

## WELSH IS FAVORITE OVER CADILLAC MAN

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**New York, NY.,** Oct. 31—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of the world, is a slight favorite over Ad Wolgast, former titleholder, in the betting at Madison Square Garden next Monday. The Englishman is picked to outbox the Michigan fighter with ease.

Wolgast, now in training at Cooper's Gymnasium, declared today that he would surprise Welsh as well as some of the critics. The former champion has been working for this bout for three weeks and declared he is in perfect shape.

**Saturday, October 31, 1914**  
**The Cadillac Evening News**  
**Cadillac, Michigan**

## WOLGAST GETS CHANCE TO WIN TITLE HE LOST

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*Ad Must Knock Out Welsh Tomorrow  
Night to Regain Laurels*

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**MEET IN GOTHAM RING**

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**By Ray C. Pearson**

Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world, has a chance to perform a feat that few boxers have accomplished—regain the crown after once having lost it. That chance comes to Wolgast tomorrow night at Madison Square Gardens in new York, where the Michigan "Bearcat" is to exchange wallops with Champion Freddie Welsh.

Welsh and Wolgast are billed to hook up in a bout limited to ten rounds, and there isn't a person in the world who knows anything about boxing who will concede that Wolgast has anything better than an outside chance to emerge victor. Even were Wolgast good enough to outpoint the champion he could not capture the title because of the ban on decisions in new York state, which puts it up to the "Bearcat" to score a knockout if he is to regain the title.

### **First Clash of Pair**

This meeting tomorrow night is interesting for many reasons. Welsh and Wolgast, for years considered at the top of the heap of lightweights, have never met. Three years ago they were matched to battle twenty rounds in Los Angeles before the club operated by promoter Tom McCarey. But they didn't meet and in that failure to clash Freddie Welsh may attribute his success in winning the championship later. It will be remembered that only forty-eight hours

before the "Bearcat" and Welsh were to have climbed into the ring, the former was attacked by appendicitis. He was taken to the hospital, where an operation was performed and was out of the game for a long time.

As an eleventh hour substitute for Wolgast, Promoter McCarey hit upon Willie Ritchie, then a raw kid of San Francisco. Ritchie grabbed the chance to battle the Britisher, and turned out to be better than expected for he gave Welsh the hardest kind of a battle for twenty rounds, the Britisher winning the bout on points. But his ability to give a boy of Welsh's class such an argument was the making of Ritchie and he followed it up by winning the championship.

### **Wolgast Battles Ritchie**

Wolgast after taking what he believed sufficient time to recover from his operation, decided to take a tryout in one of those four round bouts which is popular in San Francisco. He notified the promoters that he was ready and the man they elected to try him out was none other than Willie Ritchie. The fans of the Golden Gate City never saw a four round fight like that staged between Wolgast and Ritchie. It was a hammer and tongs affair from the first tap of the gong until the last and so hard did they slug that both boys were knocked to the canvas.

After that clash Ritchie got the idea that he could win the title from the "Bearcat" and a lot of promoters on the coast, including Jimmy Coffroth who had taken a liking to Ritchie, also thought so, and they immediately began dickering for a twenty round bout between Wolgast and Ritchie. Coffroth finally secured their signatures to articles for a match on Nov. 28, 1912, at Daly City. For ten rounds of that battle Wolgast hammered Ritchie. Then the Californian began to show the stuff of what he is made. He turned the tide of battle and was gaining the upper hand when Wolgast committed a foul, hitting his opponent low, and the referee gave the fight and championship to Ritchie. The foul was the second of a pair landed by Wolgast in the sixteenth round just after the "Bearcat" had been knocked to the canvas by one of Ritchie's famous right-crosses.

### **Careful Work by Champion**

Gaining the championship made Ritchie a popular titleholder. He played the game carefully, met the best boys that were secured as his opponents by the promoters, and always was in the kind of condition that wins, with the rest that he scored victories over such being as Joe Rivers, Leach Cross, and others. Among those others was Ad Wolgast whom in their third meeting, a ten round bout in a Milwaukee ring, Ritchie outpointed the Michigander so far that there wasn't any doubt as to who had one.

All this time Freddie Welsh was “battling.” After winning the decision over Ritchie in the latter’s first big bout in Los Angeles, the Britisher always believed that he could take the measure of the San Francisco kid. So when Ritchie took the title from Wolgast, Freddie barked more loudly. For a longtime he couldn’t draw any fire from the champion. One reason was that no one would offer a big enough purse to suit Ritchie. But Welsh finally arranged for that. He discussed terms with London promoters and agreed to let Ritchie take all the money if they would let him in the ring. The promoter offered Ritchie \$25,000 for his end and it was this lure that cost Ritchie the title. They battled twenty rounds and at the end of that session the decision and title were awarded to Welsh, making a new champion.

#### **Chance for Strange Result**

Now comes the strange part of the tangled skein. Welsh, now champion is to meet the boy who was champion when their other match was prevented by an attack of appendicitis. In between came Willie Ritchie, who substituted for Wolgast and later won the championship from Wolgast. Would the situation be strange if Wolgast was to defeat Welsh tomorrow night and gain the title.

Sunday, November 1, 1914  
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Chicago, Illinois

## **WELSH AND WOLGAST BOUT**

### ***Ex-Champion Predicts That He Will Win Title from Englishman***

When Referee Billy Roche calls time to send Freddie Welsh, world’s lightweight champion, and Ad Wolgast, the “Michigan Wildcat,” together tomorrow night at Madison Square Garden, there will be many anxious ones waiting for the ex-champion to make good with his prediction that he would win his title back by a knockout. Those who have seen Wolgast work the past few days at Cooper’s Gymnasium were well satisfied that the erstwhile champion is fit to show his best. Not since he won the title of lightweight champion has he been in better condition that he is at present.

Welsh may be dethroned as champion tomorrow night, but it will not be until after he is helpless on the mat. The champion did not pick Wolgast as a soft one, but, on the other hand, selected him because he is a fighter of the first water.

Sunday, November 1, 1914  
The New York Times  
New York, NY

## **BOTH FIGHTERS IN BIG BATTLE READY FOR WORD**

*Ad Wolgast, Local Scrapper, Meets Freddie  
Welsh Tonight in New York in 10 Round Bout*

### **WELSH IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY**

*Says Ad Will Be Unable to Touch Him; Does  
Not Expect to Knock Out Cadillac Boxer*

### **Returns of The Welsh-Wolgast Fight Will be Received Round by Round this Evening**

(By United Press to Evening News)

Place—Madison Square Garden, New York  
Contestants—Freddie Welsh, lightweight  
champion of the world, and Ad Wolgast, former  
champion.

Weight—135 pounds at 3 o’clock.

Referee—Billy Roche

Seating Capacity of Garden—12,000

Preliminary Bouts—Start at 8:45 p.m.; main  
bout at 10 p.m.

Preliminaries—Eddie Nugent vs. Jimmy  
Ryan, six rounds at 147 pounds; Eddie Morgan  
vs. Eddie Wallace, 10 rounds, at 124 pounds.

New York, NY., Nov. 2—“Ready” was the  
word that came today from both Ad Wolgast,  
former lightweight champion of Cadillac, Mich.,  
and Freddie Welsh, of Pontypridd, Wales,  
present titleholder, who clash here tonight in a  
10 round bout. Betting late this afternoon  
favored Welsh 10 to 4.

Wolgast’s future depends largely on his  
showing made this evening. Unless he can hold  
the Englishman fairly even, he will be classed as  
just about through with the ring game. Welsh is  
confident of winning, but frankly states that he  
has no expectations of knocking out the  
Michigan boy. Ad is making no predictions. He  
only says he will give the Britisher the hardest  
run he has had in many a week for his money.

Both pugilists are down to weight. There is  
considerable interest in tonight’s bout and it is  
expected that the largest crowd of the fall will be  
present. Ad weighed in at three o’clock this  
afternoon and was two pounds under weight.  
Welsh followed him on the scales and just tipped  
the beam at 135.

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The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## FREDDIE WELSH MEETS AD WOLGAST TONIGHT

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*Lightweights Hope to Do Much Mussing  
in New York*  
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New York, NY., November 1—Professor Fredrick Hall Thomas of Pontypridd, Wales, the eminent Queensberry scientist, whose public appearances have been made under the less ponderous cognomen of Freddie Welsh, will in conjunction with Herr Adolph Wolgast of Cadillac, Mich., entertain at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night with an illustrated lecture entitled “How to Hit the Other Chap on the Tip of the Proboscis and Then Vanish his Fists.”

It can readily be understood that Mr. Welsh has it in mind to use Herr Wolgast’s olfactory organ as the target for the series of taps referred to, and that the amusement of the onlookers is to be heightened by the savage efforts of the Cadillac boy to retaliate on the elusive Welsh.

The contest promises the onlookers an exciting thirty minutes. It will be the meeting of the cleverest lightweight in the ring against a man who never had a superior in the matter of combativeness, pugnacity, and tenacity. The Cadillac Wildcat packs more fighting spirit in his 135 pounds of avoirdupoise than any man since the days of George Lavigne, the Saginaw Kid.

Both men are at weight and have encountered little trouble making the mark, so there will be no hitch in this respect. Both have trained faithfully and are in the best of condition.

Monday, November 2, 1914  
San Francisco Examiner  
San Francisco, California

## WOLGAST AND WELSH SET FOR EASTERN PARTY

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*ENGLISH CHAMPION SAYS THAT HE IS  
GOING TO MIX THINGS WITH BEARCAT*  
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Freddie Welsh, who won the world’s lightweight championship from Willie Ritchie last July, will defend his title tonight when he clashes with Ad Wolgast in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden, New York. This will be the first time these two battlers have ever faced each other in a ring, and according to reports from the big city, one of the best fights of the year is looked for.

Milwaukee fans well know the ability of the two boxers and there are very few of them

them concede Wolgast a chance to beat the champion. If Welsh stands off and boxes the Dutchman, the chances are that he will come home a winner, but according to the reports, Freddie intends to show the followers of the game that he carts around a knockout punch and will mix things with Adolph. If such be the case the Michigan boy has a chance to cop the title holder.

### Make Weight Easy

The two battlers are to weigh in at 135 pounds at 3 o’clock this afternoon and it is not expected that either of them will have any trouble making the required weight. Wolgast wired local followers that he was in the best of condition and that his hands were never better. That he expects to trim the Briton gores without saying, as the little “Bearcat” sees a chance to win back the title that once crowned his dome.

To win back his lost title Wolgast will be forced to score a knockout over the Welshman. Appreciating this he declares he will fight as rapidly as his strength will permit, and unless he has lost much of the wonderful vitality that has marked his work in the past, he will crowd more battling into the ten-round bout than has been seen at Madison Square Garden in many a day.

Welsh is no slouch at mixing it at close quarters and is anxious to show New Yorkers that he can slug as well as box. This will be his first appearance in a New York ring since he snatched the world’s lightweight crown from the head of Willie Ritchie. As Ritchie has been seen in action by New Yorkers, it is necessarily conceded that any man who can baffle William must be a boxer of uncommon ability.

Monday, November 2, 1914  
The Milwaukee Journal  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## HOPES TO REGAIN LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

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*Wolgast Expects to Win Back Championship in  
Bout with Welsh at Garden Tonight.*  
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The lightweight championship will be at stake tonight when Freddie Welsh, the titleholder, meets Ad Wolgast in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden. The men have agreed to weigh in at 133 pounds at 3 o’clock this afternoon. Both are at weight and have encountered little trouble making the mark, so that there will be no hitch in that respect. Billy Roche has been selected to referee the contest, which will start promptly at 10 o’clock P.M.

To win back his lost title Wolgast will be forced to score a knockout over Welsh. He is

determine to fight his hardest, appreciating that it will probably be his last chance to get back the crown. If good condition will make it a good bout the fans are in store for a hummer. Both men are in their best possible fighting trim and with the aggressive Wolgast tearing in from round to round and Welsh meeting him in the exchanges, as he says he will, there should be plenty of fireworks before the tenth round is reached, if it goes that far.

Monday, November 2, 1914  
The New York Times  
New York, NY

## WELSH FACES AD WOLGAST IN TITLE BOUT

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*Gotham Ring Fans Expect Plenty of  
Slugging in Battle Tonight*

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**TEN ROUNDS GO BILLED**

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**New York, NY, Nov. 1**—[Special]— Everything is set for the big scrap in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night between World's Lightweight Champion Freddie Welsh and Ad Wolgast, the Michigan "Bearcat." It will be a real battle unless all signs fail, for Welsh, since becoming champion, has been angered by talk of his inability to land a knockout punch.

On expert dope, Welsh should be comparatively certain to outpoint Wolgast in ten rounds. Welsh has always been able to hold off terrific rushers and lambasting sluggers when occasion required, and tomorrow night certainly will be an occasion. If Wolgast can get over a wallop that will stretch Freddie out for ten seconds, he will be accorded the lightweight championship of the whole world. Which title even in these parlous times is a great asset.

Ad has everything to gain and nothing to lose. Freddie has everything to lose and not a whole lot to gain. As has been said, on expert dope Freddie should certainly win. But this has been a terribly disastrous year for "expert dope" in all branches of sports.

### **Roche to Referee**

Billy Roche, recently appointed official referee, will be the third man in the ring. Roche today visited the camps of both fighters. He outlined the rules, which he will expect them to follow.

Wolgast gave a hint of his plan of campaign, for he was very inquisitive concerning hitting in the clinches and on the breakaways, indicating that he desired so-called "straight rules" to obtain during the contest. Throughout his training Wolgast has been following his old time slam-

bang tactics with his sparring partners, and these latter bear witness both by word of mouth and their appearances that the little Michigander has lost none of his punishing powers.



*Ad Wolgast*

Welsh listened indolently while Roche was outlining the rules, apparently being a whole lot more interested in a Pekinese spaniel, which was frolicking about than he was in the talk of the battle. When Roche had finished Welsh said:

"You know me, Bill. You won't have to caution me. I'll fight as I always do, and you'll have no complaint."

### **Boxers Finish Training**

Both Welsh and Wolgast finished training today. After a strenuous day of exercise at Jack Cooper's Gymnasium, where he has completed the training process, Wolgast stepped on the scales. The beam had been set at 135 pounds, the weight, which the principals are to make tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Wolgast did not even budge it. Cooper, who is an expert in the weighing proposition, allowed that Ad didn't weigh as much as 133 pounds.

Welsh studiously avoided the scales at his quarters, but the champion advised his manager, Harry Pollok, that there would be no need of worry over the weight forfeit, and it is pretty certain that Freddie will be exactly at the proper

notch when the time comes for the official weighing.

Welsh's battle with Wolgast will be his first in New York since he won the world's title from Willie Ritchie in London last summer, and his work as champion will be closely watched by a big crowd of fans. The early sale of tickets indicates that a huge crowd will see the contest.

**Monday, November 2, 1914**  
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**Chicago, Illinois**

## **WOLGAST LOSES TO FRED WELSH; HE INJURES ARM**

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**New York, N.Y., Nov. 3**—A fractured ulna in his right arm, probably received in the seventh round, forced Ad Wolgast to halt at the end of the eight round of his scheduled 16-round go with Freddie Welsh, titleholder, here last night. Following an examination by a physician, Referee Roche awarded Welsh the decision.

The Englishman deserved the victory, for he had the better of the Cadillac, Mich., boxer during the majority of the rounds. Wolgast led in the first and third sessions, and held Freddie even in the second round but the remainder of the battle was in the favor of the champion.

Ad fought through the eighth round with his right useless. During the early part of the battle Wolgast led, and the first three rounds were pretty ones to watch. But Ad couldn't keep up this pace, and beginning with the fourth he was put on the defensive.

**Tuesday, November 3, 1914**  
**The Cadillac Evening News**  
**Cadillac, Michigan**

## **WOLGAST BREAKS ARM IN FIGHT**

### **Cadillac Boy Forced to Quit After Eighth Round of Bout With "Freddie" Welsh**

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"Ad" Wolgast's frail right arm that fractures at least one year played false with more than eight thousand New York followers of boxing at the Madison Square Garden last night, when the possessor of the "Dreaded china" limb was forced to quit at the finish of the eighth round of his bout with "Freddie" Welsh, of England, lightweight champion of the world. Although Wolgast's arm fractures and weak appendix have disappointed thousands of fight fans in the west on numerous occasions, last night was the first time that New York enthusiasts were disappointed.

That Wolgast realized his arm was not fit even before he enter the ring can be seen from the fact that he called off a lucrative match with "Joe" Rivers in Los Angeles about four months ago because of the weak arm, and about two months ago he failed to keep an appointment with "Charley" White in Milwaukee, his excuse being a fractured arm. Probably he figured he might be able to evade Welsh for ten rounds in his engagement last night and therefore took a chance of again Fracturing the easily breakable arm.

From the way matters were preceding him the last five of the eight rounds, it probably is just as well that Wolgast found an excuse for terminating the affair while he still was in good favor with the crowd, which was "puling" for him to beat the pride of England. Welsh jabbed, hooked, and pounded Wolgast at will most of the time piling up so many points that Wolgast would have to land the scarce knockout to have won.

### **Wolgast Game, Welsh Clever**

To Wolgast's credit it must be said that he fought three of the eight rounds with his arm entirely useless and before Welsh discovered the injury was doing remarkably well, for the Englishman was taking no chances on any fierce mix-ups, wherein "Ad's" known punching ability would have counted. But in te seventh, and eighth rounds Welsh turned loose a variety of light loving pats that found a mark on every vulnerable spot of his opponent and if the champion had any force behind his blows, which he has not, he must surely have knocked out Wolgast.

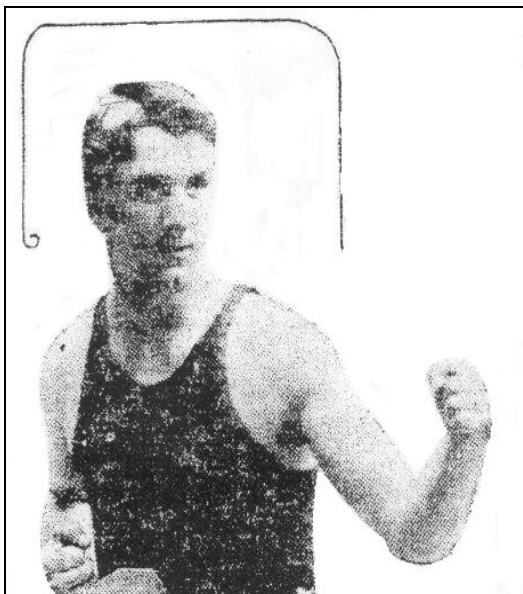
Of Course the disappointing ending to an otherwise star card that opened the Garden for winter pastiming detracts a lot from the ability shown by each fighter. A summing up of affect shows discloses Welsh far from the luminary that his press agent allows. He tried to beat Wolgast in the first three rounds by close fighting and rough wrestling tactics, but as this is the Cadillac boy's stock in trade the Englishman was in the offing and Wolgast is credited with winning two out of the first three rounds. Welsh fought from long range in the last five rounds and in this he easily beat Wolgast although it was evident that Welsh does not pack a punishing punch, let alone a knockout power.

**Tuesday, November 3, 1914**  
**New York Herald**  
**New York, NY**

## WOLGAST, HURT, LOSES TO WELSH IN 9th ROUND

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*Referee Stops Bout When Lad From Cadillac,  
Michigan, Says Bone is Broken*  
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New York, N.Y., November 2—According to Referee Billy Roche, Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world, battled for three rounds with a broken arm against Freddie Welsh, the English titleholder, at Madison Square Garden tonight.



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The Milwaukee Journal

Roche says Wolgast broke a small bone in his right forearm in the middle of the fifth round by hitting the champion on the head.

At the close of the eighth round, during which the stocky Michigan lad took a terrific thumping from Welsh, Wolgast staggered to his corner and slumped into his chair, his arm hanging limp at his side. Roche made a brief explanation and stopped the fight, which had been growing rather one-sided every round after the third.

### **Rush to Wolgast's Side**

A big crowd rushed into the ring and surrounded Wolgast, even while Welsh's seconds were still working on the Englishman, not realizing that the fight was over, and it took some time to clear the ring so that Wolgast could leave. Roche said the former champion wanted to continue, but he would not permit it. As a matter of fact, the best Wolgast could have hoped for was more punishment. He had no further chance against the Englishman, who had commenced to pound him unmercifully.

Welsh's stomach may be a bit sore tomorrow, but otherwise he should feel no ill effects of his meeting with the former champion. During the earlier rounds Wolgast managed to get in some smashing body blows, some of which landed pretty low, but Welsh fed him a thousand raps to the face by way of return.

Never a hard hitter, the champion slammed the tough Michigander with right and left hand time and again without seeming to bother Wolgast, but the latter was gradually weakening under the storm.

### **Ad was Almost Fat**

Always a rather light lightweight when at his best, Wolgast seemed almost fat under his 135 ½ pounds tonight, and while he seemed to have all his old stamina at first, it did not last long. Fighting from his familiar awkward crouch, the right hand drawn across his face and pumping his blows from every angle at Welsh's body, the little Michigander gave his admirers something to yell about for a few minutes anyway.

He let the champion whack him with both hands in the face during the first round to get close enough to dig his glove into Welsh's body, always "bulling" the fight, but even at the close of that round the Michigan boy's left eye was puffing up and finally the Englishman broke it open with a straight arm poke. The fight was about as anticipated.

Wolgast was no match for Welsh at boxing and the Englishman's title was never in danger, many spectators say they saw Wolgast's arm drop limp in the fifth after he had swung a hard blow at the champion's head, but he fought along about as he started, with the exception that he seemed to be growing weaker.

### **Welsh Tried to Score K.O**

In the sixth Welsh pasted Wolgast with straight lefts by the score and wound up with a fierce left and right to the jaw that hurt the Michigander. Rough and tough, his hair ruffled over his eyes and his face swollen and bleeding, Wolgast kept charging in, head down and his hands flailing away at Welsh's body.

The champion was obviously trying to knock out his man. He tried to make it a fight rather than a boxing match, but the more he hit Wolgast the harder the ex-champion seemed to try. Every round after the fourth was pretty much alike up to the sudden ending with Wolgast's chances diminishing every moment, but up to the fourth it was a good battle.

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San Francisco, California  
San Francisco Examiner

## **WOLGAST BREAKS ARM, BOUT STOPS**

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*Freddie Welsh Outpoints Ex-champion in  
Eight Rounds At the Garden*  
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After boxing eight rounds, the last three with a broken arm, "Ad" Wolgast threw up the sponge and admitted himself defeated in his bout with Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion of the world, last night in Madison Square Garden.

The bout was to have gone ten rounds, and as it was the first appearance here of Welsh since he won his title in his fight with Willie Ritchie in England, an old fashioned fight loving crowd was in attendance and fairly well filled the Garden. Clubmen who have not been much in evidence of late at fistic encounters returned to the game feeling sure that the known fighting qualities of Wolgast and the expert boxing of Welsh would make a meeting worth seeing even if it did not result in a knockdown and drag-out affair. It would take a couple of the rough fighters of the Wolgast type to bring that about, but Welsh promises to make it in hopes that the meeting would at least result in a good lively mix-up.

That possibility perhaps brought the attendance of a couple of women, who appeared just before the opening bout, dressed in riding costumes, over which they wore heavy automobile coats and covered their heads with soft hats of the prevailing fashion. Their seats were on the fourth Avenue side of the Garden, and their appearance in the amphitheater was detected at once by sharp eyes of the throng that packed the gallery, and they were escorted to their seats by their rather shamefaced escorts such as only the gallery boys can indulge in. Once the boxing began they were forgotten, however.

With two preliminary rounds out of the way, the first one a joke and the second, a lively bout of ten rounds between Ed Morgan of England and Eddie Wallace of Brooklyn, which was won by the local boy, the principals in the main event bounded into the ring exactly at 10 o'clock, which feature of the evening contributed to the satisfaction of the crowd, who registered a mental vote of thanks to the new interests that recently took over the big arena for boxing exhibitions.

"Ad" Wolgast, the "Michigan Wildcat" and a former holder of the lightweight title was first to appear, and was greeted with a most enthusiastic round of applause, as he was from the crowd first a manifest favorite with the crowd.

Stripped of his brown bathrobe and standing in his gray trunks and American colors for his

belt he weighed 135 ½ pounds and took the northwest corner of the ring. There was a sure enough bear-like, eat-em-alive cast to his features as he glanced up when Welsh leaped through the ropes nimbly and took his seat in the opposite corner. The Champion's green bathrobe covered a figure that was that of a perfectly trained athlete. The belt of dark green covered a muscular trunk devoid of everything but bone and muscle and as he stripped and showed his clear, clean skin he was greeted with the cheers of those who recognized the athlete trained to the minute. His weight was announced as exactly 136 pounds. His smile was one of confidence, and it was sort of continuous performance all through the grim meeting in which he not only gave but received stinging welts that should have taken the smile from any one's countenance.

That Wolgast was out for blood was shown when the men jumped in the center of the ring for the first round. Wolgast was the aggressor and as was expected began to rush and got in a good welt on Welsh's body with which the latter replied with three rapids blows – left, right, left – on Wolgast's rudy countenance. After an exchange of love taps in Welsh's corner there was a clinch in the center of the ring, with Wolgast getting in a smart uppercut and then a body blow with his left before Welsh got away. Welsh accepted the slugging features of this round by sending in short-arm blows in close quarters in return for those he received, apparently determined to show that he could fight as well as box. But it was the sort of tactics at which Wolgast was his superior and at which he excelled. Welsh got in two good body blows just before the bell sent the men to their corners. Wolgast had the better of the round.

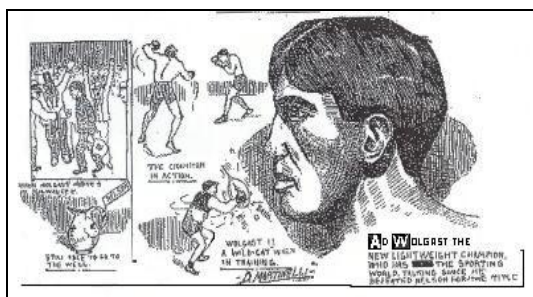
Sharp, close work marked the opening in the second round. Wolgast crouching low and getting blow after blow in the face in the exchanges in which he landed on Welsh's wind and made the champion wince as they struck home. Wolgast was using his right most effectively at close quarters though the way in which he piled his left at intervals showed that he was no one-handed worker. Welsh aimed at Wolgast's head continuously, and his preeminent skill as a boxer made him land almost at will except when the men were at close quarters when Wolgast would get in his powerful punch, playing tattoos against the ribs of his fighter rival. The Michigan boy got in one uppercut that sent Welsh's head back with a jolt that made it snap like a whip, to which Welsh replied with three more of his long-arm blows at lightning succession. The round ended just as Wolgast goaded to desperation by his inability to break Welsh's guard, rushes him for a couple of

stinging blows, the first a right swing and the second a left half uppercut. If force of blows told, Wolgast had a trifle the better of it, but if boxing points were the measurement Welsh had a trifle the better of it in this round.

Welsh showed more of his skill as a dancer and ability to get away from punishment in the third, when he relied more on his skill than on the force of his blows. Wolgast was still trying to make brute strength count. There were repeated clinches as a result and the referee had to break them so repeatedly that it was plain that the round was meant by Welsh as a breathing stall. But just at its end Wolgast managed to rush things and shoved Welsh to the ropes on three occasions, banging at his wind, and as Welsh slipped on one attempt to sidestep Wolgast landed a terrific uppercut that brought Welsh's teeth together with a snap and for an instant wiped the theatrical smile from his face. It was this blow that Wolgast says was the direct cause of his quitting, though he did not feel its full effect until he had gone two rounds longer.

That Wolgast was suffering much pain was shown in the next two rounds, for he slowed up perceptibly and ceased in a measure his aggressiveness. He clinched his teeth, rushed in bull fashion as usual, and showed a tendency in the fourth to go easy with his right hand and depend on his left. But at the conclusion of the round he made no complaint, though to those in his corner it was plain that his arm was puffed just above the wrist.

In the sixth, Wolgast could do little but accept without much effective return the swings and jabs that Welsh sent at him in showers, landing almost at will when the pair were not in their frequent clinches.



*Ad Wolgast*

Wolgast's aggressiveness was there, but his viciousness was gone, and though he drove his left repeatedly at Welsh's ribs and chest, and tried to get up at his chin, his right hand was of no service.

In the seventh and eighth Wolgast worked almost entirely with his one hand, and of course at such odds with so sprightly an opponent, who had not been weakened by punishment, the affair

became a farce so far as fighting went. Wolgast was game and accepted the punishment as it came. Welsh said after the bout that in the last three rounds he did nothing but box a trifle and ward off Wolgast's blows and savage rushes as best he could as he felt certain from Wolgast's failure to use his right hand or arm was out of commission and that he had the heart to continue to punish so game a rival as Wolgast was showing himself to be.

At the end of the eighth round Wolgast told his seconds that it would not be safe to go on any longer, as he knew that either his arm or wrist was broken, and so the bout came to an end, an inglorious one for the crowd, that wishes to see one or the other settle the question of supremacy with a knockout blow.

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## WELSH WINNER WHEN WOLGAST BREAKS AN ARM

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*'Bearcat' Gives Up Battle at End of Eighth  
Round at New York*  
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**CHAMPION IS FAST**  
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**New York, NY, Nov 2**—[Special]—Freddie Welsh of England is still the lightweight champion boxer of the world. He technically stopped Ad Wolgast in the eighth round of a scheduled ten round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight.

At the end of that round Wolgast, with his face battered and distorted with pain, called Referee Roche to his corner and told him that a small bone in his right arm was broken. Wolgast's chief second had to lift the Michigan boy's hand, so that Roche could examine it. Wolgast was powerless to use the arm. Roche, realizing Wolgast was in no condition to continue the bout, ordered it stopped.

As soon as Wolgast reached his dressing room a physician was called and an examination of the injury made. The physician stated that the ulna bone had been fractured. The injury is such that the "Bearcat" will not be able to enter the ring for several months.

### Arm Broken in Fifth Round

Wolgast claims that he broke the arm in the fifth round, although none of those at ringside saw him display any sign of pain in that session. He says the blow that caused the break landed on one of Welsh's elbows, and that he was able to

use the arm in the sixth and seventh rounds, but could not raise it from his side when he made an effort at the start of the eighth round. The pummeling the Michigan boy received in the eighth was fierce, for he could not lift the injured member to protect from the strong attack of the champion.

Both boys weighed in at 135 pounds at 2 o'clock, this notch being for both.

Welsh started the first round with two left jabs delivered in quick succession. They closed in. Wolgast played for the stomach, sending a hard right to Welsh's short ribs. Welsh then straightened away and forced Wolgast to a neutral corner, sending over four straight punches in rapid succession to the face, but Wolgast covered up well. Wolgast kept boring in, and, placing his head on Welsh's shoulder, rained short hooks to Welsh's stomach. In the clinches Welsh held Wolgast's glove.

#### **Wolgast Keeps on Top of Foe**

Welsh tried to keep Wolgast away with fast straight lefts to the face in the second round, but Ad kept stepping in close. Finally, Wolgast tore himself away and drove a hard left to the pit of Welsh's stomach. Welsh could not keep Wolgast away, and the Michigan boy kept boring in, finally landing a hard right uppercut to Welsh's chin. The champion tried to box at long range, but Wolgast kept on top of him and shot over two hard left swings, which landed high and did no damage.

Wolgast rushed out of his corner as soon as the bell rang in the third round, but Welsh sidestepped and Ad missed. Welsh then stood off and jabbed a left to the forehead. Wolgast came back with a stiff left and right to the face. The champion then got his left working in fine precision and landed five stiff lefts in quick succession to Wolgast's face. Wolgast tore in and planted a stiff left to the body, for which Welsh returned a right uppercut. They were fighting furiously, Welsh crossing over a left and right in quick succession. Welsh's judgment of distance was particularly fine and he never missed a punch. Wolgast went to his corner with his lips bleeding.

#### **Welsh Loses Smile**

Both missed swings at the opening of the fourth chapter. When they came to close quarters Welsh hooked over a short left and right hook to the face. Wolgast retaliated with a left to the stomach. After the champion had been tantalizing Wolgast with long range jabs Wolgast managed to shoot in a left to the stomach. Wolgast took the smile off Welsh's face with a terrific left to the pit of the stomach. When Wolgast retired to his corner he carried a slight cut over his right eye.

Wolgast carried the attack to Welsh when the fifth round opened and forced the champion back twice. Freddie began circling Wolgast, trying his hand at long range fighting. Wolgast slowed Welsh with two hard lefts to the stomach, one of which landed rather low. Welsh began his fancy ducking and got under several of Wolgast's swings. Welsh, by quick footwork, kept moving in and out of Wolgast's way, and by this method was able to send in lightning like straight left punches.

#### **Champion Turns Loose Speed**

The Michigan battler continued his attack to Welsh's stomach, but could not stop the Englishman's fast work in the sixth round. Wolgast then shifted his attack to the face and landed two left swings to Welsh's chin. Ad used his head in the clinches and the referee cautioned him. Welsh then sent a crossfire of lefts and rights to Ad's face. The champion then got his left to work again and repeatedly stabbed Wolgast in the face without a return. In their efforts to land a hard swing both missed with lefts.

Welsh stopped Wolgast's rush in the seventh session with a hard straight left to the face. The champion kept moving around Wolgast, peppering him with a fusillade of punches without a return. Wolgast was unable to find Welsh for a punch, missing with swings repeatedly. Welsh then drove Wolgast into his corner and hammered him with a shower of punches. Wolgast was slow in this round and seemingly dead on his feet. His movements were slow. Welsh kept sidestepping him and punching him from every angle. Ad went to his corner seemingly tired.

The battlers mixed freely when the eighth chapter opened. After Wolgast had shot over two lefts to Welsh's stomach, the champion rocked his head with a succession of left hooks and right uppercuts. Wolgast, after taking a great beating, was slow and ran into many of Welsh's punches. The Michigander seemed dazed. His right arm was useless and hung at his side. He fought this round without using it once. When he retired to his corner his second had to lift his hand on his knee. Wolgast called Referee Roche to his corner and told him he would be unable to continue. Roche stopped the bout.

**Tuesday, November 3, 1914**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
**Chicago Tribune**

## **WOLGAST BUSTS BONE ONCE MORE**

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**FORMER CHAMP FORCED TO QUIT IN  
BOUT WITH WELSH—EASY FOR  
FREDDIE**  
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New York, N.Y., Nov. 3—Ad Wolgast fought his usual battle against Freddie Welsh and again was visited by the bad luck that has been following him since he won the lightweight championship. He broke his right arm in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-round mill. Referee Billy Roche called a halt to the bout at the need of the eighth round, when it was seen that the Michigander could not use his right hand and was taking an unnecessary whaling from the present lightweight champion.

Up to the finish Welsh had made a punching bag of the former Cadillac terror. In only one round, the second, did Wolgast show the slightest form as a boxer. In this session he bored in, delivering a series of body blows, and had the Welshman guessing for an instant. It was only a flash, as Welsh came back with a deluge of left-hand jabs, which completely smothered the American.

Even had Ad kept his bones whole the outcome would have been the same; but the crippling of the Cadillac boy helped to make the bout look a little better than it otherwise would have done.

### **Welsh Opens Up**

It was also noticeable that Welsh was not averse to go into a clinch, but merely as a precaution. In the third round Welsh opened up. His left was kept working like a piston rod, with the right held in reserve for an emergency, which, however, was seldom needed. Occasionally he would pass over his right, usually finding a landing place on Wolgast's ear as the latter was coming in. Not infrequently he connected with the jaw and before the end of the round Wolgast was groggy.

The Champion tried for a knockout the last three rounds of the fight. Wolgast could do absolutely nothing to ward off the blows and still the sleep-producing punch never came. He pounded him on the left and on the right.

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Tuesday, November 3, 1914  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
The Milwaukee Journal

## **AD WOLGAST MAY QUIT RING FOR ALL TIME**

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**Former Champion is Discouraged over  
Brittleness of Bones; Threatens to Retire**  
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New York, N.Y., November 3—Ad Wolgast may retire permanently from the ring. Discouraged over the brittleness of his bones, the erstwhile lightweight champion spent today receiving the condolences of friends at the sorry ending of his fight last night against Freddie Welsh and announced finally that he would remain in New York for a few days under the care of a surgeon.

Spectators at last night's battle who had seen Wolgast in action in his premier days expressed their belief that Adolph was losing his eye and that added weight of the last few years had slowed him up.

Welsh left today for Chicago to finish his training for his bout with Charlie White at Milwaukee next Monday night. Harry Pollock, the champion's manager, and Bob Vernon, the well-known sporting man, were in the Welsh party, which also included a number of trainers and handlers. The champion's showing against the slowed-up Wolgast has not greatly increased confidence in his ability to whip White and a number of wagers are pending, with the Chicago boy not worse than 4 to 5 choice.

Tuesday, November 3, 1914  
San Francisco, California  
San Francisco Examiner

## **WOLGAST HOME; PICKS WELSH TO DEFEAT WHITE**

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That Freddie Welsh is a champion in every sense of the word is the belief of Ad Wolgast, who met the Englishman in New York, last Monday night, and who was forced to halt at the close of the eighth round due to serious injuries to his right hand. Wolgast arrived home last evening and he is carrying his damaged hand in splints. He also knows that it will be at least two months before he will be able to enter the ring again.

"Welsh is a better boxer than White, and he hits fairly hard, too." Said Ad in commenting on

the possible outcome of the coming championship fight. "I pick Freddie to win."

Wolgast says that for the first-time in his experience in boxing in New York, the crowd was with him. "You should have heard them cheer for me in the early rounds." Wolgast said, "And when my hand was rendered useless the spectators felt just as badly as I did." Ad admits that the reports which gave him all the better of the milling during the first three rounds were not at all exaggerated.

Wolgast has nothing definite to say regarding the future. He knows he must take a good long before considering any offers to box, and he plans to allow his hand plenty of time to heal. "I boxed before my right was ready to stand the test, and I suffered for it," declared Wolgast, "The bones I broke in New York were the same ones I smashed while I was training for Joe Rivers for our scheduled Fourth of July go."

Wolgast came through the bout with Welsh in fine style, and shows no marks that will not be easily erased in a day or two. He does not refer to Welsh as a boxer who has an exceptionally deadly or damaging punch.

**Friday, November 6, 1914**  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## **WOLGAST DEALT HIS FIRST KNOCKOUT**

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*Dr. O. L. Ricker Did it With an Anesthetic; Set  
Bone Wolgast Broke Recently*

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Ad Wolgast was knocked out for the first time today in his career.

Dr. O. L. Ricker did it. He used an anesthetic on Ad, and he had the local boxer down and out for a considerable length of time. While Ad was "under" the local physician set a broken bone in Ad's right arm, which was recently fractured while Wolgast was training for Freddie Welsh. The damaged bone was the radius, and it was broken straight across and was called a simple fracture.

Dr. Ricker expressed the belief that Wolgast was injured several days previous to the fight with Welsh.

**Saturday, November 7, 1914**  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## **WOLGAST BACK FROM WEST; TO BOX WELSH**

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Ad Wolgast arrived home today from Kansas City where he met and outfought Frankie Burns, last Monday night. Wolgast has a hard schedule ahead, being slated to box three times in the next three weeks. His most important engagement is with Champion Freddie Welsh and it probably will take place in Milwaukee, March 3. Ad is also planning to box Phil Brooks in Cleveland on February 23 and Frankie Callahan in Milwaukee on February 26.

**Saturday, February 12, 1916**  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## **WOLGAST LEAVES TO TRAIN FOR BATTLES**

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*Cadillac Scrapper to Depart Late Today for  
Chicago; Meets Phil Brock and Freddie Welsh*

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Ad Wolgast planned to leave Cadillac late this afternoon for Chicago, where he will do some training for several fights he has scheduled for the next two weeks. Ad will box Phil Brock in Cleveland next Saturday night if his present schedule goes through. He is also slated to appear in Milwaukee against Champion Freddie Welsh early next month, the date at present most favored being Monday, March 6.

**Tuesday, February 15, 1916**  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## **AD WOLGAST WORKING HARD FOR BIG BOUT**

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*Cadillac Fighter Works out with Three  
Sparring Partners; Meets Welsh March 6*

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Advice from Chicago are to the effect that Ad Wolgast has been keeping three sparring partners busy in his training activities in Chicago. Ad is to meet Champion Freddie Welsh on March 6, and the local battler is receiving considerable advertising as a result of his being a participant in a championship scrap. When Ad left Cadillac he also expected to meet Phil Brock in Cleveland tonight but no mention has been made in newspapers of such a combat.

Wolgast is quoted as saying that his ribs and hands, which have given him considerable worry in recent years, are the strongest in months and

he promises Welsh one of the toughest battles of his career. Wolgast will leave for Milwaukee in a day or two to complete his training.

Wednesday, February 23, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## WELSH HARD AT WORK FOR WOLGAST FRAY

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*Refuses to Box Previous to Encounter with  
Cadillac Boxer; Won't Permit Bat to Fight Ad*  
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Milwaukee, Wis., March 1—Special—Lightweight champion Freddie Welsh, who is booked to meet Ad Wolgast before the National Athletic Club here next Monday will not participate in any bouts previous to the local match. He was slated to box Phil Bloom at New York Tuesday night, but this bout was postponed and Manager Pollok wired from New York today that Welsh would leave at once for Chicago to finish training there. This was because of a clause in Welsh's contract for the Milwaukee fight, which provides that he must not fight anyone a week before his battle here.

Appleton, Wis., March 1—Another jolt was given upstate boxing when a ruling was received from the commission stating that Battling Nelson would not be permitted to meet Ad Wolgast here. The omission holds that Nelson is too far gone to meet a man of Wolgast's caliber. They had been signed to meet here April 12.

Wednesday, March 1, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## "I'LL BEAT WELSH OR QUIT BOXING," SAYS AD WOLGAST

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"I'll beat Welsh or quit boxing,"

This was the statement Ad Wolgast Cadillac scrapper, made on leaving Chicago Wednesday for Milwaukee, where he will continue his training activities in preparation for his ten round combat with Freddie Welsh at Dreamland rink, Milwaukee next Monday night.

Before leaving Cadillac ten days ago, Ad told an Evening News representative that he expected to give the present lightweight titleholder the battle of his life. "Welsh will know he has been in a scrap when I get through with him," Ad declared.

Walter Eckersall, sporting writer on the Chicago Tribune, declares that Wolgast looks the

picture of health and appears to be ready to crawl through the ropes, a worthy opponent of the English champion. "I realize that this is the only chance I will have to regain my crown," Ad told Eckersall. "To do this I will have to knockout Welsh. This I hope to do, and I will put every ounce of energy in my makeup to accomplish it. If Welsh beats me I intend to follow the example of Leach Cross and retire from the ring."

Barney Fuhry, who has spent considerable time in Cadillac for the last year or two, is acting in the capacity of trainer for Wolgast while Larney Lichtenstein is looking after the business end of Ad's affairs.

Tuesday, March 2, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## BOXING BOARD GIVES WOLGAST THE ONCE OVER

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*COMMISSIONERS WANTED TO SEE IF  
DUTCHMAN IS IN SHAPE*  
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Members of the Wisconsin Boxing Commission were not satisfied with the reports that Ad Wolgast had really settled down to hard work in preparation for his match with Freddie Welsh, so yesterday afternoon Chairman Walter Liginger and Dr Morter of the commission, stepped over to Morgenroth's gymnasium, where the little Dutchman is training, and gave him the "once over." After Wolgast's three round tilt with Frank Carsey they were satisfied with his showing.

The little Dutchman's hands appear to be as strong as ever and he slams away at Carsey for dear life. At the end of their nine minutes ring work yesterday both left the ring bleeding from the mouth. Wolgast will work out again this afternoon and will finish his training on Sunday afternoon. At a meeting of the boxing commission yesterday George Duffy was appointed to referee the bout.

Promoter Kannia, La Crosse, was on hand trying to sign Wolgast to meet some good lightweight in that city later in the month.

Saturday, March 4, 1916  
The Milwaukee Journal  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## WOLGAST-WELSH FIGHT RETURNS AT LABBE'S

Complete returns of the Wolgast-Welsh ten-round fight at Milwaukee next Monday night will be received at Labbe's poolroom, Mr. Labbe having arranged with the United Press to provide full wire service from Milwaukee. An average of fifty words per round will be sent by the United Press, insuring a complete report of the fight. Everyone is invited to Labbe's

Saturday, March 4, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## AD WOLGAST IN TRIM FOR BOUT WITH WELSH

Milwaukee, Wis., March 4—Ad Wolgast was ready tonight for what may be his last chance to regain the lightweight crown, when he meets Freddie Welsh in the Arcadia ring here Monday night.

After three weeks of training the Michigan Wildcat declared tonight that he was ready to meet the champion. Wolgast has been doing roadwork each morning and sparring each afternoon.

The Wisconsin boxing commission gave Ad the "once over" and pronounced that Ad was in fit condition. His hands appeared to be sound as ever and he looks like the Ad of old.

The champion has been tapering off at Chicago and is expected to show up here tomorrow night. Welsh will be 30 years old on Sunday, and it will close his twelfth year in the boxing game.

Saturday, March 4, 1916  
Chicago Tribune  
Chicago, Illinois

## WELSH TO SCRAP HAMMER AFTER GO WITH AD WOLGAST

By Knockout

Chicago, Ill., March 5—Harry Pollok, manager of champion Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of the world, who meets Ad Wolgast in a ten round bout in Milwaukee tomorrow night, has signed articles to meet Ever Hammer, who defeated Joe Welling at Kenosha last Thursday night. Pollok will sign with the club that offers the best in inducements.

Pollok prefers Kenosha if the Wisconsin promoters can assure him that they can get the

coliseum. Frank Mulkern, who is staging the Welsh-Wolgast bout, is also after a Welsh-Hammer contest for his club in Milwaukee the latter part of March.

### Pollok Asks \$500 Forfeit.

The weight agreed upon between Welsh and Hammer is 135 pounds at 3 o'clock, and Pollok has insisted that Hammer post a forfeit of \$500 to make that poundage.



A champion and a used to be champion will battle when Freddie Welsh and Wolgast clash. Ad lost that title to Willie Ritchie only to see Willie drop it to Welsh. After watching Welsh step through two ten round affairs with Charley White as his partner on each occasion, Milwaukee fans seem to have lost all interest in the champion. Promoters there refused anything like a suitable purse for the go tomorrow, but Ad was so anxious he himself guaranteed the Briton the sum the latter demanded.

### Ad's Chances Lies in K.O.

There can be only one excuse for the bout, and that is the remote possibility that Wolgast may land a knockout. That appears to be what Wolgast is resting his hopes on, but with Ad's brittle mitts and the clever dancing defense of the champion, the odds are all against such a finish. Still Wolgast always has been popular with ring followers, especially in Milwaukee, and the chances are he will gain financially, if not otherwise, by tomorrow night's work.

West Side boxing fans will have an opportunity to see Freddie Welsh in action this afternoon. He will shift his training camp over to the West Side A.C., Ogden Avenue and Van

Buren Street, where he will box three rounds each with Tommy O'Neil, Jimmy McGovern, and Joe Burger. Women have been invited and the balcony will be reserved for them and their escorts.

#### **Will Look Over Amateurs.**

Welsh will look over amateur boxers, Harry Forbes having carded tryouts to select a team to take to Detroit. The champion will start training at 2 o'clock and win leave for Milwaukee in the evening for tomorrow's bout with Wolgast.

Sunday, March 5, 1916  
Chicago Tribune  
Chicago, Illinois

## **WELSH AND WOLGAST BOX TEN ROUNDS AT MILWAUKEE TONIGHT**

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**BY WALTER H. ECKERSALL**

Two lightweights, one a champion and the other a former holder of the title, will clash tonight in a ten round bout before the Arcadia A.C. of Milwaukee when Freddie Welsh and Ad Wolgast swap punches.

Local fans will make the trip on special trains, which will leave over the Northwestern and St. Paul at 6:30 o'clock. Although a majority expects Welsh to win by a decisive margin, there are several who will make the trip with the expectation of seeing Wolgast put over one of his old time haymakers.

#### **Welsh Should Win on Points**

Dope indicates Welsh should be an easy winner on points. The Englishman is the class of the match, and the only chance Wolgast has to regain the title he lost to Willie Ritchie is to knock out his opponent. Followers of the game always are looking for the unexpected, however, and the former holder of the title may put it over.

Harry Pollok, manager for Welsh, yesterday asserted he expected his fighter to win a mile on points. Harry said Wolgast had gone back too far to beat a boxer of Welsh's caliber. The Englishman went through hard training at a local gymnasium and looked to be fit and ready. He is well under the weight, 135 pounds at 3 o'clock. He will leave for Milwaukee this morning.

#### **Commission OK's Wolgast**

According to reports yesterday from Milwaukee, Wolgast is training faithfully, and Wisconsin commission has placed its stamp of approval on the former champion's condition. A rumor was circulated that the Michigan Bearcat has not been working for this match. Walter Liginger, chairman of the commission looked into the matter and said Wolgast was in shape.

Ever Hammer, local lightweight, who won the popular decision over Joe welling in Kenosha last week, will be on hand to challenge the winner.

Monday, March 6, 1916  
Chicago Tribune  
Chicago, Illinois

## **WELSH LOOKED LIKE REAL CHAMPION IN BOUT WITH WOLGAST**

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*Title Holder and Dutchman Engage in Spirited  
Battle and Former Returns Winner After  
Wolgast Tires*

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**By Jack Fetzer**

Battering away in his old-time style, Ad Wolgast forced Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, to put up the best battle Milwaukee fans have ever seen the champion display.

For the first five rounds Wolgast was the rough tearing in fighter local fans know so well, but after he reached the half way mark the Dutchman tired and the champion came along like a stake horse and grabbed off the decision.

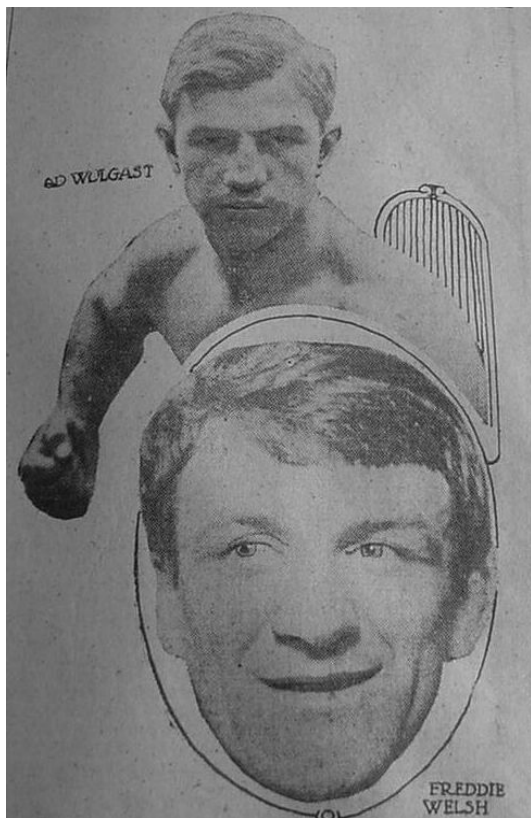
Wolgast, while he was fresh, made Welsh battle at close range, and the champion showed the fans that when it comes to the rough stuff he is right there with Adolph. Welsh did not fight the battle that he put up against Charley White in the city, but he was willing at all times to stand up and slug with Wolgast.

The bout proved one of the best staged here in some time. Wolgast however, carried too much weight in his midsection and this told on him in the closing rounds. Welsh found him an easy target after the sixth session had been passed.

It was a typical Wolgast fight at all stages with the little Cadillac battler flailing away with both mitts. His most deadly punch was a left to the stomach and he shook the champion several times. In the fourth round he landed a left swing on Welsh's stomach and Referee Houlihan walked between the boys cautioning Wolgast for hitting low. The blow did not appear low and it looked as though Welsh was a trifle hurt, but Freddie came right back and was hammering away with Ad at the end of the round.

Welsh in the bouts in the city has been content to box his opponents but last night Freddie did just as much fighting as he did boxing and he really looked more like a champion than he has in his past battles. It was a won dandy chance for Wolgast and had he been in finer condition he would have made a much better showing at the end than he did. While Wolgast was over his natural weight, Welsh also

was heavy, the champion passing the 140 pound mark at ring time.



*Ad Wolgast-Freddie Welsh*

*The Michigan Bearcat, Ad Wolgast, former lightweight king, is back again. This time he will meet Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of the world over a ten round route at Milwaukee, May 4.*

The Cadillac Evening News,  
April 27, 1915

After Wolgast tired in the sixth round Welsh started to box and carry the battle to the former champion. The eighth, ninth, and tenth rounds found the titleholder at his best and he buffeted the little German around the ring in handy style. Ad's face was a mark for Freddie's famous left hand in the closing session and he peppered him at will. A small cut was made on his nose and he bled slightly.

The fifth round proved the best of the fight and in this session the fans were kept on edge. Wolgast tore out of his corner and banged away at Freddie's stomach for all he was worth. They slugged and roughed it to all corners of the ring, first Wolgast landing and then Welsh coming strong and evening up matters. In this period Welsh roughed it more than he has in all his other bouts in this city put together.

After the finish of the battle the fans were loud in the praise of the showing of Wolgast.

Welsh beat him, but the little Dutchman gave us a run for our money and he made Welsh fight at all times, was the remark of one of the fans. That statement hit the mark, for whether Wolgast wins or loses he always is battling and forcing the other man to fight.

Last night's show brought out the largest house of the season and the promoters are on easy street for a time at least.

"I'll deposit a certified check for \$10,000 today to go as a side bet for a twenty round bout with Welsh," said Wolgast, "but it's got to be at weight. I am not fighting welters."

Tuesday, March 7, 1916  
The Milwaukee Journal  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## WELSH VICTOR OVER WOLGAST AT MILWAUKEE

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*Ad Makes Game Fight for Old Title,  
But Briton Proves Too Good.*  
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BY WALTER H. ECKERSALL

Milwaukee, Wis., March 6—[Special]-Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, defeated Ad Wolgast, former holder of the title, at the Arcadia Ring tonight in the presence of 5,000 fight fans. The champion won, off by himself. His left jabs and crosses were too much for the Michigan Bearcat, but Ad must be given credit for putting up a great fight. He tried all the time and tore into the champion at the tap of the bell for each round. So hard did he try to regain his title that he had to be warned on several occasions for hitting low.

Welsh won the opening round by a slight shade. The second and third were even, but Welsh again had the advantage in the fourth round. The fifth and sixth were even, but after that Welsh won every round.

### Fight at Catch-Weights

When the boys weighed in at 3 o'clock it was found that Welsh weighed 139 3/4 pounds and Wolgast 136 3/4, so they fought at catch-weights.

After the contest Wolgast said he would post a certified check for \$10,000 that he can beat the champion in twenty rounds. The match may be closed in a few days, the bids having been put on the market.

Five hundred Chicago fans saw the show, which was on the best staged in the city this winter. All the bouts were keenly contested and every one went away satisfied.

### The Fight By Rounds

**Round 1** They shook hands. They exchanged body punches and fought at close quarters. Wolgast bored in, using his usual

tactics of playing of playing for the stomach. Welsh forced Wolgast to the ropes and pounded his body and head with left and right. After breaking from a clinch the champion pecked Wolgast with straight lefts to the face. Wolgast retaliated with body punches but the Englishman came back with hard lefts and rights to the head. They were in a clinch at the bell. Welsh's round.

**Round 2** Wolgast tore into the champion and hammered his kidneys with right and left hand punches. They fought at close quarters. Welsh used his left hand continually, but Wolgast blocked most of the attempts. Each landed body blows, but no damage was done. After breaking from a clinch, Welsh jabbed Wolgast with his left and crossed his right with damaging results. Suddenly Wolgast crossed his left to Welsh's jaw and the Englishman started to hang on. They exchanged rights and lefts to the head at the bell. It was an even round.

**Round 3** They mixed matters in the center of the ring with Wolgast having the advantage. Ad landed body blows, which made the champion hang on. They traded body punches. Welsh jabbed Ad with his left and crossed his right several times, but the punches lacked force. Wolgast landed two hard lefts to the jaw at the bell. It was an even round.

**Round 4** Wolgast rushed Welsh to the ropes and landed damaging body punches. Welsh retaliated with straight lefts to the face, but suddenly Wolgast tore loose a left hook, which straightened up the champion. They mixed matters in the center of the ring with Welsh having the better of the exchange. The referee stopped the bout momentarily because Wolgast was hitting low. They were in a mix-up at the bell. It was Welsh's round.

**Round 5** Wolgast rushed Welsh to the ropes and landed hard body blows. They clinched and on the break Welsh landed two straight lefts to the face and crossed his right to the jaw. They went into a fierce mix-up, trading punches to the face and body. Wolgast drove his left to the stomach and Welsh began to hold on. After the break they traded punches, with honors even as the bell rang.

**Round 6** They mixed in the center of the ring with honors even. Wolgast was trying for a knockout, while Welsh was playing the game safe. The champion jabbed Wolgast with his left hand and crossed his right to the head and body. Wolgast landed lefts and rights to head and body, and in a fierce mix-up Ad drove both hands to the champion's stomach with damaging effect. They were at close quarters at the bell. Even round

**Round 7** They went into close quarters and traded body punches. Welsh jabbed Wolgast

with his left, but Ad came right back with right and left body blows. Welsh opened up with a volley of left and right punches to head and body, but the Dutchman responded with punches of the same variety. Wolgast was hitting low and had to be cautioned again Welsh landed several punches to the head and had the honors when the bell sounded.

**Round 8** They traded punches, with the champion having the better of the exchange. Welsh continually drove his left to the face and crossed his right either to head or body. At this stage Wolgast appeared to be tiring. They traded blows at close quarters and the champion had the better exchanges. After a clinch Welsh sent in left and right upper cuts to the jaw and again Wolgast had to be cautioned for hitting low. Welsh's round.

**Round 9** They mixed with Welsh having the better of the exchanges. Fred jabbed Wolgast with his left at will and forced Ad to the ropes. Welsh was the aggressor at all times, and by the use of his left hand opened up an old cut over Wolgast's right eye. Wolgast landed a light left hook to the head, but the champion again forced him to the ropes with lefts in the head and right crosses to the body. Wolgast suddenly put in a hard left to the stomach, but Welsh evened up matters by putting his left to the face and right to the jaw at the bell. Welsh's round.

**Round 10** They shook hands. Wolgast waded into his opponent, hitting him with body punches, but Fred came back with lefts and rights to the head. The champion used short uppercuts to Wolgast's jaw and forced him in retreat. They landed body punches on the ropes, and when they got to the center of the ring Welsh drove in rights and lefts to the body. Wolgast tried hard to land a knockout, but his swings were wild and missed their intended point by a mile. The champion easily evaded the Dutchman's best punches and won the round by a good shade.

Tuesday, March 7, 1916  
Chicago Tribune  
Chicago, Illinois

## WELSH HAS BETTER OF FIGHT WITH AD

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Reports from Milwaukee and Chicago agree that Freddie Welsh was entitled to a decision over Ad Wolgast by a wide margin in their ten round bout in Milwaukee last night. Ad is given two rounds by some critics, Welsh gets six and the remaining two were even. Other writers gave Welsh nine out of ten rounds. Welsh put up a better fight than he was believed to have in him,

the United Press reported, and it was stated that after the fifth round he had everything in his favor. Ad did his best work in round five, forcing Welsh to hang on after delivering a pair of hard body punches. That Ad wasn't in old time form was indicated many times by his failure to judge distances and he missed many a hard blow. Welsh was given credit for putting up the best scrap in recent months, while Ad's showing was better than any made recently.

**Tuesday, March 7, 1916**  
**The Cadillac Evening News**  
**Cadillac, Michigan**

## **WOLGAST HOME; AD GOT \$700 FOR LAST FIGHT BOXES AGAIN MAR. 23**

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Ad Wolgast arrived home today from Milwaukee, where he boxed Freddie Welsh last Monday night. If anybody thinks Ad's boxing days are over they will have to guess again for the Dutchman will appear in Cleveland on March 23 in a 12-round bout against Cal Delaney. Ad also has other engagements ahead of him.

Wolgast didn't lose any money on the Welsh fight as some were prone to believe. But, Ad didn't get rich. Wolgast was the real promoter and as a result of taking a chance he pulled down \$750. But, no promoter could have hired Ad to battle Welsh for twice that sum. Wolgast paid his assistants, Frank Mulkern and Ben Steinel well for there services and also handed Welsh \$2,000 as his "bit."

**Wednesday, March 8, 1916**  
**The Cadillac Evening News**  
**Cadillac, Michigan**

## **"DICK" SAYS AD HAS MANY FIGHTS IN HIM**

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Emerson W. Dickerson, Grand Rapids News sport writer, says Ad Wolgast put up a good scrap against Freddie Welsh, Monday night and he expresses the belief that Wolgast has many a fight left in him.

Dick writes:

Freddie Welsh demonstrated in his bout of 10 rounds with Ad Wolgast in Milwaukee that he is a champion in all that the word implies. It is doubtful whether there is another lightweight in the country who would have beaten Wolgast in the condition he was in last night. He simply lost to a faster, more clever and scientific opponent whom the writer has always regarded as in a class by himself among the lightweights of today. This opinion is based upon watching

Welsh in action at close range while officiating as referee. Any time you are that close to a boxer in several bouts you gain an insight into his abilities that can be gained in no other way.

Wolgast fought with all his old time courage and determination last night, but was ineffective for the reason that he could not land on the elusive champion. The Britisher did all that could have been asked of him in that he was willing from start to finish to mix and was even on the aggressive. In this he showed good judgement since Wolgast always shows to betted advantage when carrying the fight to his opponent than when it is carried to him. He is best set for a blow when rushing forward. The champion clearly showed what the writer has long contended in his behalf—that he is a champion by sheer force of merit.

There is no more reason why Wolgast should retire now than there was before last night's bout. Anyone who figured him to beat Welsh must have been moved by prejudice, such as has been denying Welsh his honest dues since he came into the championship. Wolgast has seen his best days in the ring and knows that himself. Last night, however, he was meeting a man whom the writer figures would have outpointed him in a 10 round bout even in his palmist days. There is every reason to believe that Wolgast was in better shape for a hard fight last night than he has been at any time since the day he deposed Battling Nelson in a battle that will always be given much space in ring history.

Wolgast put up a far better fight than Charley White did against the champion in two bouts of ten rounds each in Milwaukee, which the writer saw from ringside. White did not land one solid blow in the 20 rounds of those bouts, did not once assume the aggressive and never at any time looked to be in the same class as his opponent. Wolgast held his own in some of the rounds of last night's bout and at times gave a fairly creditable account of himself. There never was a moment in either of Welsh's bouts with White that the Chicagooan did not seem to be scared almost into helplessness.

**Wednesday, March 8, 1916**  
**The Cadillac Evening News**  
**Cadillac, Michigan**

## **WOLGAST'S MANAGER SAYS AD AND WELSH WILL MEET IN 15 ROUND BOUT ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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(From The St. Louis Post Dispatch)

Larney Lichtenstein, manager of Ad Wolgast, former lightweight fight champion, announced here today that he had just closed arrangements for a 15 round fight between Champion Freddie Welsh and the "Michigan Wildcat," to take place at Denver July 4.

"I received word from Jack Tanner, the Denver club promoter, that both sides had accepted terms and that the Post-Dispatch this morning. It will be held in Stockyards Park on Independence Day. The agreement calls for 15 rounds, although Ad asked for 20."

"One of the conditions of the match on which Welsh insisted was that no decision be rendered. He also refused to weigh in for Wolgast, so that there is no weight stipulation."

"In this connection I want to say that we are going to make this a TITLE match, although Welsh evidently doesn't want it to appear such. I am going to weigh in Wolgast before the bout and he will be well under 135 pounds."

"Then if we knockout or decisively beat Welsh, I will surely claim the title for my man. And he will have earned it, as 15 rounds is long enough to determine any championship."

"I don't know what Welsh is getting, but you can be sure it will be a pretty penny, probably \$10,000 at least. Wolgast is not guaranteed one penny. Ad is so glad to get a chance at the world's title-holder that he has consented to waive all guarantees and take a straight percentage. We are satisfied to gamble with the promoters, in the hope of stopping Welsh."

"Wolgast and his manager returned to St. Louis this morning, to finish preparation for his bout with Frankie Russell at the Motordome next Tuesday, which will be the first big opening fight held in St. Louis in many years."

Wolgast will work to get within the 135-pound mark. When he exhibited here early this week he had a little heaviness about the waist line, but was otherwise in seemingly good shape.

Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan of the Future City A. C. met Wolgast and his manager at the train and promptly asked if Wolgast would agree to go 12 rounds, instead of eight, in his go with Russell.

Manager Lichtenstein at once acquiesced. "It makes no difference to Ad. If the public would like it better, Adolph will fight any distance."

Wolgast had agreed to articles calling for eight rounds and might have refused to go the extra distance for the same sum.

Thursday, June 15, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## **WOLGAST BEATS DONNELLY IN RICHMOND CONTEST**

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Richmond, Ind., June 21—Ad Wolgast stopped Stewart Donnelly of Indianapolis in three rounds last night. The ex-champion was too fast for Donnelly.

Wednesday, June 21, 1916  
The Denver Post  
Denver, Colorado

## **WOLGAST HOME; BOXES WELSH IN DENVER, JULY 4**

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Ad Wolgast arrived home today after spending several weeks in the west, during which time Ad won several excellent scraps. The Cadillac boxer will get a chance to lift the crown from Freddie Welsh's head on July 4 when he boxes the lightweight champion at Denver. The bout will be a 15 round affair and will go 15 rounds.

Welsh demanded that the battle be fought at catch weights and that no decision be given. Rather than miss the opportunity to win the title. Ad agreed to take on the Englishman at his own terms.

Thursday, June 22, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## **AD LEAVES SATURDAY FOR DENVER, COLORADO**

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Adolph Wolgast, the next opponent of Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, will leave tomorrow for Denver, Colorado, the scene of the Wolgast-Welsh 15 round encounter on the afternoon of July 4. Wolgast believes he has an excellent chance to win from the English lightweight even though the battle isn't over as long a route as he hoped for. Ad has knocked

out every scrapper he met in the last two months, six in all, and he won't be surprised if Welsh is "number seven."

Friday, June 23, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## TWO OF GREATEST LADS WHO EVER OWNED EMBLEM OF LIGHTWEIGHT CLAN CLASH IN DENVER JULY FOURTH

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*Stockyards Stadium Will Bring Together Brace  
of Fistic Idols on the Evening of Independence  
Day – Master Boxer Welsh Opposes Bulldog  
Battler Who Knows No Fear – A Few  
Sidelights on Careers of Each.*  
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(By Otto Floto)

On Tuesday next when the fans mobilize at the stockyards amphitheater to be present when the lightweight title is placed in jeopardy, they will witness two of the greatest boys that ever owned the emblem clash. What will make the meeting the more interesting is the absolute variance in style each boy will display. We'll be given an exhibition of the bulldog rushing in to get his tenacious hold, and once he gets his jaws clamped, refuse to let go and hang on with grim death efforts. We'll see opposed to him a master boxer and a boy able to avoid the pitfalls of the right-hand slam and the left-hand hook. So it behooves the first-mentioned to get into close quarters and hold his advantage, and it is up to the other boxer to prevent him doing so. This will be the psychological pivot around which the contest will evolve.

### *Ad Wolgast* **The Denver Post**

Fortunately the writer has seen them both in action. Has seen them tried and found neither wanting at the crucial moment. The wonderful battle we witnessed at Point Richmond when Wolgast snatched the title from Battling Nelson will long live in our memory as the most strenuous bout for the lightweight crown ever staged. Wolgast, a youngster with gameness to burn, faced a man equally as determined and game. In that battle Nelson displayed more fortitude than any man we ever saw battle for the honors. Blind in that fortieth round – so blind his seconds had to push him out of his corner – the victorious Wolgast slugged and slugged and

slugged him, unable to fell the assimilating hero of his punches. Then the late Eddie Smith saw the humane side of things and waving Nelson aside, raised Wolgast's hand. Then Nelson cried and objected, claiming he wasn't anywhere near defeated. But it was the battler's heart that spoke and not his head at the time.

We saw Welsh against McFarland in his first battle in Milwaukee and he gave the clever Packey as good as was sent. We will not say McFarland won, even thou Malachi Hogan though so. But we are ready to say Welsh did not lose. It was an even thing all the way thru. And the man able to stand off McFarland in those days must be conceded some master with the stuffed gauntlets. Again we watched him decorate Abe Attell's face in Los Angeles in a manner which left no doubt in our mind that Welsh carried a working card of the Decorators' union in his pocket. You'll agree with me any boy able to trim Attell at that time was something out of the ordinary. Again we watched him against Charlie White in Milwaukee, and for eight rounds Charlie wasn't in the reckoning. He came fast in the two final rounds, but not fast enough to win any brackets from the Englishman.



### **Fistic Fireworks Arranged For Denver Fistic Fandom.**

That's the kind of fistic fireworks the promoters have arranged for the Denver and Colorado fight fans for July Fourth. It's the biggest thing in the knuckle dusting line we ever scheduled for the day and if Denver fails to turn

out in mass for a contest of this kind then it's a useless effort on part of promoters to bring the top notchers here.

I went all the way from Kansas City to New York to see the Moran-Dillon bout and I knew it would not be as good as the Denver bout will be. However, I am not sorry I went as it was worth the trip and settled many things in our mind regarding the relative merit of the two men. But if I had to miss one or the other the Moran-Dillon or Wolgast-Welsh bout, I would gladly miss the former to be present at the latter.

#### **Marks Wolgast's Real trial To Regain His Ring Laurels.**

It is Wolgast's real attempt to regain the laurels he lost to Willie Ritchie. There are many who may deem it a use-less and futile effort on the part of the Michigan Bearcat. But remember the little Dutchman has been undergoing a siege of preparedness for the past year in an endeavor to be fit and well when this meeting takes place. He has met good, bad, and indifferent fighters in his effort to test himself and to convince himself he was able to cope with the present champion and that his chances of victory were at least as good as even.

He believes way down in his heart he's again to be lightweight champion. No better evidence is wanted of this fact than to look at the remuneration he is receiving. Welsh takes 50 percent of the gross and Wolgast and the management take the rest.

#### **Would Gladly Fight for Naught to Rescue Crown.**

But as Ad puts it, "I would gladly fight for nothing just to get the chance to win the title back." It is at any rate a commendable spirit he shows in the matter. The thought of losing does not enter his mind. Yet all his well-laid plans may be upset when he faces Welsh in the ring.

On the other side of the argument we have Welsh, experienced and confident. Welsh has faced so many tough ones that fear does not enter his mind. He feels that Wolgast is one of the hardest nuts he has to crack but he has met Wolgast previous to this time and came away without injury. However, Wolgast upset this by saying, "The Wolgast he met before and the Wolgast he meets this time are as different as two people can be. The former was an unconditioned boxer; the present Adolph is a well-trained, hardened and anxious to win fighter. That's the difference in the two battles."

#### **Welsh Cannot Afford to Have Sleep Poke Administered.**

Welsh cannot afford to have the sleep poke slammed to his chin. It will mean the loss of thousands and thousands of dollars. He has several matches under advisement against Benny Leonard and other top-notchers that mean great

crowds in and about New York. If he loses to Wolgast it means the cancellation of these bouts. It is up to Wolgast to upset these plans and it's up to Welsh to prevent him from accomplishing his desires.

Saturday, July 1, 1916  
The Denver Post  
Denver, Colorado

## **AD WOLGAST WAS EVER VICTORIOUS IN INDEPENDENCE DAY STUGGLES**

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(By Monty)

New York, NY, July 1—A good deal of criticism has been aimed at Freddie Welsh for taking on Ad Wolgast while so many younger challengers are seeking a crack at his world's lightweight championship. The cry has gone up that the Englishmen is still picking suckers, raking in the easy money while afraid to risk his crown against someone with a chance to take it away from him. Perhaps this argument is out of order. Wolgast thinks it is and says he will flatten Welsh when they get in the ring at Denver on Tuesday night.

The Fourth of July nearly always has offered fistic fans a good lightweight card, and this one may prove no exception to the rule. Wolgast is



not such a back number as some people seem to think. The wonderful little man from Cadillac, Mich., has been regarded as a has-been time and again, only to come back with a sensational effort that made ring followers take off their hats to him. Maybe he will do it again this time and make July 4, 1916, as notable as other Independence days have been in lightweight annals.

***Ad Wolgast-Freddie Welsh***  
**The Denver Post**

Wolgast gained the championship from Battling Nelson in a combat that lasted all afternoon-over forty rounds - in which he beat the Dane at his own game of endurance. Against an entirely different type of fighter on the following July 4, 1911, he put up another great battle against Owen Moran, in which he gave that Englishman the first defeat he ever suffered. Wolgast was a veritable wildcat in that encounter.

**Once Again He is There in  
Fourth of July Ring**

Now once again Wolgast is in the ring on a Fourth of July with the world's lightweight championship at stake.

If Ad is himself, if he has gained the physical condition he says he has attained, he has more than an outside chance to knock out the champion. The bout in Denver on Tuesday will be fifteen rounds in length. Fifteen rounds are enough for him if he is right.

Wolgast, always a clean liver, is still a young man, younger, in fact, than Welsh. He also has had a shorter ring career. The only thing that kept him from giving Welsh an awful run for that crown when they met here in New York eighteen months ago is the fact that Wolgast broke a bone in his arm just as he had Welsh beginning to show the effects of punishment.

**Welsh Compares with Owen  
Moran in Style**

Welsh is almost the same type of boxer as was Owen Moran, to whom Wolgast gave perhaps the greatest lacing he ever handed out. The Michigan wildcat, tearing in the way Jack Dillon assails the heavyweights, keeps his arms flailing about so rapidly that he bewilders a clever boxer and throws him off his equilibrium. Wolgast proved in the four rounds he went with Welsh here before his arm broke that his style is adapted to worrying the present champion. If he starts out the same way on Tuesday and has the physical condition to carry him thru fifteen rounds, he has a royal chance to drop the title-holder for keeps - a much better chance than his beraters think.

Wouldn't it be a hot one if Wolgast, an old-timer coming back, as many regard him, should beat those youngsters to Welsh's crown should knock him out, while the dozen or more who have out-pointed the Briton were forced to twiddle their fingers in dismay. If Ad should win the crown it is almost certain that he would wait about a year before defending it, meanwhile taking some of that easy money he would deserve.

Imagine, if you can, the jealousy of certain other members of the lightweight brigade in case Wolgast should flatten Welsh. Imagine how Benny Leonard would feel, also Johnny Dundee, also Charlie White, to say nothing of Ever Hammer, Johnny Griffiths, Milburn Saylor, Joe Mandot, and Vic Moran.

The green of the grass would look red as compared to the color they would be if Wolgast should tap Sir Fredrick Blithely on the chin and Sir Fredrick would politely recline to a sleeping position on the padded canvas floor.

**Saturday, July 1, 1916**  
**The Denver Post**  
**Denver, Colorado**

**PROMOTER KANNER TELLS  
POST FANS OF BIG SHOW  
AT STOCKYARDS ARENA**

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***Welsh and Wolgast Are Ready and Willing for  
Battle Tomorrow Night in Fifteen-Round  
Championship Fray- Advance Sale  
Reported to Be Large.***

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**(By Jack Kanner)**  
**(Promoter Welsh-Wolgast Bout)**

Tomorrow night's the big show. The boys are ready to go into the ring and indications point to the record house of the Rocky Mountain region when Champion of the World Freddie Welsh and former Champion Ad Wolgast lock horns in their fifteen round struggle. I visited both principals this morning and they have that determined look that bespeaks a battle to the finish. Wolgast is sure he will be able to annex the crown that once graced his head. Welsh says he has heard otherwise.

It gives me great pleasure to thank the businessmen, railroad officers, and civic bodies of Denver for the way in which they have stood by me in bringing this lightweight classic to the City of the Plains. I have had much encouragement from all sources that really count in the spirit of our great city and those who have attempted to throw chilly water on my plans have gone by the boards.

There is no reason why the city of Denver shouldn't be the center of high-class contests of the sort I am staging tomorrow night at the stockyards stadium. We need something of this nature to stir us up and show us just how lively Denver can be and how interested Denver's red-blooded citizens are in something which goes toward progress.

### **Two of Greatest Millers in Fistic World Will Meet.**

When the boys climb into the arena tomorrow night, you will see two of the greatest athletes who ever graced the padded ring. Champion Freddie Welsh, gentleman and grand little fellow, is one of the cleverest men since the days when champions were first produced. Ad Wolgast, the former holder of the title, is the gamest, most aggressive punching classic that fans have ever cheered. He has never been known to quit. He has never failed to give followers (?) swat his best and has always satisfied his backers, whether he won or lost. These lads are classics of the manly art.

Their long records are too well known to bear repetition. I will vouch that the boys are in shape. The club physician, Dr. Mack, will give the boys their tests tomorrow morning and his verdict will be published in *The Post*. The climate, that alibi put forward by so many losers, has had no ill effect on either the champion or the ex-champion.

Welsh will weigh close to the 135-pound mark, while Wolgast is already down to 134-pound notch and with a little drying out will go into the ring against the champion at the regulation of a 133 pounds ringside.

### **Advance Sale Indicates Record House at Battle.**

The advance sale is very heavy. Before night it will reach the \$4,000 mark, a record for Denver. Yesterday at the workouts nearly a thousand fans saw the boys go thru their last heavy training trip before the battle. Both the champion and Wolgast were cheered to the echo. It was the largest workout crowd ever assembled in a Colorado gymnasium.

Wolgast worked first and after a bit of shadow boxing and muscle loosening exercise, took on Kiscus Lub and Harry Reide for sparring purposes. The going was rough and ready and pleased Ad's friends.

The champion was a trifle late in getting to the quarters, but to indicate the interest that is being shown in his work, none left the club until he had appeared in his training tights. The champion looked on edge. He worked hard and boxed with Bratton, Morris, and Rose.

Denver fans are too familiar with the great seating arrangement of the Stockyards Stadium to need a reminder. The big arena, with its 3,000

ringside seats, is a marvel to boxing managers who have viewed it and compared it with that of the East. The rest of the seats, boxes, and other places of vantage are of peculiar comfort and handy to the ring.

It was my belief at first that with such a big attraction on hand that I should charge prices in proportion to those assessed in the East for ring classics. You must remember that this is Welsh's first battle for more than ten rounds since he annexed the championship from Ritchie. In the East the prices would go as high as \$25 for a ringside seat. However, I was backed so thoroughly by Denver's business interests and by public favor when I announced that I had signed this bout that I said at the outset I would charge only popular prices.

### **Has Arranged Popular Prices for the Bout.**

Therefore I named \$5 as the top admission for ringside seats, \$3 for boxes, \$2 for the stadium proper with \$1 for the other seats. All are good. It depends how close you want to sit to the fray. That a high-class crowd will be present is assured from the names, which have been placed on my reservation list. They include the most prominent men in the city and state, men of business and social affairs.

Special trains, eight of them, will bring Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Greeley, Cheyenne, and Salt Lake City fans to the ringside. The railroads have special rates on and every effort will be made for the convenience of fans.

The card will begin at 8:30 o'clock and the preliminaries and semi-windup will be good events in themselves. Special car service will be maintained at one-minute intervals to and from the stadium from the business district. Automobile service will also be maintained. Tickets may be had at Burt Davis Store or at Sarconi's Billiard Parlors.

**Monday, July 3, 1916**  
**The Denver Post**  
**Denver, Colorado**

WOLGAST TAKING A WELL-EARNED REST



*Ad Wolgast*  
*The Denver Post*

## WOLGAST HOPES TO HAND WELSH KNOCKOUT BLOW

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(United Press Wire to Evening News)

Denver, Colo., July 3—Ad Wolgast let Freddie Welsh have everything his own way to get the champion into the ring at the stockyards here tomorrow afternoon. Ad will try to let the Englishman have the kayo for good measure. Welsh receives \$8,000 for his end. Wolgast takes a percentage of the proceeds left after the promoters and expenses are paid. Both fighters have been training here for a week to accustom themselves to the altitude. While Welsh stipulated a no-decision bout, Ad has hopes of wearing the Englishman out before the fight goes its 15<sup>th</sup> round. The "Flying Dutchman" has staged several "comebacks" against second raters in Denver within the last six months and is mighty anxious to make a strong showing against Welsh.

Tuesday, July 4, 1916  
The Cadillac Evening News  
Cadillac, Michigan

## STAGE IS SET FOR CLASH TONIGHT WITH WELSH AND WOLGAST STRIVING

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*Denver Fans Have Opportunity of Witnessing  
Prominent Lads of Division Battle in Historic  
Class - Famous Lightweight Meetings  
of Ring Lore*

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(By Otto Floto)

The day is here! The stage is all set and by midnight we'll know whether Freddie Welsh is still the proud possessor of the lightweight title or whether a former keeper of the trophy has managed to have it revert back to him. In no class of pugilism have we witnessed more "class" than in that realm in which the 133 pounders predominate. Greatness has been the very essence of the makeup of every holder of the crown and today what marvelous fighting caliber it presents when compared with other divisions. We believe this to be the cardinal reason why a lightweight always appears so attractive to the fight fans. This fact is ever responsible for the great outpouring on occasions when the lightweight emblem tilts in the balance and tonight, with two of the greatest exponents of Queensberry delarte, will prove no exception to the established rule of such events. Out in the stockyards amphitheater those who attend will witness a battle such as they have never seen in this city in many a day. It is not going to be a one-sided affair in which one man hopelessly outclasses the other. Quite to the contrary; it is a clash between two men with worldwide reputations who are known wherever the sound of the upholstered gauntlet resonates from the human hulk it comes in contact with.

The present generation is probably only familiar with lightweight battles from the time Jack McAuliffe snatched the title from the Canadian champion, Harry Gilmore, in one of the hardest fought (with skin tight gloves) battles ever witnessed. Our fighting greatness under the Queensberry code as far as lightweights are concerned, therefore dates from McCauliffe's time. Jack was one, if not the greatest that ever lived. He has had more money wagered on him than any other fighter the game boasts of and goes on record with the proud boast, "I never lost a dollar for a backer during all the years I was in the ring." He retired undefeated. And then only when Father Time threatened to end his career, something no fighter was able to do.

After McCauliffe we got Kid Lavigne. This famous product of Saginaw, Mich., could live under punishment that would force others to succumb. Barring Battling Nelson I doubt if ever there was a man in the game who could

assimilate the same amount of fistic fodder without going under.

### **Three Men Had Hearts As Strong As The Oak**

In Lavigne, Nelson, and Wolgast the lightweight class boasts of three men with hearts so stout folks marveled at their endurance. Lavigne fought Walcott, then a tough bird. In the early part of the battle he took an awful lacing, then turned the tide, and the folks who were at Maspeth that day will never forget how close Walcott came to being knocked out and how the bell saved him in the final round. Lavigne went to England – defeated Burge and all others there. Then thoughtlessly he again went out of his class and fought Mysterious Billy Smith. The grueling he took on this occasion undermined his former great staying powers and enabled Frank Erne to win the title from him.

Erne in turn lost to Joe Gans, “the old masiah.” But for the shady transactions the colored boy was forced to adopt he (Gans) would have been the greatest of lightweights. Gans was in very bad repute when he fought Nelson at Goldfield and won the battle on a foul in the forty-second round, as we recall it, Nelson, previous to this was a conceded titleholder by virtue of his victory over Jimmy Britt, who was looked upon as the white lightweight champion. Nelson next defeated Gans decisively on two occasions and established his right to the position at the head of the class, and then came that never to be forgotten battle at Point Richmond, when Nelson was forced to lower his colors to Wolgast in as sensational a bout as the game has ever witnessed.

### **Ad Wolgast Takes Title In His Memorable Bout.**

In the twenty-first round Wolgast was on the floor and the Dane looked a winner all over. Then Ad, directed by Tom Jones, got up and commenced an attack which ended only when Nelson was so blind in the fortieth round the late Eddie Smith took pity and did not care to see so game a man subjected to further punishment where there was no chance to win. That made Ad Wolgast the lightweight champion of the world.

Wolgast went along defeating all comers and was matched against Freddie Welsh in Los Angeles. All was in readiness for the battle when Kid Appendicitis struck Wolgast a blow below the belt, forcing his retirement to the hospital on the eve of the fight. This misfortune to Wolgast made it possible for Willie Ritchie to get in the limelight.

### **Ritchie Hurries to Los Angeles and Takes Wolgast’s Place.**

Ritchie hurried to Los Angeles and took Wolgast’s place against Welsh. He made a good showing, even the Welsh won by quite a margin. His showing there forced Wolgast to fight him, and Ritchie won the title on a foul at Colma from Adolph. Ritchie defended it for some time and then went to England where, at the big Olympia, Freddie Welsh defeated him in twenty rounds. Since then the boy from Ponttypridd has swayed the scepter.

Tonight Wolgast is going to attempt to win his title back from the man who won it from the opponent (Ritchie) that won it from him. There’s a Sam Lloyd for you to solve. We know from our talk with both principals that every effort they possess will be extended to the breaking point.

### **Wolgast Will Fight as He Has Never Battled.**

Wolgast will fight as he has never fought before, for he realizes that he has everything to get and nothing to lose – that’s why he can take the most desperate of chances, something Welsh cannot do, because he will ever have impressed on his mind the fact that his title is in jeopardy and must be protected at all hazards with care and caution.

The writer was invited to officiate as referee in Dewey, Okla., and at Omaha, Neb., but declined because this as by far the more important match and outranks the others. It is the one big Fourth of July event with a championship hanging in a thread.

In Dewey both are great men, but a win or lose does not upset present conditions in regard to a title. At Omaha the same condition prevails.

### **Both Athletes Are Great Men in Omaha Struggle.**

Both are great men and one of them the legitimate contender for the title but winning or losing tonight does not produce a champion. Quite the contrary here, one boy is to fight to retain his title, defending it against a former champion and the latter is going to do his best to grab back what once he called his own. It is the first Freddie Welsh has fought over ten rounds since he won from Ritchie.

Championship have been won and lost in New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Wisconsin and all these states prohibit decisions. We mention this fact just to call your attention to the absurdity of a statement we read in the Daily Hammer, but attribute it only to ignorance on their part to conditions as they really prevail.

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## COMMENTS BY WOLGAST BEFORE THE WELSH FIGHT.

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By Adolph Wolgast,  
Ex-Champion of the World

I have staked all on my bout with Welsh tomorrow night. I believe I have it in me to take away his crown and I will do so in decisive fashion. Welsh is the cleverest man in the game. I have met clever men before. I expect to win by the knockout route. Fifteen rounds is plenty long distance for me to turn this trick.

I will enter the ring at the 133-pound notch, and at that weight am my best. Ever since I lost the championship I have been waiting for the right moment to regain my laurels. I know I can do it. The confidence is there and I am fighting better right now than I have ever done.

Great credit is due my manager, Larney Lichtenstein, for the way in which he has handled me in my campaign for the title. He has taught me the value of sharp training and for quite a while we had a sort of watchful waiting policy. Now for the fireworks. I will never have a better opportunity, and I will say to the fans, my friends, that I will carry the same old Ad Wolgast style of battle, always boring in, and you will see a new champion tomorrow night.

Take a tip from me and just watch the Dutchman!

## LICHTENSTEIN DECLARES DUTCHMAN IS IN FORM

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"The Dutchman from Cadillac is due to deliver," said Larney Lichtenstein, manager of Ad Wolgast last night. "He has been waiting long for this chance.

He will not overlook anything in the way of fistic goods on the night of July 4 and there will be plenty of fireworks for a certain champion of the world. I predict that Ad will bring the title back. You can see by his fights since I have taken his management that he has come across for the big end of the kale."

"The Fourth of July will be no exception. July Fourth is a sweet old day for the Dutchman. You can see for yourself that he is rugged and strong in training quarters and can go for any distance. But the fight won't go so long. Don't be afraid of that."

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## WELSH CRUMPLES TO FLOOR IN PAIN AS WOLGAST VIOLATES GLOVE RULE

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*Disregards Advice of Referee to Sharp shoot to  
Higher Parts of the Anatomy – Former  
Champion loses in Eleventh –  
Welsh Shows Game Spirit.*

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(By Otto Floto)  
(Referee of the Bout)

Freddie Welsh, holder of the lightweight title of the world, was given the decision over a former titleholder last night in the eleventh frame because one of the most flagrant fouls possible was committed by Ad Wolgast. Once before, in the third round, Wolgast struck low —there was no doubt of it – but because the battle had just got under way, and I, as referee, wanted to see the people get some run for their money, added to the fact that I was not certain just where the blow landed, I took it upon myself to call three doctors who were present in the ring to make an examination of Welsh's claimed injuries. None of them would say that a foul had not been committed but they declared no signs were present by which they could distinguish how badly Welsh had been hurt. On their statement we declared the battle to continue, and Welsh showed a true spirit of sportsmanship when he consented the fight should go on.

When Welsh consented to continue, he demonstrated the old saying: "A brave man may fall, yield he will not."

Twenty times did I caution Wolgast about hitting low and each time he promised to be careful. Many of the blows between the third round, when Welsh resumed and the eleventh, when the final foul was committed, were just bordering on the disqualification mark, an iota of an inch lower meant that foul territory had been invaded on Welsh's anatomy.

There can be no doubt that Welsh suffered intense pain. While the signs that injury had been committed were absent, yet we know Welsh so well and so thoroughly we are ready to say he would not have acted in the manner he did unless badly hurt. It is too bad that a fighter of Wolgast's caliber, one who has occupied the great position he has in pugilism, should stoop to questionable practices. When he was champion there was no complaint about his hitting low. Only in late years, as he finds himself slipping, do we see chronicled in most every battle in which he engages that a breach of the rules has been perpetrated. His actions in this respect are getting him in bad all over the country.

For Instance, it's only a few weeks ago when Ad was put out of the ring at St Louis for fouling Franke Russell. A week after that at Hammond, Indiana, he fouled Stewart Donnelly and met disqualification. A year ago at Shreveport, Louisiana, he lost to Bobby Waugh because of a foul. Right here in Denver Franke Murphy claimed he was fouled, and looking over it all we find he lost his title to Ritchie on a foul.

**Now Comes His Offense  
Champion Welsh**

Now comes his last offense against Freddie Welsh. That does not present a shining mark on what was once a glorious record. It's to bad that Wolgast, great fighter and wonderful champion he once was, should smear his performances with so many proven violations of the code. He knows better and there is no excuse for it; not a single extenuating excuse can be offered for the transgressions. If Ad had been a beginner we could find solace in the fact that lack of experience caused his action. But a boy who has met them all, who ruled as king of his division, who never violated when he reigned and then starts in on a career of "fouls" such as no boy who ever held the title has been guilty of is something quite unexplainable to us and most perplexing.

Welsh was not in his usual good shape. He probably under-rated Wolgast and took too lightly the job before him. He found an opponent conditioned to a hairline and one strong and able to carry the fight. The champion's famous straight left-hand poke which brought him fame, glory and a title was not in the best working order last night. He used it many times but the powder, which spells destruction and effectiveness, was lacking for it failed to stem the onrushing Wolgast.

**Welsh Showed His Best When  
He Mixed Wallops.**

The times Welsh mixed and exchanged wallops showed him at his best, for he had Wolgast in his corner against the ropes many times unable to extricate himself. The whole fight makes us wonder whether Wolgast by his own tactics and short-sightedness did not throw away a golden opportunity which unexpectedly was offered him. He will never get it again, for Welsh in his dressing room after the battle said; "This is three times I have fought him, and everytime we have met he has fouled me. If he was the last man in the world I would not consent to get into the ring with him again."



*Ad Wolgast*  
The Denver Post

**Offends Two Times in Succession  
in Eleventh.**

Not only did Wolgast offend in the eleventh and final round one time, but twice in succession blows were landed far below the territory prescribed as "fair" and "foul" in the rules that govern matters in the pugilistic code of honor. That is why he so quickly drew his disqualification. Perhaps it was unintentional, for he turned to me with the remark, "I didn't mean to do it." Afterward he declared he did not say so, but by all that is holy he made the remark to me, a foot away from him at the time.

**Remains on Left Side To Watch  
Foul Wallops.**

Many wondered why I did not move around more. For the very good reason that I wanted to remain on the "left side" of Wolgast, so I could see the foul, which was constantly expected. Time and again Ad turned Welsh around with the view of getting the referee to the right of him so as to avoid detection. That is why I remained to the left of him constantly.

Had we in the third round awarded verdict to Welsh many would have been skeptical regarding the decision. No doubts, however, were harbored by those who followed the trend of battle closely regarding the blow being low, though many maintained no damage had followed in its wake.

There was a half-hour's delay because of a blowout on a rear tire on the machine taking Welsh to the battle. Then there was a long argument about bandages, which was finally settled satisfactorily to all concerned.

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## WOLGAST-WELSH THE BATTLE BY ROUNDS

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**Round One-** Wolgast leads left to the body. They clinch. Both land rights to the kidneys. Ad drives for the body. They break. Welsh sends left to body. They clinch. They are broken by the referee. They in fight. Wolgast puts misses left for body. They clinch. Welsh lands light left to face. Wolgast puts left to mouth. Wolgast drives to body. Welsh stands at long range and pops a straight left to mouth. Wolgast comes in and receives three lefts to face and one to kidneys. Both land lefts and rights to body. Welsh sends left to face and left to body. Wolgast fights hard to body. They clinch and Wolgast sends right to body. Even round.

**Round Two-** They rush to center of ring. Wolgast leads to body. Welsh sends rights and lefts to body. They clinch and are broken. Wolgast scores right to body. Welsh outboxes Wolgast at long range. They have an infighting session in which Wolgast scores four lefts to head. Ad Goes into a shell and they clinch. They are broken and Welsh jabs his left to the kisser. They clinch and Welsh delivers left and right to the mush. They stand at long range and Welsh jabs four times to the head. Wolgast misses a left swing and rallies to body while crowd cheers him on. Welsh lands right and left and Wolgast scores with his right to the body at the bell. Wolgast round.

**Round Three-** They mill in the center and Welsh dances away. Wolgast lands the rabbit blow to Welsh's neck with his right hand. They clinch and are broken. Welsh sends right and left to head. Wolgast misses with his left. They clinch and infight. Welsh lands right and left to head. Wolgast strikes to belly with left band and Welsh claims foul. Welsh crumpled to the floor in apparent agony. Three physicians were summoned. Drs. Baggett, Gulick, and Robinson were the physicians. They could find no trace of afoul. Welsh consented to continue after a delay of nineteen minutes. A new round was declared in order. Wolgast's round.

**Round Four-** They clinch and Wolgast rushes the champion to the ropes. Wolgast is fighting like a tiger. He drives rights and lefts to

the champion's body and in one of the infighting sessions Wolgast drives his right to the ear. Welsh uncorks a right and left to the Dutchman's ear. Wolgast lands left to body. They clinch. Welsh puts light right to Wolgast's nose. Welsh misses a left to the head. Welsh sends right and left to head. Wolgast lands right to kidney at the bell. Wolgast's round.

**Round Five-** They rush to center and fight head-to-head Wolgast scores the majority of blows in a rapid exchange. They clinch. Wolgast goes to the kidney with his right In a clinch Wolgast raises many rights to Freddie's jaw. Freddie lands three lefts to the face. Wolgast lands stiff punch to face and they clinch. Welsh lands left to ribs. They clinch and Wolgast fights himself free, landing lefts to the neck. Welsh rallies and a rally by Wolgast is given in return each scoring. They clinch. They break and box at long range. Welsh misses a left and dances away at the bell. Even Round.

**Round Six-** Wolgast leads left to body. They infight and Wolgast scores and receives three left jabs in return. Wolgast goes into a shell and is jabbed lightly on the top of the head. Wolgast uncovers and tears into the champion with flailing right and lefts. Wolgast is against the ropes, while Freddie sends two rights to the kidney. They clinch. They exchange and Welsh has a shade the better of the points. Wolgast misses a right. Freddie sends rapid right and lefts to the face and Wolgast returns to the belly. Wolgast misses three swings and they clinch. Wolgast puts right to the body and they stand to spar at the bell. Even round.

**Round Seven-** Wolgast rushes into the champion with both hands working. Welsh scores lefts and Wolgast liberates a ripping right to the stomach. Welsh jabs left to the face and Wolgast retaliates with fierce swings to the stomach. Wolgast sends a right cross to the champion's chin. Wolgast scores three clean punches one at the jaw with the right and a left and right to the stomach, they clinch. Welsh jabs left and Wolgast puts rights and left to stomach and left to jaw. Welsh lands two light lefts to jaw. Wolgast flails to the body. They fight close at the bell. Wolgast's round

**Round Eight-** Wolgast leads left to the pit of the stomach. They clinch. Welsh jabs on the breakaway with his left. They clinch and Wolgast rocks the champion's jaw with two hard lefts. Welsh gets in three left-hand jabs to the face and they clinch Wolgast scores on the kidney with his right. Ad puts his right in Freddie's bugle. Wolgast goes to the head with repeated lefts and right. He has the champion a bit worried at the bell, attempts a rally, but the steam is lacking. Wolgast's round by a big margin.

**Round Nine-** They ease into a clinch with the Dutchman scoring to the body and the champion jabbing. Welsh scores rights and lefts to chin. They fight at close range. They fiddle for a moment and Wolgast puts terrific right to belly. Welsh comes in close again and receives a right hand kidney punch from Ad. Freddie dances away, jabbing, with Wolgast following. Wolgast comes in like a bear cat, but the champion never dogs it for a moment, taking the punishing blows to the belly and at tempting to force the Dutchman back with straight lefts. Wolgast lands rabbit blow to neck at bell. Wolgast's round.

**Round Ten-** They rush into a clinch. Wolgast sends rights and lefts to body. Wolgast goes into a shell and attempts a left that goes wide. Welsh jabs and they clinch. Welsh sends three kidney slaps to Wolgast. They clinch. Wolgast lands left to jaw. Wolgast misses left swing to body. Wolgast directs his attack to body and Wolgast exchanges punches in that region with the champion. They clinch close and are broken. Welsh lands two lefts to ear. Wolgast slips but does not fall. They mill fiercely at bell. Even round.

**Round Eleven-** Wolgast leads left to the head. Welsh jabs him back with lefts. They come close in and exchange on even terms. Welsh uncovers a bunch of fancy lefts that tattoo the ex-champ's map. Welsh lands a solid left to the face and Wolgast hits low to the groin. The referee gives the decision to Welsh. The round had gone two minutes and five seconds.

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## WOLGAST BEATEN ON FOUL; BATTLE FULL OF ACTION

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**Denver, Col., July 5**—Ad Wolgast, Cadillac lightweight, fouled Champion Freddie Welsh in the eleventh round of their scheduled fifteen round fight at the stockyards yesterday and the champion was given the decision. Wolgast put Welsh to the floor in the third and the fight was delayed 20 minutes on Welsh's claim of foul. A physician said it was impossible to tell whether Welsh had been struck foul in their third but that he was fouled in the eleventh.

The fight was one of the bitterest seen here in years. It was filled with action and hard infighting marked the eleven rounds. Wolgast had the better of the battling. Welsh being weakened by the blow in the third which he claimed was foul.

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## AD PROTESTS WELSH WASN'T FOUL VICTIM

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*Cadillac Lightweight Came Home last Night;  
Boxes with Frankie Whitney in  
Salt Lake City, July 24*  
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That he knocked out Freddie Welsh twice—both times with fair blows—in their scrap at Denver on the afternoon of the fourth was a statement made by Ad Wolgast today in reviewing the scrap which went to Welsh in the eleventh round on a foul. Ad doesn't carry a mark as a result of his recent encounter and says it wasn't as hard a bout as newspapers reports would indicate.

"There wasn't any reason why I should have fouled Welsh," said Wolgast. "The fight was nearly over and Welsh was weak and wasn't hurting me. I had all the better of the previous ten rounds of fighting and nearly all the way. Welsh was put out in the third and which he failed to get up his seconds cried "foul" and carried him to his corner. Then an argument was started and Welsh got a 20-minute rest. From that time on Welsh was on the defensive. Of course I was anxious to put him out and I played for his body all the time. There wasn't another claim of foul from the third round until I knocked Welsh out in the eleventh. The referee didn't give his decision then for an hour and I went to my dressing room believing I had won the fight. Welsh didn't recover for nearly a minute and a half."

Wolgast is sure he could lick the champion in 20 rounds without the slightest difficulty and he believes he could put him out in 15 rounds. "But Welsh probably won't give me another crack at him," said Ad. "He took more punishment in those ten and one-half rounds than he ever stood in any fight before."

As a result of Wolgast's showing he has received offers for a dozen good bouts. Wolgast's next fight will be with Frankie Whitney of Atlanta, Ga., and it will be staged in Salt Lake City, July 24.

Saturday, July 8, 1916  
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## **GEO. MITCHELL BACK FROM WEST, SAYS WOLGAST WON**

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George E. Mitchell, well-known Cadillac barber, who went to Colorado about seven weeks ago because of his health, has returned to this city. Immediately upon his return to Cadillac Mr. Mitchell went to Dr. McMullen for an examination and he was given the very welcome assurance that the slight indication of tuberculosis which was evident two months ago has entirely disappeared. In as much as several examinations by Denver physicians resulted in a similar conclusion the Cadillac man certain that he succeeded in shaking off the dreaded disease. Mitchell was one of the most interested spectators at the Wolgast-Welsh fight and he insists that the Cadillac fighter has the best of nine rounds of the eleven-round battle, that two sessions were even and that "Ad" was robbed of the fight when the referee declared a fair blow foul.

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## **AD WON'T BOX AGAIN UNTIL LABOR DAY**

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*Cadillac Boxer Schedules Engagement in  
Idaho for September; is interested  
in His Horses*  
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Ad Wolgast won't box again until Labor Day, according to his present plans, and he will shift his interests for the time from the prize ring to the racetrack. Ad has three fast harness horses and he expects to see two of them winning races in the near future.

Wolgast's next bout will be fought at Idaho Falls, Idaho and his opponent has not yet been selected. Ad was to have boxed in Salt Lake City last month but he has cancelled all engagements. "It is too hot to do any boxing these days," declared Wolgast this morning.

The Cadillac's boxer's two most promising horses are Shamrock Belle and Elmford. Shamrock Belle hasn't a mark and can step a mile at 2:20 clip. Elmford has a mark at 2:08. Wolgast expects to race both horses at the Northern District Fair in September. Herbert Teachout of Big Rapids is training the Wolgast horses. Ad says he has recently refused an offer of \$2,250 for Shamrock Belle.

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## **WOLGAST AND CROSS TO BOX WEDNESDAY**

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Ad Wolgast and Leach Cross are reported to be training, despite hot weather, for their bout, which will take place in New York next Wednesday night. "This will be about the 'steenth meeting' between the pair," remarks a New York Daily, "but Ad and Leach always put up a battle worth witnessing. Cross won the last fight when Wolgast was forced to quit with a bad cut over his left eye. Since that time Ad has fought a number of good fights, while Cross has been inactive."

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Cadillac, Michigan

## **COMPILED BY ROB SNELL**

*Patsy Severo Defeats Tommy Paul – September 27, 1935  
(Bob Caico)*

### **Severo Defeats**

**Paul at Erie**

ERIE, Sept. 27. (F1) Patsy Severo of Meadville pounded out a ten-round decision tonight over Tommy Paul of Buffalo, former world's featherweight champion.

Lee Shparcl, Cleveland negro, 131, defeated Louis Severo, Meadville, 138 (8); Tony Gamble, 125, Erie, defeated Sammy Parris, 131, Pittsburgh, (8) and Frank Si. slowski, 160, of Erie was awarded a decision over Pat Belcher, 165, of Pittsburgh, who was disqualified