

Warren, Gentleman and Scholar, Is After World Boxing Title

University Graduate Aspires to Light-Heavyweight Crown—To Play Football This Year and Enter Professional Ring After Thanksgiving.

(By Wm. Norment Cox)

Pugilism, the highest paid professional sport in America, is keeping abreast of the times in North Carolina. Not content with successful conquests in the world of literature, diplomacy, the cigarette industry and other kindred spirits, the old North State is about ready to offer one of its sturdiest sons to the roar of the crowd. There has come from the little coast village of Edwards, N. C., a lad named Addison Exum Warren who is confident that he will bring to his native heath, his parcel of fame, comparable to that of Greene and Hughes, outstanding dramatists; O. Henry and Wilbur Steele, prose writers; and that of the Pages in diplomacy and public works. This lad, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and already Junior National Heavy-weight champion of the United States, is soon to forsake his homeland and amateur laurels for the gold and glory held out by the gentlemen of the box fighting industry.

Although Warren will carry to the professional ranks an amateur heavyweight title, he intends to confine his efforts to the class now ruled by Jack Delaney. The North Carolina youth, a natural light heavyweight, weighing 175, is confident that some day he will challenge that title. This is his love, his aim, his consuming ambition and many who know are of the opinion that the lad is not dreaming.

Defeats Dempsey's Sparring Partner

A few days ago a dispatch from Dempsey's camp at Saratoga Springs said that big Marty Gallager of Washington, D. C., had arrived to help condition the ex-champion for his historic come-back. As his name appeared in the news items Warren laughed and said, "Sure I know Marty. I met him in my first fight under the A. A. U. He was champion of the South Atlantic States. Yes, he was the champion and I drew him first. Read this."

"Warren brightened up the evening," reads an excerpt from the Baltimore Sun of March, 1926, "by winning two slashing bouts. In the first he gained the decision over Marty Gallager of Washington, D. C., present holder of the South Atlantic championship and thereby eliminated him from further competition. Warren soon solved Gallager's bothersome left hand and shook the champion repeatedly with rollicking lefts and rights. In his other bout the Tar Heel knocked out Ben Funderburk with a right hand clip to the jaw that hung Funderburk over the top rope where he hung like a sack of meal till counted out."

This happened in the eliminations for the Junior National championship from which Warren eventually emerged with his first title. Yes, the Tar Heel can fight. He has had over forty bouts in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Cincinnati and has never been off his feet. He has lost two decisions. All of his fights have been under A. A. U. rules, but his opponents have often been men of real ability. This past summer Warren has been boxing four round benefit bouts for the American Legion. Recently he gained a newspaper verdict over Lester Mayle, Indian heavy from Fort Bragg and in a return match a few nights ago knocked out Mayle in the second round. Mayle represents

the class of the big fellows in this part of the country and in 1924 represented the United States in the Olympic games.

Hardened by Outdoor Life

The Carolina coast region, famous for its duck shooting and treacherous Cape Hatteras was the scene of Ad Warren's childhood. This country as brawny as the peat bogs in old Ireland gives to its sons a strength that never forsakes them. Besides, Warren comes of true fighting stock, his parent being English on his father's side and Irish on his mother's. North Carolinians have long nodded in the sun and read of the mighty men of the ring from other lands, but who knows but what right among them they have a section destined to become as famous for its fighting men as County Cork in the old country.

Young Warren grew up close to the soil; out in the open from morning till night. As the boy grew older, he was put to work as a lumber jack in his father's logging camp. Day after day he drove his axe into the long leaf pine and then snaked the logs to the mill. This life in the open has given Warren, without effort, something that many of our present champions have had to labor to acquire. Witness Tunney, Dempsey, Delaney et al. However, life for the sturdy youngster was not all work and no play. There was plenty of time to hunt the boundless forest and trap the marshes for miles around.

Indeed this was a man's life, full of thrill and muscle building adventure. This early training brought Warren to the University of North Carolina with a body as tough as a prime white oak and as fresh as the resinous aroma from the long leaf pines.

At the University Warren took to athletics like a duck to water. While here he played football, was captain of the wrestling team and twice captained the boxing team. He was a three letter man and stood out in every sport.

Receives A. B. Degree at University

If Warren has as much success in the professional ring as he had in all respects at the University, his cup will be filled. First, he graduated last spring with a B. A. degree, and he took with him not only that degree, but as many honors as have been carried off by any one man in the history of the South's oldest University. The theory is held by many wise-acres that brains and the fight game will not mix. If this is true, the Tar Heel boxer had just as well hang up his trunks and forget his aspirations. Fortunately this theory makes not the slightest impression on the gentleman fighter from North Carolina and he is ready to step out and show the world that they are all wrong.

There have been many other fighters in the professional game with college records behind them. Many of these gentlemen have used their so-called college records as flying rings to strike popular fancy. Then there are scores of "school boy" fighters, or what have you, but it is claimed that this lad, Ad Warren, is something entirely new on the fistic horizon, for his personality is real, his record is genuine and his ability is not the result of newspaper build up.

Warren Wins Heavyweight Title at Philadelphia Sesqui

March, 1926, found Warren on his way to the Junior National tournament in Philadelphia. He stopped in Baltimore long enough to win both the light heavyweight and heavyweight championships of the South At-

lantic States and then went on to the Quaker City. While in Baltimore, Warren struck the fancy of Captain Chas. Mabbutt, one of the leading figures in amateur boxing in the world. The friendship grew from mutual admiration and now Mabbutt is Warren's closest adviser.

The Philadelphia tournament, said to be the best ever held there, was one continual fight for the rebel from way down South. Entered in two weights Warren set the pace for the tournament by winning the heavyweight title and dropping a close decision to Joe Monte, of Boston, Mass., the judges disagreeing, in the final bout for the light-heavyweight title. Johnny Buckley, manager of Jack Sharkey, has since taken Monte under his wing, and this lad fought the opening preliminary to the Dempsey-Sharkey bout, winning by a knockout.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, writing about the tournament, said: "A. E. Warren was one of the outstanding figures taking the heavyweight championship in a hectic bout from Marty Gallager of Washington after he had dropped the 175 gonfalon to Joe Monte of Boston. The North Carolina youth, as clean a boxer as ever stepped in a local ring, dropped Gallager in the second round for a short count with a terrific right to the chin. It was Warren's bout all the way."

Last March Warren went to Cincinnati to defend his title in the Amateurs, but was ruled out of the tournament after he had knocked out Jerry Hoffman of St. Louis in the first round. It was found that no former champion could compete among the juniors. Warren returned to his school much disgusted to await the time when all this amateur business would be a thing of the past.

To Enter Professionals after Thanksgiving

There is only one thing holding the amateur back from making his final plunge into the professional race. Warren, an All-State tackle at the University of North Carolina and mentioned All-Southern, has one more fling on the gridiron. Next to fighting he loves football best. To play out his time for his alma mater is Warren's sacrifice, but he is satisfied to do this. Although he is approached daily with attractive propositions from many sources, he is putting them all aside till his playing days are over. Just yesterday Warren received an offer from Stanley Ketchell, the old time Michigan Assassin, for a bout with Chuck Wiggins in Indianapolis. This is only one of the many offers and propositions.

So the time is not far away

when North Carolina will watch one of her native sons as the pugilistic spot light plays upon his bronzed body and his granite-like fists. That this lad will bring a measure of glory not only to his state, but to the South is the belief of all who have seen him in action. Georgia, the home of Southern pugilistic endeavor, will soon look to its laurels. Warren believes today that he can whip Stribling and wants him. And who can say but that the South will soon give to the ring a fighter of the killer type. It is this trait in Warren that catches the eye of the old timers who have worked with him. Fighters like Ad Stone, Lew Tendler, K. O. George Chaney and such experts as Frank McGrath of Boston and Doc Almy of the Boston Post.

It is only a question of a few months now till the Tar Heel lays aside his amateur athletic gear, his fraternity pins, his University degree to become Ad Warren, aspirant for the light-heavyweight championship of the world.

Staff of U. N. C. Coaching School Has Been Chosen

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of coaching. The practical work will be devoted to passing, goal shooting, and defensive plays will be made.

Mr. Robert A. Fetzter will be in charge of the course in track and field athletics and will be assisted by Mr. Lester C. Belding. The course will consist of a general discussion of the main principles involved in training for track athletics, of a specific study of the individual events of the inter-scholastic program, and of a discussion of the rules, the management, and the officiating of meets. There will also be practical work and demonstrations.

Mr. James N. Ashmore will have charge of the baseball course. This course will deal with a study of the fundamentals of baseball, the principles of batting and base running, team work, coaching methods and rules, and with practical work and special demonstrations in batting, base running, and fielding.

Mr. P. H. Quinlan, coach of wrestling and trainer for the University's teams, will handle the courses in boxing and wrestling. The courses will consist of lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and individual instruction. The course in the training and conditioning of athletes will also be handled by Mr. Quinlan. This course will comprise lectures, discussions, and demonstrations having to do with

physical examinations, training and conditioning, and the prevention and care of injuries.

Mr. E. H. Ellinwood, who is identified with the coaching of soccer in the University, will have charge of the soccer course. This course will consist of lectures, discussions, and demonstrations having to do with the playing of soccer. Special interest attaches to the playing of soccer at the present time by reason of the fact that the North Carolina High School Athletic Association will conduct this fall for the first time a state high school soccer contest.

The tennis course in the coaching school will be in charge of Mr. E. C. Jernigan, superintendent of the Bladenboro schools, who for several years was a member of the University tennis team. The tennis course will have to do with such matters as the construction and layout of courts, the choice of racquets, the styles of play, service strokes, defense and offense, and with practice and demonstrations, and individual lessons.

Mr. Robert A. Fetzter was instrumental in starting the an-

nual coaching school during his first year of connection with University of North Carolina athletics in 1922. The school this year will therefore be the sixth of which he has served as director. Mr. E. R. Rankin, of the University Extension Division, will act as secretary of the school.

The University of North Carolina will place at the disposal of those who attend the coaching school its athletic field, athletic equipment, and dormitory accommodations. It is expected that a large number of school officials and athletic directors from North Carolina and nearby states will attend the coaching school this year.

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