

TOMMY RYAN ON GOOD FIGHTERS Famous Middleweight Says His Class is Well Balanced.

If the middleweight fighters of the present day can be brought together in a series of fights to decide the ownership of the title I claim to hold, the American public will see some fights the like of which were never witnessed before, writes Tommy Ryan.

The middleweight division today is the only one in the entire pugilistic game that is well and evenly balanced, the only one over which there is constantly hovering doubt and guess work.

It is the only division of the eight or ten that are supposed to exist in which fights for the title could be arranged which, for setting purposes alone, would set the public fairly by the ears.

Through each of the other classes there is a man who is so far above the others as to make it a foregone conclusion that he will win an even match. In most of the classes there is a champion who is practically undisputed and whose ability is so marked that when he is matched he is immediately a 1 to 2 shot over his opponent.

CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTIONABLE

Among the little fellows there seems to be considerable doubt, however, I refer to the men of the 140-pound division. But even at that figure few of them care to take a chance. Most of the bantams want to weigh in at from 135 to 142 pounds, and fact alone shows them out of that class and into the next one above.

Johnny Coulson seems to be the best of the boys that can make 140 pounds legitimately and fight at that figure.

There is a good chance to create a new champion at a weight between 140 and 145 pounds. Well, I remember when 135 pounds was the true featherweight figure, as indeed it should be today, with a special case at about 140 pounds. If this were true Abe Attell would have to relinquish his title. It probably would fall into the hands of an Englishman, but America does not seem to possess a man who can hold a candle to Owen Moran, the little fellow who is now in this country.

Of course there is only one Abe Attell. He stands out in a class by himself among the featherers and indeed I sincerely believe there are few lightweights who can best him.

JOE GANS STANDS ALONE

The same classification is possible among the 150-pounders. There is but one Gans, mightily feared of recent date and still a man so old he should never be classed a retired veteran, but so well possessed that he is able to easily dispose of anybody sent against him.

From the fight to the middle weight limit is a good combination of fresh and mirth.

Where Joe Walcott as good as he was years ago he would send any mother's son of them scampering to the nearest woods in deepest fear. He was the dandy of them all, and like Joe Gans, could send out into two classes above his own and win heavily, a most remarkable man.

But today the Jimmy Gardner, the Billy Meloney, the Joe Thompson and the rest of them appear to be of little account when it comes to the real test.

Not one of them could be counted on to win any sort of a fight. They are all mirth.

The same is true of the present day heavyweight division with Jim Jeffries in retirement. Tommy Burns, a good fighter, is a joke as a champion without wishing to become ecclesiastical I put it that could beat Burns if put in the test, despite the difference in their weights.

SAYS JACK JOHNSON IS BEST

Really I must consider this fellow Johnson as a sure enough black peril. I doubt if there is a heavier today that can stand him off. He is getting better all the time. Kaufmann doesn't shape up well, but may turn out to be something with time on his side. He is a champion, though had training methods, has proved a disappointment and there your list ends.

Not so among the middleweights. Just look at the array of high grade fighters that could be thrown into a tournament and put up dazzling, even fights and would send the fighting bugs into spasms of delight. Here is the way we will have to place them.

First—Jack (Twin) Sullivan, one of the greatest fighters that ever lived and probably the hardest man in the ring to whip. He is a champion to keep hands off this hard-headed chap.

Second—Hugo Kelly, the Chicago Italian, a particularly good and winning fighter, but one who will fight more aggressively to become a real popular idol.

Third—Billy Papke, the Spring Valley wonder, of whom I have heard much but know little. But he is a great man and coming so strong that he commands instant attention.

Fourth—Young Ketchell, the young Butte man, who sprang into such prominence by drawing with and then beating Joe Thompson out on the Pacific coast, two excellent performances.

Just think over the possibilities among this quartet of star fighters. It is enough to make the mouths of fans water in anticipation.

A DANGEROUS FIGHTER

Better let Jack Sullivan alone, say I. Really a truly Jack is one of the greatest fighters the world ever has known. There is just a chance that he may have outgrown the middleweight limit. That is something I do not know about actually, but if he can make 150 pounds, look out, is what I say.

Kelly is a good man. Somehow the public does not take kindly to him. That's too bad for Kelly and his manager. I would like to see both of them get alone nicely.

Papke is getting to be less of a mystery, and more of a champion with each succeeding fight.

When a man goes along winning, not decisions, but indisputable knockouts, then follow that man, no matter who they may be against him. Always follow a winner till they down him. He may have no limit, you know. They make such fighters once a century or so.

Ketchell is a good man, but a trifle too old to improve any. He is as good today as he will be. His style of living is discouraging to a high opinion of him. He is a sport as well as a good fighter, but the combination is not mixable.

As for Tommy Ryan, you will ask,

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LOGAN TEAM DEFEATS Y. M. C. A. PLAYERS.

The first important game of the season for the Logan R. Y. C. basketball team was played at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Saturday evening and the Logan aggregation carried off the honors against the Y. M. C. A. players, winning by a score of 25 to 14. The Logan team was not in good shape for the contest and was simply outplayed by the visitors in every department of the game. The second team of the Y. M. C. A. defeated the Baptists by a score of 41 to 12. The line up of the teams follows:

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Woolley, C. L. P. ... Burlingame
Sainsbury, J. R. P. ... Hurlbut
Carlsen, C. ... Bates
Flinders, J. ... Bond
Butler, J. ... Bond
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Team	W	L	P	Avg
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Crestcents	10	5	0	269
Business Men	10	5	0	269

PLAYERS AVERAGES.

Name and Team	Games	Average
Kipatnik, S. R.	10	197-3
J. W. Hance, H. C.	10	196-6
J. Quinn, Crowns	10	195-9
Pierpont, Crowns	10	191-7
A. W. Smith, H. M.	10	190-8
Leeland, B. M.	10	185-1
Zehring, B. M.	10	182-1
J. H. Hance, H. C.	10	180-9
Morgan, S. R.	10	179-9
Anderson, S. R.	10	178-9
Laurie, C.	10	176-2
Blayne, H. C.	10	175-3
Quinn, C.	10	174-2
P. Quinn, C.	10	173-2
Margaret, Z. C. M.	10	174-10
Richards, Z. C. M.	10	173-10
Earl, H. C.	10	172-4
Glynn, Crowns	10	171-2
Talantines, C.	10	170-3
Reid, H. C.	10	170-3
W. Williams, Crowns	10	170-3
Spitz, Z. C. M.	10	170-3
Leine, S. C.	10	171-2
Barney, S. C.	10	171-2
Schmelz, B. M.	10	171-2
Silvers, S. C.	10	171-2
Silvers, S. C.	10	171-2
Walton, Z. C. M.	10	171-2
Dunkin, S. C.	10	171-2
Raymond, Z. C. M.	10	171-2
Martin, C.	10	171-2
Northrup, C.	10	171-2
Burt, Crowns	10	171-2
Oberg, B. M.	10	171-2
Gore, B. M.	10	171-2
Barrett, B. M.	10	171-2
Carline, B. M.	10	171-2
Crabbe, B. M.	10	171-2
Einhaus, B. M.	10	171-2
Emley, B. M.	10	171-2
Erickson, C.	10	171-2
High total for three games, Anderson, 230.		

SMITH AND WILLIAMS.

Getting Ready for Their Bout New Year's Day.

Salt Lake City lovers of boxing are primed for a show in the near future in which two contestants in the main bouts will be men of national reputation. The first of these contests will take place at Lagoon on New Year's afternoon, between Rube Smith of Denver, Colorado, and Chas. Williams of Rock Springs, Wyoming. These men have agreed to box 20 rounds at 150 pounds, which in all of the boxing world is a record. For the past two years the 150 has been on in Salt Lake City and boxing fans of this town were forced to go to Ogden for their sport.

BIKE RIDERS RETURN.

Samuelson, Hopper and Wilcox Back From New York.

Some of Salt Lake's contingent of bike riders have returned from the big six-day grind at Madison Square Garden, New York. They are W. Samuelson, E. C. Hopper and S. H. Wilcox. The Provo boy is the only one not suffering injuries. Hopper is lame as a result of a broken finger which he got in a mix up on the track. Iver, Lawson is in Boston, Williams in Buffalo while Dunsting is still in New York. The boys all spoke well of the management and declare the race a success.

A. TOEPPERWEIN MAKES GREAT SHOOTING RECORD

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 22.—A. Toepperwein today completed a ten days' shooting series during which he shot at 225 targets and missed only nine. This breaks the world's record in several different ways, both as to the number of targets shot at and the number missed. Mr. Toepperwein closed the exhibition in whirlwind fashion, shooting at the final 650 targets and missing only one. Toepperwein used a 22 calibre automatic rifle and the blocks were 2 1/2 inches thick and were thrown into the air at a distance of 20 feet from the point where the marksman stood.

BRAZIL WILL GIVE FLEET GREAT WELCOME.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 22.—When the American fleet of warships reaches this port it will be accorded a royal welcome. It is not intended, however, that the welcome shall be demonstrative, but that all courtesy shall be paid the visitors as though the visit were expressly made to Brazil.

The fleet is expected here about Jan. 11, and it will remain at Rio Janeiro for 10 days. Admiral Alencar, the minister of marine, has issued an order for division composed of the cruisers Barroso and Tamandare, and the gunboats Tybena, Tamoyo and Tira. dentia to hold themselves in readiness to meet the American fleet on the high seas and accompany it into the harbor. A number of fetes are being arranged, among which are dances, picnics and banquets. The finance minister will give a ball on Fiesal island, in the bay of Rio Janeiro, and the minister of marine has arranged for two excursions, one to the summit of Corcovado, a mountainous peak about two miles from Rio Janeiro, from which a magnificent view of the surrounding country can be had, and the other to Tiluca park.

The minister of foreign affairs, Baron de Rio Branco, and the mayor of Rio Janeiro, will entertain the American officers, and Dr. Jose Carlos Rodriguez, proprietor of the Journal of Commerce, will give a banquet to Rear Admiral Evans and the highest officers of the fleet. Other social events are being arranged to make the stay of the Americans here one to be remembered.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Philippine tariff bill, on which hearings will be begun by the house committee on ways and means during the first week after the reconvening of Congress after the holidays, is similar to the measure

introduced by Representative Payne and passed by the house during the last Congress, and which admits to the United States free of duty articles wholly the products of the Philippine Islands, except sugar, tobacco and rice, on which a duty amounting to 25 per cent of the present rate is provided for.

As was the case two years ago, it is expected there will be strong opposition to the bill on the part of the American sugar, tobacco and rice interests. The bill failed to pass the senate during the last Congress and it is known that it will again encounter strong opposition there.

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TOM LAWSON WILL LAUNCH A NEW PARTY.

New York, Dec. 22.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, who last Tuesday called on President Roosevelt at the White House, and who subsequently said he would probably "make a statement to the public within a few days" will according to an interview to be published by the World tomorrow, soon launch a new political party. Its candidates for president and vice president, according to the plan as announced, will be Theodore Roosevelt and Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota. In his formal announcement Mr. Lawson avoids any direct statement that his chosen candidates have acquiesced in his political program.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA SAILS.

Port of Spain, Dec. 22.—The American torpedo-boat flotilla sailed for Rio Janeiro at 8 o'clock this morning. The flotilla should have left yesterday, but was delayed on account of the late arrival of the supply ship Archduke, with provisions and other necessary supplies. All on board are reported well.

CREEDE POWER PLANT BURNS.

Creede, Colo., Dec. 22.—The big power plant of the Happy Thought mine, belonging to the United Creede Mining company, was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss estimated at \$100,000. The mine was closed on account of the depreciation in silver and the cause of the fire is unknown.

VACATION FOR STEEL WORKERS.

Juliet, Ill., Dec. 22.—Practically the entire force of the steel mills here will have a vacation during holiday week, nearly all departments closing until January 1. Resumption at that time is promised. Nearly 3,000 men will be effected.

INSERT MALLORY.

Pennacola, Fla., Dec. 22.—United States Senator Stephen B. Mallory died at 12:45 o'clock this morning. After an illness caused by a general breakdown on Nov. 20, with paralysis of the left side, he rallied somewhat, but early today began sinking rapidly, and was unconscious until the end.

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