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"THE REFEREE"

Photoplay in 5 reels

From the Red Book Magazine Story "John McArdle, Referee", by Gerald Beaumont

Produced by Ralph Ince

Scenario by Lewis Allen Browne

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LEWIS J. SELZNICK

presents

CONWAY TEARLE
in

"THE REFEREE"

A Ralph Ince Production
Story by Gerald Beaumont(Appeared
in Red Book as
"John Mc Ardle-Referee")
Scenario by Lewis Allen Browne

CAST

CONWAY TEARLE————JOHN MC ARDLE

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Gladys Hullette-----Janie Roberts

Synopsis

John McArdle has a conscience, cultivated and strengthened from his youth up by the teaching of his mother.

At twenty-four, John is the recognized middleweight champion of the world. His career, however, is short-lived for he is in a motor accident in which his arm is injured too badly to permit hem to fight again. So he becomes a referee and the owner of a cafe in the sporting district of New York. As a referee he is known as Honest John Mc Ardle.

Prohibition hits John's cafe business hard. He needs money to remodel his establishment into a high class billiard parlor. He needs money to marry Janie, daughter of Steve Roberts, who runs a "Club for Gentlemen.....Admission by Card only", in a palatial suite in the Van Humphrey. Roberts is an old sporting man but he doesn't want Janie to marry in the profession. Janie, however, tells him its John McArdle or no one.

Thus matters stand when The Philadelphia Phantom, the middle-weight champion, is scheduled to fight the contender, Canada Dick Peters. Rudy Metzker, promoter of the match, drops him to talk over the matter of refereeing the fight with John McArdle. In his talk, Metzker, reveals the fact that it's going to be a crooked fight. The champion is going to foul his man in the seventh round, and Honest John McArdle, if he is honest, is bound to see that foul and call it. Big Steve Roberts has a bank-roll bet that way and Big Steve is Janie's dad. There's twenty-five thousand for the man.. the referee..who calls that foul. And he's bound to call the foul if he's honest, aint he?

The day of the fight arrives. McArdle referees it, and before the gong clangs, he announces to the auditors that all bets are officially called off. He's used his prerogative. All bets are nullified. Then to the fighters, McArdle snarls a warning not to try to pull any fouls on him. The crooked game's up......see?

The fight continues..The champion is trying to get whipped, because a fortune has been guaranteed to him if he is.

Seeing that the fight is faked, Mc Ardle signals to the time-keeper to ring the bell, and then he lifts his hands [illegible] the crowd and cries: "No contest!" then turning to the fighters, he

roars "Get out of the ring, both of you!"

A fight ensues. McArdle drops the champion with a blow to the jaw and when Steve Roberts, the gambler climbs on to the platform, he gives him an uppercut that sends him sprawling. When he finally gets away, it's under police protection.

That night, Roberts comes to see him, and tells him that to-morrow the newspapers will say that he has saved the fighting game for America.....honest John McArdle.

"Why tell me this?" John asks and Roberts explains that Janie bet him twenty-five thousand at two to one that John McArdle would call off the bets and throw the fighters out and that she collected the money, too. She's proved to her dad that there was one square, sporting man... and that one, John McArdle, Referee, whom she marries.

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