism and the chances are he was right. It is for each boxer to lay out the course he thinks best and judge of the correctness of his judgment by the measure of success met with.

It is in Willie Ritchie's power to dodge a Fourth of July meeting with one of our winning American lightweights and go junketing across the pond if he feels that way about it. But it would be as well for him to remember that so far he has done nothing to perpetuate his fame as a pugilist.

When a fighter with a weak record yanks himself out of the limelight he has a device of a time working back to the place where the club is. It is by no means the best kind of advertising for a man like Willie Ritchie to be up and doing in his particular field of endeavor.

LITTLE ELECTED CAPTAIN OF TARKIO TRACK TEAM

TARKIO, Mo., March 22.—(Special.)—The Tarkio college track men yesterday elected Thomas Little of Pawnee City, Neb., captain for the 1913 season, and Edward Thompson of Riverside, Cal., manager. Little is a senior in college and is a distance runner, having won the two miles, the mile and the half mile in the Missouri meet in Kansas City last spring. Thompson is a hurdler and a high jumper and is expected to win points in the state meet the coming season.

HIS OWN CONDITION RIGHT

Says He Feels Like a Well Man for First Time in Three Years and is Hopeful and Earnest.

By W. J. M'BETH. HAMILTON, Bermuda, March 22.—Frank Chance's New York Americans will be in perfect physical condition for the opening of the season. Upon this happy circumstance the peerless leader banks heavily for an impressive start in his new field.

"I feel," says Chance, "that the trip here has added about five years to my life. Before I came I was very dubious about my playing future. I thought it would take a lot of sheer force and grit to enable me to stick out through the training campaign. But I found it was far easier for me to reduce than at any time since I first assumed the management of the Cubs.

"This is a wonderful condition, I must say, for I was not any too sure of my legs. I never worried about the headaches. They stopped with the operation last fall. It was my legs that bothered me mostly the last several years. When I returned to California last fall they were so far improved that I felt a well man for the first time in three seasons. I came to Bermuda hopeful, but uncertain. I have satisfied myself that I shall be able to get at top speed all season if I meet with no accident.

"It becomes more and more difficult year by year for a veteran to round out in shape. I do not believe that I should have been able to accomplish such wonders with myself at any other training camp I have ever visited. I judge the merits of Bermuda simply by what this climate has done for me. There need be no apprehension about my physical condition; I am sound as a dollar. What I have accomplished here I shall be able to continue when we return to the north. The secret lay in the possibility of working into shape. That has been accomplished."

Confident of the Team. Chance is so delighted with his own condition that he cannot possibly see why his team will not face the barrier in better shape than any he ever before managed.

"If the climate and cricket grounds have done so much for me," said he, "what should it not accomplish for the rest of the boys? I am the only veteran you might say, on the whole squad. My team is composed entirely of youngsters. I have been forced to drive them a bit, and they are all as far advanced as most teams after they break training. I expect to take the club back to New York in midseason form.

"I realize that a good start will mean a lot to us. Take the Giants last year. They got off winging, hung onto Cincinnati and once having shaken off O'Leary and Reds were never headed. The team showed up toward the end, but already an overwhelming lead had been established.

"Now, let me get out like the Giants did and the rest of the American league clubs will have to go some to beat us. If I knew the rival clubs better I should not be so anxious to jump out into the lead. But I realize that I will be handicapped until my club has played at least the series with every opponent. A good start would tide me over this treacherous stretch of games."

One of the least of Chance's worries—but a worry, nevertheless—is the wealth of material at hand. The Peerless Leader has practically made up his mind as to the lineup at the beginning of the season, but he realizes that he will have to turn down a number of mighty good base ball players in order to comply with the roster limit. These discards will be placed to the best advantage, where they may be called upon readily in the hour of need. Sometimes players come slowly, and flashiest spring players are forced to give way to the plodders who hit their proper stride toward June. It is up to Chance to make the proper selection in time.

Human nature is prone to err, but Chance will look the future full in the face and shoulder all responsibility. He believes that by the end of the training season he should have the best line possible on his talent. He thinks he will know as much as most managers usually know a couple of months after the season is under way because of the advanced condition of the players.

Cornell Will Number Foot Ball Players if Other Schools Will

ITHACA, N. Y., March 22.—Coach Albert H. Sharpe will number Cornell's foot ball players next fall if the coaches of other large college teams will permit their players to wear jackets with numbers on the back, as suggested by Parke H. Davis, Princeton's representative on the rules committee. The Cornell coach, who is in favor of this innovation, is pleased with the action of the rules committee in making such numbering optional, and if other teams do the Cornell men will be numbered in games next fall. Dr. Sharpe believes that this reform must come and points out that it has succeeded in basket ball.

Three Prominent Yankee Pitchers



SCHEDULE IS A SURPRISE

Princeton's Varsity Crew Gets Unexpected Race with Annapolis.

FIRST ON FOREIGN WATERS

Navy Has Never Been Permitted Before to Race on Foreign Course and is First Time Two Colleges Ever Met.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 22.—When twenty-five candidates for Princeton's eight-oared varsity crew took to the water for their first outdoor work of the season, the Tiger rowing authorities were busy with the preparation of a schedule, which will provide races for the first eight, the second eight, the freshman eight, and all class boats. The surprise of the schedule is a race with Annapolis to be rowed on Carnegie lake on May 17.

CREIGHTON TRACK MEN ARE TRAINING FOR INDOOR MEET

The Creighton High school track team, which will enter the indoor track meet at the Auditorium April 4 and 5, has been practicing at the local Young Men's Christian association, and is in good shape for the meet. The team is composed of Gerald Duffy, William Wondolich, Walter Dineen and George Schall. All of these are good sprinters, and are expected to place in the running events. Duffy is one of the fastest men on two legs in the 100 yard race, while Schall is strong on the mile and the half mile. The four will enter as a relay team.

"Gunboat" Real White Hope



TENNIS PLAYERS SKEPTICAL

Americans Will Have Hard Fight to Bring Back Davis Trophy Cup.

MANY OTHER OBSTACLES

English Dates Are So Arranged that American Players Would Have to Be on British Soil for Long Stay.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Some time ago, the prospects of bringing back the noted Davis Cup trophy, now held by Great Britain, to this country were particularly rosy, but recent happenings have occurred which make American tennis enthusiasts a bit skeptical. America will have a hard fight on its hands, as the situation is complicated by the results of the recent drawings. The results of the drawings and their dates come as a big disappointment to American tennis players.

The most perplexing problem is that the representatives of the United States will meet Australia in the preliminaries. These matches will bring together what appears at the present time the two strongest challengers—United States and Australia. The winner of this series will then be called upon to meet the winner of the Germany-France series. Therefore, in the top row of the draw are the four strongest teams, according to the opinion of tennis experts. In the bottom half, Belgium, which drew a bye, will meet the winner of the Canada-South Africa series. If the Americans are able to come out successfully in the top half, their efforts will have been taxed to the extreme, as the three series will be hard ones, thus giving England a considerable advantage for the final round.

Means Long English Stay.

Another obstacle is that with so many teams in the challenge rounds it will mean a long stay in England for the players if all the preliminaries are to be played in England. The dates arranged make it necessary for the American team to be in England early in June to get in condition for its first match on June 21. Both Australia and America will suffer, as they will have to go to England without the advantage of tournament play unless they get to work earlier. Australia will have to do most of its training on the scene of the championship.

It is said that the United States may apply for later dates for the reason that the earliness of those selected will interfere with the selection of the American team. Most likely McLoughlin and Williams will be selected by the United States authorities. There is some doubt whether McLoughlin could leave California as early as May, with the prospect of not returning to the coast until the middle of August. Williams, who is a student at Harvard, would be obliged to leave nearly a month at college in order to get into condition for the first rounds. The double problem is fully as puzzling.

It is believed here that the British authorities could have put the Davis cup preliminaries after the British championships, which come the last of June. America will be harder hit than any other country by the early date. The American tournament season does not begin until the first of June and at that date the players, especially the northern and eastern players, are not in condition. Lawn tennis is played on the continent all winter, and many of the leading British players compete in these tournaments. In Australasia winter is the outdoor season.

Would Reverse Thorpe Case.

George Clark, the pitcher the New York Americans secured from Sioux City and who later drifted back, wants to reverse the Thorpe case. It concerns amateurs. Clark is attending Ames college in Iowa and an effort is being made to restore him to the status of an amateur so that he can play on the college team. It is admitted that all precedents will be broken if the American college authorities succeed in their plan.

Benefit Day for Widows.

Manager Callahan has agreed to the benefit game Chicago with the Cubs for the widow of Jimmy Day, having the date and the location of the game management.

University Basket Ball Champions to Have Final Series

MADISON, Wis., March 22.—Wisconsin university's basket ballers may ask Cornell to meet them in a series of three games to decide the college basket ball championship of the United States. That the Badgers are contemplating a challenge is evidenced by the following, which appeared in the westerners' college paper recently. "On to the East." is the slogan suggested by varsity basket ball enthusiasts anxious for the Badgers to meet Cornell to determine first honors in the United States after two successive varsity championships in the middle west.

"Whether or not such a series will be permitted lies wholly with Prof. George W. Fisher, director of physical education. Of course, the athletic council would have to go through the formality of approving the matter, but it is believed it would be met but the recommendation of the athletic director to obtain the instructorment.

"Probably the most satisfactory arrangement for such a championship series would be three games—one played at Madison, a second at Cornell and a third on some neutral floor.

"Varsity rooters feel that if Wisconsin is ever to obtain national honors in intercollegiate athletics now is the psychological time and basket ball is the logical sport."

Rheumatism Affects Lungs

Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Phthisis, Asthma and Anemia Often Directly the Result of Rheumatic Blood.



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