

Welsh Meets Charley White Monday Night at Milwaukee

Chicago Hebrew Is Top Notcher and Will Make the Champion Move—Willie Ritchie Is Looking for Bout—Gibbons Is Back in Ring—Fight Gossip.

By James J. Corbett.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—(Special to the Sunday World.)—The big event in boxing the coming week is the Freddy Welsh-Charlie White match to be held in Milwaukee Monday evening. This is by far the most important light-weight contest arranged since the London meeting between Ritchie and Welsh, in which the world's championship changed hands. For in White, if the dope is reliable, Chicago has a candidate for the lightweight title whose claims are worthy of serious consideration.

White has been coming along very fast for several years, but his first real bid for fame was in the ten-round bout with Ritchie last spring. In that bout White demonstrated beyond all question that he is a boxer of great class—a mastery of the experts present awarded him the decision over Ritchie. The latter, himself, afterwards told me that the Chicago Hebrew gave him the hardest battle of his career, and that White came within an ace of winning the title by a knock-out. It was only Willie's wonderful recuperative powers and liberal stock of gameness and stamina that enabled him to weather the first few rounds and come back like the great little fighter he is towards the finish of the battle.

However, in Welsh the Chicago boxer will meet one of the shrewdest hands in the game. Accounts of the London match between Ritchie and Welsh vary according to the prejudices of those telling the story, but there is little doubt that Welsh's generalship was what earned him the verdict over his more aggressive opponent. Ritchie's style of fighting suffered a considerable handicap under the strict British observance of the rules, and the probability is that Welsh was justly entitled to the decision on points.

White found Ritchie a target for his punches; he will not find it so easy a matter to hit the Englishman, on the principle that a moving object is harder to wallop than a stationary one. And Welsh is here, there and everywhere about the ring when at his best. White White is said to be fairly fast, a boxer who relies so strongly on the punch as he does will, naturally, look slow in comparison with the speedy Welsh. Most any boxer can strike a knock-out blow if allowed to set himself before letting it go, but if forced to stop around fast to land his punches it is an entirely different matter. White met Ritchie coming right into him and let go. Freddy will hardly per-

mit White an opportunity to set for a punch unless, of course, he should tire, which is not likely in a ten-round bout. In fact, I think it will keep the Chicagoan pretty busy throughout defending himself from the lightning like staps and jabs of the champion.

However, if White elects to make it a test of boxing skill with his opponent, and I fancy that Freddy's superior knowledge of the fine points of the art will enable him to make Charley fight the way he wants him to, the champion should earn the popular decision on points. Of course, there is the chance that White may be clever enough to make it an even thing with Welsh, and if he can keep the latter going at top speed for five or six rounds without a good breathing spell there is also the chance that his youth will count largely in his favor in the latter rounds.

With all Welsh's supposed superiority as a boxer and his advantage in experience and ring generalship, it should be remembered that he is not exactly a spring chicken. Where there is genuine ability on both sides youth is a great factor in favor of its possessor.

The match promises to be a great sporting event, and should boom boxing in Milwaukee and the middle west. New York matchmakers missed a great card when they permitted the western promoters to grab this match.

It is expected that Willie Ritchie will arrive in this city within the next few weeks in search of matches. According to a dispatch from the coast, Willie recently turned down an offer to box Johnny Dundee at Los Angeles because he was asked to weigh in at 135 pounds several hours before ring-time. If this is correct, it begins to look as if there is some truth in the report that the American lightweight champion is rapidly outgrowing the division. Willie has gone on record according to the same report, that he will make weight for no one but Welsh.

Welsh has also taken the stand that as champion he can dictate the weight for all matches in which he engages. Charley White held out for 135 pounds in the Milwaukee bout, but Welsh insisted on 135 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and White had to agree or to give up his chance to box the champion. The match with Wolgast last Monday was also at 135. In the bout with Matty Baldwin at Boston two weeks ago Freddy is said to have weighed over 140 when he entered the ring.

While the limit of the lightweight

J. KILBANE MAY BOX JOE MANDOT

Featherweight Champion for the Lightweight Class—Is He in Earnest?

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Johnny Kilbane is said to have accepted terms to meet Joe Mandot at an early date. The featherweight has made so many bluffs about meeting lightweights that it is not unlikely that this is only another attempt to obtain a little publicity. However, it is no secret that the Cleveland has outgrown the featherweight class, so he may have decided to take a chance rather than remain idle.

Both New Orleans and Akron, Ohio, are named as the place where Kilbane will stage his lightweight coming-out party. New Orleans offers the biggest purse for a twenty-round bout, but the men would have to go only half that distance in Ohio, a circumstance that has great weight with Kilbane.

division is popularly supposed to be 133 pounds ringside, it has been the prerogative of the champion to name the weight for all matches in which the title has been at stake. While Battling Nelson was champion he compelled his opponents to do 133, and Ad. Wolgast, who easily made the weight, also followed in the footsteps of his predecessor. Ritchie, however, has been more liberal in that respect, not because he is inclined to give an opponent any the best of it, but because he finds the higher scale more to his liking.

Charley White and Johnny Dundee, two of the most likely looking contenders, are smaller boys. In fact Dundee can easily do 128 pounds, and is making matches at 133 is giving away considerable poundage. To box such big fellows as Ritchie and Welsh where the conditions permit, weighing in at 138 pounds six or seven hours before ring-time it will be seen what a tremendous handicap in poundage he would be up against.

With the world's champion and the American title holder endeavoring to raise the weight for the lightweight division it would seem that Mr. F. McFarland's rumored return to the ring is most opportune. Packey ought to be able to meet the conditions now exacted by the two leading exponents of the division without trouble. But I imagine if Mac really determined to come back he would find that those conditions only went for the little fellows. The probability is that both Welsh and Ritchie would make impossible conditions for the clever stockyards boxer.

Mike Gibbons made his re-appearance in a New York ring last week, easily beat Billy Maxwell, the Philadelphia light heavyweight. Maxwell was unknown here until he boxed

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Young Charley Weinert, the Newark heavyweight, and his showing at the time earned him the match with Gibbons. But as it turned out boxing Gibbons and Charley Weinert are two entirely different propositions. Mike made Maxwell run away from him for ten rounds. And even under those conditions he succeeded in giving him some licking.

After the match Gibbons announced that he was ready to box any man in the world at old weight. I rather fancy Mike was spoofing the boys when he made that spiel. But seriously he would have a good chance with any boxer in the ring today, with the possible exception of Langford and Johnson. Of course, it is my belief that a good big man can always beat a good little man, but where are the good big men nowadays? I can't think of any among the whites unless it may be Jess Willard, but Jess has not yet shown anything bordering on championship form.

I will take the opportunity here of publicly answering a question asked of me the other day in a letter written by one of the readers of this column. Here's the question: "Do you honestly think that any of the white heavyweights have a chance to win the world's championship in a battle with Jack Johnson?" Here's the answer: Billy Maxwell outpointed Young Charley Weinert. Weinert went to Philadelphia, and created a mild sensation by trimming big Jim Coffey, touted as one of the best of the white heavies. Mike Gibbons, a light middleweight, lambasted Maxwell around the ring for ten rounds

STAKES AT JUAREZ ARE ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—The list of leading stake events for the winter race meeting at Juarez, Mexico, has been announced. The meeting opens on Thanksgiving Day and will continue for almost four months. In addition to the events listed several other stakes will be announced later. Following is the list of the principal events:

For all ages—Juarez Handicap, six furlongs, \$1500; Navidad Handicap, one mile, \$1500; Ano Nueve Handicap, one mile and a sixteenth, \$1500; Des Republicas Handicap, seven furlongs, \$1500; El Paso Stakes, selling, one mile, \$1200; Rio Grande Stakes, selling, six furlongs, \$1500.

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