

## The 10-st. Champion Weight-lifter.

DEAR SIR,—A correspondent in your January issue asks for the present 10-stone champion weight lifter. In my opinion, Mr. Chas. Russell has the best claim to the title. Victor Loris, who is one of my personal friends, held the Championship in 1899 and 1900, with the following lifts:—

Right hand, 207 lbs.

Left hand, 203 lbs.

Two hands barbell, 193½ lbs.

Two hands dumbbells, 179 lbs.

Later his weight increased to much over the 10-stone limit, and Mr. Russell met and defeated Monte, Senior, at the London Aquarium.

So far as I am aware, Mr. Russell has neither received a challenge for a definite sum, nor has he been defeated.

In the amateur class, I think that Mr. J. W. Weldon (Leeds) is competent to defeat all comers.

I do not think that Victor Loris could now reduce his weight with advantage to 10 stone; and he has not claimed the Championship since 1900.—Yours faithfully,

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