

HOLDERS OF RING TITLES NOT ALWAYS BEST IN CLASS

Many Great Boxers Denied Chance To Win Championships—Jack Britton An Example—Other Boxing Gossip.

While usually the title holder of a ring is purblindly compelled to demonstrate that he is the best man in the division, yet frequently the wearer of the championship crown is inferior to his rivals.

Jack Britton, when at the top of his form as a lightweight, could easily have won the title but for the avoidance of him by both Ritchie, the world's champion, and Welsh, the British title holder.

Sam Langford could have been the heavyweight champion but for the fact that he was persistently sidestepped by Tommy Burns, the world's champion.

George Dawson would undoubtedly have captured the middleweight title but for the frequent attacks of tonsillitis suffered by Tommy Ryan, the world's champion, whenever the Australian challenged.

The only thing that prevented Mike Gibbons becoming the middleweight champion was the unwillingness of Al McCoy to meet the St. Paul expert in a title bout.

There have been many other instances of the same kind, many ways in which the champions have been denied the chance to gain the honors because the title holder feared him.

Just Claims Ignored. In the same category of injustice are the men who really won titles in the ring, but who due to the opposition of powerful influence never were proclaimed champions.

A most aggravated instance was the case of Solly Smith, the Pacific Coast featherweight, who won the featherweight title from George Dixon at San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1897, Smith getting the decision of the referee at the end of a twenty round bout.

Dixon's manager denied that the title was at stake, which was an absurd claim, as a champion's title at stake is at stake unless it happens to be a handicap match, like that between Ernie and McGovern, where the lightweight champion was restricted to 135 pounds ring side.

The injustice to Smith was apparent when Dixon, no longer champion, was in the ring, but who due to the opposition of powerful influence never were proclaimed champions.

Not at Weight. Dixon then held the title till he was knocked out by McGovern. If the claims of the referee are to be believed, the title was lost to McGovern, under the impression that Terry would be too strong at 122, Dixon was compelled to stop in the fifth round as the result of a broken arm.

This gave Sullivan the title, but he did not keep it long, for he got into the ring with Dixon shortly afterward and was decisively beaten.

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ORIGINAL MARATHON BASEBALL TEAM.



TROTTING WORLD WILL MISS SPLAN

Famous Character of Harness Sphere, Who Died Recently, Beloved By All Who Knew Him.

Jameson, Ohio, June 21.—The greatest character of the trotting turf is gone since John Splan died at Lexington, Ken., and not only was his friendship confined to the Grand Circuit, but he was known to many of the hardest working caretakers on the mile or tracks, many of whom counted him as their greatest friend.

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Big League Baseball

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Washington, 3; New York, 2. New York, June 21.—After a miff by Milan permitting New York to tie the score on Washington with two out in ninth, the same player drove in the winning run for Washington in the thirteenth the visitors winning the third game of the series by a score of 4 to 2.

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Postponed Game. Detroit-St. Louis, rain. Double header Saturday and Sunday.

American League Standing. Boston, 35 to 24. Cleveland, 33 to 27. Chicago, 27 to 25. Pittsburgh, 23 to 30. St. Louis, 22 to 28. Philadelphia, 21 to 34.

National League. Brooklyn, 1; New York, 0. Brooklyn, June 21.—Brooklyn defeated New York today 1 to 0, in a game in which only 28 batters faced Rube Marquard and only two were credited with hits.

Pittsburgh, 3; Chicago, 0. Pittsburgh, June 21.—Pittsburgh defeated Chicago 3 to 0 today through the timely hitting of Fred McWitt.

Philadelphia, 10; Boston, 6. Philadelphia, June 21.—Stock's terrific batting and brilliant fielding defeated Philadelphia 10 to 6 victory over Boston today.

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International League. Birmingham, 3; Syracuse, 0. Syracuse, June 21.—Syracuse defeated Birmingham today 3 to 0.

Large Snake Stopped Game. Rangoon, India, May 27.—A seven-foot king cobra interrupted a game of golf between two military officers at Nungalland, near here, a few days ago.

Ball Player's Case. Washington, June 21.—In an oral statement governing the work or right order in its application to professional baseball players, officials of Provoast General Crowder's office today said:

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NEWEST SENSATION OF RING NEWSBOY EIGHT MONTHS AGO, HAS EARNED \$15,000 SINCE

Philadelphia Youngster, Lew Tendler, Already Picked By Experts As Contender For Benny Leonard's Title.

One of the most talked about ring fighters today is Lew Tendler, the sensational 20 year old lightweight of Philadelphia. Not since the days when Philadelphia Jack O'Brien won such fame and glory for himself as a middleweight and light-heavyweight has Philadelphia turned out such a pugilistic star as young Tendler.

In eight months Tendler has taken part in 13 battles, winning four by knockouts, one by a 15 round decision over Willie Jackson at New Haven, Conn. and the rest by popular newspaper decisions in bouts at Philadelphia and Buffalo, N. Y.

Tendler was born on Sept. 8, 1898, in Philadelphia and after several years at school he started selling papers around the city streets. At first he did not make much money from his sales.

Below are the amounts which Tendler has received from each of the 13 battles he has fought since last September:

Table listing amounts received from various fights: Johnny Dundee \$900, Rocky Kansas \$900, Frankie McManus \$750, Willie Jackson \$840, Tommy Tracy \$900, Eddie Wallace \$1,164, Irish Patsy Cline \$2,277, Terry Brooks \$1,000, Frankie Callahan \$1,000, Pete Hartley \$1,000, Frankie Britton \$1,920, Willie Jackson \$2,500. Total \$15,338.

WHAT BILL VARMINIT THINKS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ANGLERS

Bill Varminit has a hammer for any head. He has many different models as a dub folger has various clubs, and has a neck full of nouns for the scientific anglers club.

"I see that Old Art Ryberg, an Geo. Hunter an some more of these bass-hounds has gone and organized them into a club called the 'Scientific Anglers Club'."

"They is all wrong, Alfonso, all wrong. If they want to work up a real fishin' contest why don't they go out somewhere where there is fish, but an honest jigger in th' boat wit' each of 'em an' turn 'em loose it a day ago."

"That's what I want to do. They want to do in town where there ain't no more chance of catchin' a fish than there is that they will find an elephant tethered to th' Hennepin street car tracks an' do some castin' wit' patent fishin' apparatus."

"You beatcher. He they ain't going to open it up no real fishin' contest where painted bait an' th' one what gets his bait back wins. They shoots at a floatin' Somma an' real fishermen what has bass poles spotted an' knows th' family history of every bass in th' pool would give 'em such a showin' up that they wouldn't know whether they was afoot or rein' a motorcycle back wards. Us real fishers despises wit' all this piscatorial military an' purple veils. All we wants is a fifteen foot cane pole, about thirty feet of good chalk line, some worms, fat bacon or a phosphorescent wooden minnow an' we'll take on all these scientific wranklers there is in th' world. They can go there rules an' us real fishermen will go right on Wabashin'."

"Wabashin' 'em is simply expectoratin' on th' bait an' havin' it out where horse sense tell y' there is fish. When Old Man Bass strikes y'r bacon jerk th' pole until y'r run th' hook straight through him. Then instead of lettin' th' hooker line, you put y'r foot in th' water an' get caught on snags an' filly pads just jerk that particular hole base out into a rainbow upon the bank behind y'r an' then go an' put y'r foot on his neck an' yank th' hook out his insides. String him on th' cord an' get mother. That's Wabashin' 'em. A Wabasher is just as happy as a catfish an' a croppies an' mud cats an' turtles as he is bass. All fish looks alike to him an' he don't surrounder his bait can wit' as much ceremony as a coronation of a British bishop. He goes out an' fishes an' he'll be eatin' fresh fish when these scientific wretches is lucky to be able to buy dried herring or sardines."

"Just say to Old Ryberg an' Hunter an' Charley Velle that any time them the gossamer silk line go an' put y'r bait an' fly boys wants a contest wit' us Wabashers that we will be there like a jaybird. They can bring along their peak sights an' floatin' mag-azine poles, hemstitched linen an' fancy truck. We'll take 'em to th' grandest fish ketchin' cleanin' in the book since Wrinkled Meat, king of the Red Lake reservation, was hangin' muskalgune raw fr'm tall to gills."

"Gotta get back down th' avenue," rounds up Bill. "Splendid wind blowin' th' afternoon an' believe me, I see down on Nicolet when th' wind is blowin' is no place fr' a pastor's progeny."

Getting worse all the time. ALEXANDER'S RESPONSE. "Boys, if I don't come back, I will have the satisfaction of having a lot of holes dug for others before they get me. Give me a chance and I shall account for my share."

This was Alexander's response to a toast drunk to the big ace in the Cub's clubhouse after the last game he pitched for Chicago. Present were some of the players, members of the Cub's Club, President Weegham, William M. Walker and A. D. Lasker.

"We wanted you to come in and say goodby, and we want to tell you that we are proud of you wherever you go," said Weegham. "The boys know you will play the game fair and square and we wish you the best luck in the world."

Prior to the gathering a greater tribute was paid the departing pitcher. Over 1000 youngsters waited patiently outside the Cub training quarters for Alexander to dress. When he appeared they escorted him to the club offices, a surging yelling mob, each trying to get in a slap on his back or a shake of the hand.

"That was the most sincere tribute ever paid me," said Alex, as he cleared his throat.

Worth the Price. She: "Didn't the doctor tell you that if you didn't give up whisky you'd probably go blind?" Her: "Ah, well, ah ain't gettin' an' auld man noo, an' ah think ah've seen about everything that's worth seein'."—Pearson's Weekly.

DR. BEDTIME

Upon a time there was a very young boy named Bill.

Pa-pa and his Ma-ma begged over to take his automobile out midnight. But Bill only laughed.

"I," said his worried father, who a millionaire college professor, "gotta watch your step or the cops will getcha an' put you in a all night and wipe your face."

"I should worry," said Bill. "Do I look like a sinner?"

"A father and mother sighed as they saw him light a cigarette and put it in his car. It is true he was 12 years old, yet they foolishly led him as a mere child.

"I thought, that night about mid-Bill was stopping on the gas and through Main street at a sixty-six miles an hour when an old Speed Cop his whistle and stepped in front of him."

"Bill stop? He did not. He her up another notch, downed lights to camouflage his license, turned on one wheel into Park and scooted into the next way in at the fastest pitch his legs had spent all his money for tires and was out of gasoline, the cops got him and fined him \$100.00. Bill's father paid the fine and said to him: "Bill, I'm afraid you are a naughty boy!"

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