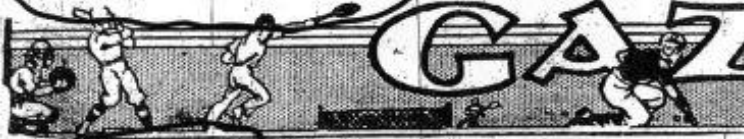


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1935



## TITLE IS AT STAKE AS ARMSTRONG FACES BLACK TONIGHT

With a western featherweight boxing championship at stake, Alton Black and Henry Armstrong will meet in Chestnut arena tonight in the first strictly titular battle to be staged in a local ring since the Jeffries-Johnson fight of 1910.

Black, facing prospects of big time fistic glory if he wins, will place all of his hitting and boxing ability to its best advantage in the hope of securing an early knockout. It is not the local boy's plan to box it out with the California, although there are those among Black's supporters who claim the local featherweight is a far better boxer than he is rated.

Should Armstrong adopt a going-away style, then Black will almost be forced to do some boxing, and he has been working on the finer points during his long training siege to prepare for this emergency. His preference is slugging, however, and if Armstrong plans to advance tonight the boys will likely slug it out toe to toe in the center of the ring for as long as one or the other can last.

Armstrong arrived in Reno yesterday in excellent condition, and his manager, Wirt L. Ross, expressed confidence that his boy would be able to score a victory and take home the title. Armstrong has the better boxing record, never having been defeated at his own weight, but of the opponents both have met, Black has handed out the more severe lacerations.

Armstrong will place his California featherweight title on the block against the Intermountain and Nevada featherweight championships held by Alton Black. The winner is to be recognized as king of all the featherweights west of the Mississippi river, and a handsome silver belt buckle will be awarded to the victor. The boys will weigh in at 126

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The bout has created more interest among the fistic gentry than any battle promoted here in many years, and at present it looks like the Chestnut arena will be completely sold out for the first time since the King Tut-Ray Dozier engagement.

Promoter George Griffing has arranged an unusually good supporting card for the title fight, and the boys in the semi-final are main eventers on any other occasion. They are Billy Azevedo and Lloyd Smith, and they are expected to step six rounds of very fast slugging and boxing. Both are well liked in Reno and will not disappoint the crowd with their efforts this evening. Smith has recently scored several impressive victories in the Sacramento valley while Azevedo has met with no small measure of success in the Bay district.

Battling Dozier, the old reliable of the Reno ring, will engage Danny Mack of Chicago in the four round special event. Fans who have followed the Wichita Cyclone's progress since he came to Reno some years ago have been wondering just how long the "Bat" will be able to stand up against some of the best rising young boxers in the country. Maybe they'll find their answer tonight as Mack holds the Cuban championship and is fresh from a bout with Jack Gibbons in the East.

Two crack preliminaries are also scheduled. Bobby Augustine will tackle Young Davidson of Sparks in a four rounder which should be as fast a bout as will be seen on the card, while Leonard Tolano, also of Sparks, will get together with the fast stepping Martin Beebe in the curtain raiser.

The fights will start at nine o'clock but the customers have been advised to come early. Those who wish to sit in the gallery will engage in an active scramble for seats, while the boys who haven't obtained duets for the reserved and ringside sections already may find the choicer seats disposed of early as the ticket staff at the arena reports an unusually heavy advance sale.

## HENRY ARMSTRONG IN TECHNICAL OVER BLACK

Henry Armstrong, dynamic little California featherweight, won the Western featherweight boxing championship last night when he scored a technical knockout over Alton Black of Reno in the eighth round of a sensational fight at Chestnut arena. The largest crowd of the season saw the bout.

While Armstrong became the champion, Black put up one of the best and gamest fights of his career, and had it not been for the eye injury which forced Referee Poloni to halt the bout in the eighth canto, the outcome might have been different. As it stood, when the bout was ended Black protested, then asked for another chance to beat Armstrong down.

From the start of the fight until it was ended the boys never coasted for a minute. It was blow for blow that they went the entire route, with Black landing the cleaner, harder punches, and with Armstrong coming back to pepper away.

Black came out to take the first round, landing blows in profusion, but he never put Armstrong in retreat. The Nevada also took the second, as, although Armstrong bled in continuously to keep him from getting set Black swung with stinging lefts and rights. The third was Black's best round. At the outset he rocked Armstrong with a right uppercut, and followed it up to land hard lefts and rights. Once he virtually had the Californian in retreat, and near the end of the canto he stepped back and let go with a right that rocked Armstrong on his heels.

It was in the fourth that the tide of battle surged towards Armstrong. The dusky little Californian stepped back and let fly with a right which caught Black above the left eye and tore four slight slashes in the skin. The boys were swinging viciously, and a little later in the round, coming out of a clinch, it was noticeable that Armstrong had opened another cut on Black's cheek.

Half blinded by gore in the remaining rounds, Black still was able to rock Armstrong with punches, but the coast featherweight, coming on at a furious pace, tied him up more and more frequently and had a slight advantage by the eighth. In that round Black was bleeding with profusion, and Referee Poloni stopped the bout.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1935



# HENRY ARMSTRONG Meets Armstrong TO MEET ALTON BLACK HERE TONIGHT



Alton Black, fast Nevada featherweight, will engage Henry Armstrong, California featherweight champion, in a fifteen round bout at Chestnut arena tonight.

Expected to fight before one of the largest crowds to gather at a local arena in many months, Alton Black and Henry Armstrong, two of the West's best featherweights, will meet in a fifteen round bout at Chestnut arena tonight. Armstrong will enter the ring a slight favorite. The boys were pronounced in excellent condition by the arena physician this morning.

The fight, which is the first to be scheduled for fifteen rounds here in some years, has attracted attention of sports followers ever since the rematch was announced two months ago. Black and Armstrong fought such a whirlwind bout here last September that fans have demanded a rematch.

Both fighters claim that the outcome will be different this time, but that each will fight with as much fury as in the first battle. Black does not expect his eye to be cut as it was last time to rob him of a possible chance for victory. Armstrong says he hopes that his opponent will not suffer this misfortune because he would like to win on points or by a knockout.

Armstrong will put the Western featherweight title on the block for the first time this evening. He won the belt in his fight with Black, taking it on a technical knockout when Black's eye was cut. Although the dusky perpetual motion artist has defeated several first flight boxers since that time he has reserved the belt for tonight's engagement. Black has rested since the battle, taking time out to develop a new style which should prove a big aid to him in his campaign this evening.

With eleven straight wins to his credit, Young Davidson of Sparks will engage Abraham Lincoln Jones in one of the outstanding preliminaries on the card. Young Firpo, full of confidence, will take on Ed W...

# BERWANGER WINS GRID HONORS IN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(P)—Jay Berwanger again—by a mile.

For the second straight year but with a far greater margin than before, the Dubuque, Ia., boy who became a football immortal at the University of Chicago today was named the outstanding athlete of the Western Conference in a poll of writers and experts who follow the conference's activities.

Jesse Owens, Ohio State's "one man track team," offered the only serious opposition to Chicago's "one man football team," but was buried under an avalanche of Berwanger votes, 41 to 20. Only two others figured in the voting—George Roscoe, Minnesota's all-around star, and Bill Renher, forward passing genius of Michigan. Roscoe received six votes, Renher two.

# ARMSTRONG BEATS ALTON BLACK IN THEIR SECOND BATTLE

Alton Black's towel sailed into the ring to bring an abrupt end to eight rounds of furious fighting between the Reno featherweight and Henry Armstrong, of Los Angeles, western featherweight title holder. A wound over Black's right eye, opened in the fourth round, and a cut on the head, the result of a head-on collision with the Negro, handicapped Black, and though the Reno boy was fighting gamely, his seconds put an end to the fight by tossing in the towel.

From the start Armstrong carried the fight to Black, but the aggressor took plenty of punishment himself. The Los Angeles champ had only a slight edge until the fourth round, when Black's eye was cut open but for four more rounds the Reno lad dished out a good many telling blows despite his handicap.

It was the second meeting for Black and Armstrong. Their first fight, held here in September, ended the same way as last night's contest. The same eye injury put an end to their first fight, and last night's scheduled fifteen-round fight was to settle the question.

Young Firpo, 163-pounder from New York, won an unpopular decision over Jimmy ("Kid") Williams, same weight, of Las Vegas in the six-round semi-final. The Las Vegas started after Firpo at the start, but ran into an uppercut that sent him down for the count of nine in the first round. Firpo took every round, flooring his opponent several times, but his style of fighting wasn't appreciated by the fans. Williams was the attacker throughout, but he was unable to land many telling blows.

Young Davidson, 126, of Reno and Abraham Lincoln Jones, 125, of Los Angeles went through four rounds of fast fighting and Davidson won a close decision. It was the last round that settled matters, for then the California Negro turned from fighting to clowning, with the result that Davidson waded in to earn the fight.

Eddie Chess, 156, of Reno, won a four-round decision over Jerry Callahan, 162, also of Reno. Callahan forced Chess to several takes and...