

ITS ALL UP TO CONWAY

If Frankie Is Willing Mixer Bout
Will Be Good.

BUERMAN'S BOXING IS A TREAT

Quaker Regarded As Rough-And-Ready Opponent — Two Eight-Rounders On Tonight's Card.

BOXING CARD FOR TONIGHT AT ALBAUGH'S THEATRE.

Joe Burman, of Chicago, vs.

Frankie Conway, of Philadelphia, 12 rounds.

Frankie Rice, of Baltimore,

vs Patsy McFadden, of Allentown, 8 rounds.

Bucky Taylor, of Baltimore, vs.

Joe Stepneck, of Allentown, 8 rounds.

Two four-round bouts

First bout at 8.30.

By C. STARR MATTHEWS.

It is always a treat to watch Joe Burman box, and if Frankie Conway, of Philadelphia, who meets him this evening at Albaugh's Theatre, is as rugged and willing as his manager asserts, the fans should see an interesting go. This setto, billed for 12 rounds, is the headliner of the American Athletic Association's regular weekly show, and it is strictly up to the Quaker to make the evening either pleasant or unpleasant.

Little is known here of Conway's ability. That he is not the old Frankie Conway, who met such splendid ring gladiators as George Chaney and Kid Williams, the club management vehemently announces; yet, the veteran of that name was not a soft mark for anyone. George Chaney tells an interesting story about the old Frankie Conway, which proves that he was a mighty game boy.

"I had skinned him as hard and often as I could," said George. "Then one of my punches traveled a little low.

"Keep that punch up," the referee warned me.

"Conway growled at me and added his warning. 'I'll throw him out of the ring if he don't,' he said, and I could not help admiring his courage."

But this is not the old Frankie. Sam Harris, the matchmaker, insists the newcomer is one of the most promising little fellows in Philadelphia, and Tommy Walsh, manager of Burman, declares he found Conway "a tough young gentleman" when Joe boxed him in the Quaker City recently. If all of these things are true Conway may make Burman extend himself. Baltimoreans never have seen the Chicagoan put to a real test, but they would like nothing better than a grueling contest for the youngster who is being groomed for a battle for the world bantamweight championship.

Has Never Been Put To Test.

That Joe can hit there is no doubt. That he can box no one will deny, but Baltimoreans never have seen him cast aside that cold, calculating business-like manner which is a feature of his ring work. In fact, it is one of the things which has convinced many Baltimoreans that Burman has a very good chance to become bantam champion of the world.

There are also two other bouts of interest on the card, for Buck Taylor and Frankie Rice, local pugilists, will take on visitors from Allentown. The former is to meet Joe Stepneck and the latter will swap punches with Patsy McFadden. These bouts are scheduled for eight rounds apiece.

Taylor is not a novice, but he never has risen much above the preliminary class. He is a lightweight with a terrible punch, and why he has failed to improve ring-aders are unable to tell. He certainly is game enough, for he took a fine lacing from Lite Hartley a few weeks ago when he went in to substitute for Young Giller. He is a fair offensive boxer but is weak on the defensive especially at close range. Perhaps that is the secret of his failure to advance.

No one ever has considered him seriously, and he never was so well received in his life as he was the night he went on with Hartley without a minute's training. But tonight no excuse can be made for him. He has had ample time to prepare for this setto and he has a golden opportunity to favorably impress the patrons of the sport. If he again fails it is his own fault.

Rice is but a green hand. He still is merely a preliminary boxer, but he is trying to work his way into the finals. His boxing has improved but he has a long road to travel to the star class. However, he has many friends and he always tries to please the public.

Two preliminaries, bringing together local boxers, will start the evening's sport.