

Pugilistic Kingdom Marked by Scarcity of Challenging Material for the Title

Four Opponents on List as Likely Foes for Champ

Two of Quartet Are Too Young to Be Sent Against "Manassa Mauler"—Gibbons May Try Again.

By RINGPOST. NEVER before in the long history of pugilism—not even in the old days when John L. Sullivan was considered invincible until a young bank clerk named James J. Corbett came out of San Francisco and defeated him in that memorable battle in New Orleans in 1892 or when James J. Jeffries retired undefeated in 1905 because there was not enough worthy opposition—has the heavyweight section of fistiana been so utterly devoid of worth challenging material as it is at the present time. Jack Dempsey, who sits on the throne, has just one thing to worry about—not that he may be relieved of his laurels, but whether or not it will be possible for Tex Rickard to find a man well enough liked by the public to draw sufficient money at the gate for the championship battle to interest the Manassa Mauler and his manager, Jack Kearns.

Important Boxing Bouts This Week

- December 15—Charley Walnut against Jack Sharkey, 12 rounds, in Newark, N. J.
December 15—Tiger Flowers against Leo Anderson, 10 rounds, in Philadelphia.
December 15—Kid Sullivan against Mike Baltimore, 10 rounds, in Milwaukee.
December 15—Mickey Walker against Joe Hicks, 10 rounds, in New York.
December 15—Sam Terry against Walter Fitzgerald, 10 rounds, in Philadelphia.
December 15—Frankie Welch against Al Walther, 13 rounds, in Los Angeles.
December 15—Eddie Shea against Fred Barnhart, 10 rounds, in Milwaukee.
December 15—Eddie Anderson, 10 rounds, in Duluth.
December 15—Ray Felton against Harry Fox, 10 rounds, in New York.
December 15—Irish Johnny Curran against Frankie Farnsworth, 12 rounds, in Brooklyn.
December 15—Vicent "Frog" Pettit against Johnny Leonard, 10 rounds, in Brooklyn.
December 15—Eddie Burnbrook against George Ward, 10 rounds, in Hartford.
December 15—Pal Moran against Hal Galliano, 13 rounds, in New Orleans.

With Luis Angel Firpo, the big walk from the Argentine, who turned out to be a false alarm, out of the way, due to a defeat at the hands of the Newark Adonis who was resurrected from the pugilistic graveyard, out of the way, there are just four men who can be considered as possible foes for the champion and the four are not the sort of a quartet the boxing public would like to see in the field.

Four Possible Foes.

These men—two of them are too young now to be sent against a man of Dempsey's experience—are Harry Wills, negro, who established his claim to a fight with Dempsey by beating Firpo. Tommy Gibbons, the only man to stay 15 rounds with the champion. Jack Renault, Canadian, who is the best young prospect. Eddie Huffman, a sailor from Seattle, who has just entered the field due to a victory over Jimmy Delaney, a good light-heavyweight from St. Paul.

Unless Rickard, or whoever cares to promote a match, becomes convinced that neither man will draw sufficiently to make it financially possible to stage a bout. Wills or Gibbons will meet the titleholder some time in the spring, and it looks now as though the "brown panther" from New Orleans, who is the dark horse in the heavyweight woodpile, will be sidetracked once more and Gibbons given the engagement.

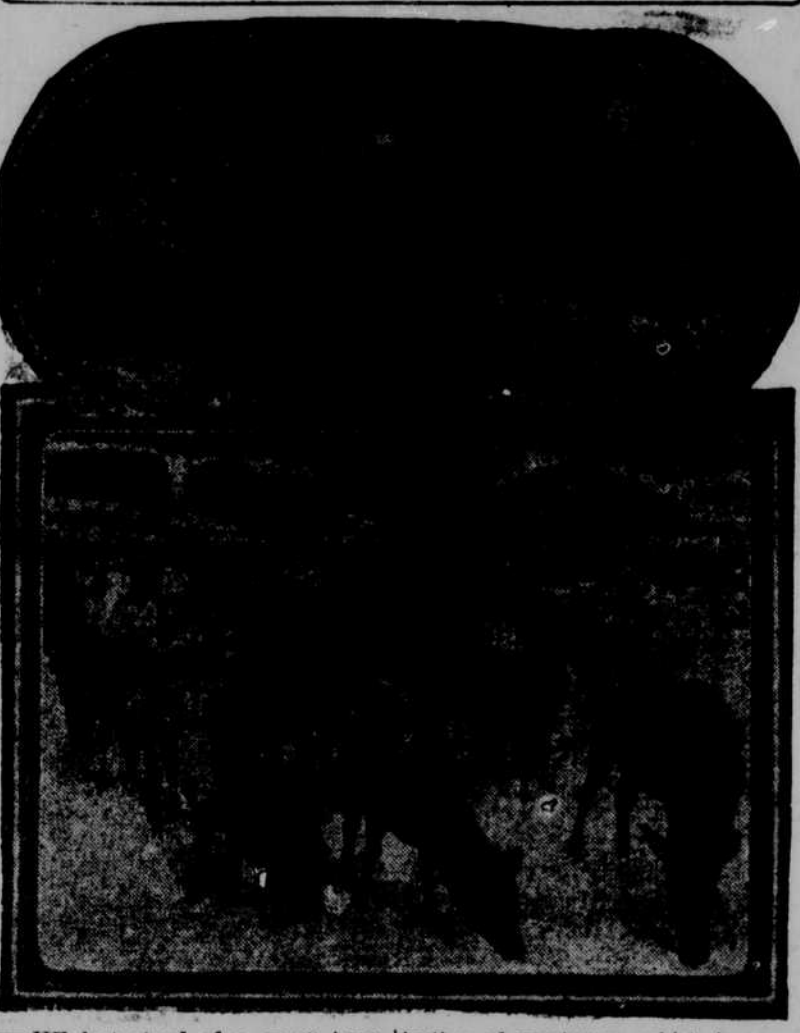
Gibbons Sure to Lose. The St. Paul brawler met Dempsey in Shelby, Mont., July 4, 1922, and Gibbons stayed the full 15 rounds, although he took an artistic pasting for his trouble. But he proved that he was game and could give Dempsey as much argument as anyone who is now in that very popular division of boxing. Gibbons has been camping on Dempsey's trail ever since demanding a return bout and has gone far enough to induce Rickard to consider his claim seriously.

In every bout Tommy has had since he met the king pin of fistiana, he has done well. The other night in New York he stopped "Kid" Norfolk in six rounds. The negro is a tough one, clever, fast and a game fighter. He has beaten a lot of good heavyweights in the past decade. He was not considered good enough to whip Gibbons, but the fact that Tom stopped him in six and gave him a thorough lacing boots Gibbons' stock for a match with Dempsey.

Huskies Schedule Sixteen Ball Games

Lincoln, Dec. 13.—Sixteen of the 18 games which will be played by the University of Nebraska baseball team have already been scheduled. The sixteen contests already booked are all games with other Missouri valley institutions. Coach W. G. Elms announces the following slate: April 22—University of Missouri at Columbia. April 24—Washington university at St. Louis. May 1—Kansas Aggies at Manhattan. May 4—University of Oklahoma at Lincoln. May 11—University of Oklahoma at Lincoln. May 18—Kansas Aggies at Ames. May 21—University of Kansas at Lincoln. Nine letter men of Coach James Drummond's Omaha Tech High school squad, 1924 Nebraska state champions, will be lost through graduation next spring.

The Elk's Last Stand



THE last stand of a great American big game animal. That is what the above picture shows. It is a last stand that is all most hopeless, for the greatest of all enemies is causing it. That enemy is starvation. The elk are starving by the thousands in Jackson Hole, Wyo., most famous big game region of this country. They are starving because the cattle have usurped their natural ranges and there is no grass left for the elk in the lowland pastures when they come out of the highlands in the late fall and early winter. According to the Isaac Walton League of America, national organization of sportsmen, which is carrying on a campaign to raise \$100,000 to buy up more ranges for the elk, the elk face extinction unless they receive help at once. During the summer months the elk feed in the highlands, where few cattle penetrate. When the snow comes they follow their centuries old custom and migrate in large herds to the pastures of the lowlands. These are already covered with snow when they get there. The elk feed by pushing the snow aside and eating the cured grass underneath. But they do not find any grass underneath the cattle. The elk starve in large numbers.

Nebraska's 1924 Grid Schedule One of Most Attractive in School's History

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 13.—Five conference games, a contest with a strong Pacific coast football team and two strong middle-western universities—Notre Dame and the University of Illinois—comprise the University of Nebraska football schedule for the season of 1925. The grid program which was completed this week is one of the most attractive in the history of Cornhusker athletics. Teams to play in the Nebraska Memorial stadium next season are Notre Dame, University of Washington, Seattle; Kansas and Oklahoma universities.

VALLEY WRESTLING MEET FOR LINCOLN

Lincoln, Dec. 13.—The annual Missouri Valley wrestling championships will be held at the University of Nebraska March 13, 1925, according to a schedule announced this week for the Cornhusker grapplers. The Nebraska wrestling team won the 1924 Missouri Valley championships in the first conference meet, held at Ames last March. Dual meets for the Cornhusker grapplers this winter have been arranged with Iowa State college, University of Iowa and Northwestern university. The schedule follows: Feb. 14—Iowa State college at Lincoln. Feb. 21—University of Iowa at Iowa City. Feb. 28—University of Minnesota at Lincoln (tentative). March 7—Northwestern university at Lincoln. March 15—Missouri Valley championship. March 20—Western conference meet at Lincoln.

ST. JOE TEAMS BUYS COAST OUTFIELDER

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 13.—Lee Moreing, one of the owners, and Buddy Ryan, manager of the Sacramento club of the Pacific Coast Baseball league, returned Tuesday from the minor leagues meeting in Hartford and announced that they had sold Art Smith, outfielder, to the St. Joseph club of the Western league. Moreing said he had given up hope of obtaining any Washington American league players owed him on account of the deal for Earl McNeely and that he had about decided to accept \$15,000 offered in lieu of three players. The Sacramento owner declared the list of available players did not contain any man that he desired, consequently he will take the money and purchase his new players elsewhere.

PAUL LITTLE TO CAPTAIN TIGERS

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 13.—Paul Little, star halfback on the Des Moines university football team for the last three years, has been elected captain of the 1925 Tiger squad. The new Tiger captain is a junior in the college of education. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Kappa fraternity. His home is in this city. Few players in the majors use the head-first slide because of its great danger. Frick of the Giants is an exception.

It Happened in Baseball

Joe Tinker, the famous shortstop of the Chicago Cubs from 1903 until 1912, has a record of never being hit by a pitched ball during that time. In a nine-inning game played against Minnesota last night, Tinker was hit in the head by a line-drive ball pitched by the Brewers had 12 assists, 13 chances and 12 errors. This record of the Milwaukee squall the best. The University of Illinois is a fine educational institution and many of our famous countrymen were graduated from there. Also, there were graduated from this state castle of learning to enter the army and navy. The director of state health, Dr. F. E. Follenberg, Fred Hebe and Higgins who played with the St. Louis Cardinals for a short period. All because Illinois is making league baseball. Then followed George Huff, the director of state health, who was taken into the big show as manager of the Boston club. It was a great ball team that Illinois had during 1913-14 and it was closed down every college team from coast to coast.

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Table of standings for Commercial League, Farnam Aleys League, Doid Quality 50-50 League, Doid Girls League, Armour Oval League, and Cudahy League.

MASTERS BAKERS' LEAGUE

Table of standings for Masters Bakers' League.

ELKS LEAGUE NO. 1

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ELKS LEAGUE NO. 2

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ELKS LEAGUE NO. 4

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ELKS LEAGUE NO. 1

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GREATER OMAHA LEAGUE

Table of standings for Greater Omaha League.

OMAHA GRAIN EXCHANGE LEAGUE

Table of standings for Omaha Grain Exchange League.

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEAGUE

Table of standings for American League League.

LADIES METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Table of standings for Ladies Metropolitan League.

Olympic Diving Champ Will Appear at Nicholas Senn Wednesday

MISS Betty Becker, the Olympic diving champion, who will appear in the first winter tank meet at Nicholas Senn hospital, on Wednesday evening, December 17, at the special invitation of Dr. A. F. Condon, was the most brilliant figure of the bathing beauties' parade when she appeared on the boardwalk in the Atlantic City pageant last August.

According to Coach Peter Wendell, who has seen Miss Becker dive a number of times, she is by far the greatest of the women divers of the age. Corinne Condon, youthful daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Condon, holder of the world record for 50 yards free style for the 60-foot tank, will swim a special exhibition and also make an effort to establish a new midwestern A. A. U. record for 100 yards breast-stroke.

Among the several new freshmen swimmers who will make their debut are Fern Wingard, Lucille Race, Hagnes Cutin and Isabelle Ashford. These young nurse swimmers have just learned to swim since September and have already swam one mile crawl stroke, one-half mile side stroke and one-quarter mile side stroke and did fair to become the mermaid sensations of the hospital natatorium. Free style, backstroke and breast stroke races and water polo are also on the program, which should make the gala a snappy affair from start to finish.

HOT STOVE LEAGUE

Tris Spoker is banking on Luke Sewell as the regular catcher for the Cleveland club next season. The manager thinks the southern collegian finally has arrived.

"Whit" Witt of the Yankees recently announced his retirement as a professional player. He will probably reappear in the ring when he feels like it. Witt had a record of 123 hits in 1923.

The Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees are expected to play a grand slam game at the Polo Grounds on Monday night. The Sox are expected to win.

Joe Mathes, former manager of the St. Joseph Western League baseball club, has been elected manager of the new club. Mathes has a record of 100 wins in 10 years.

The two most bitter rivals in the American league, Detroit and Cleveland, are expected to play a grand slam game at the Polo Grounds on Monday night. The Sox are expected to win.

Johnnie Fosse of the Chicago White Sox is in danger of losing his job. Fosse has a record of 100 wins in 10 years.

Four catchers have done practically all of the receiving for Walter Johnson's 1924 season. Johnson has a record of 100 wins in 10 years.

Branch Rickey manager of the St. Louis Cardinals says Jimmie Foxx is the best player in the majors. Rickey should know, he developed him.

NORTHWESTERN BELL LEAGUE. Table of standings for Northwestern Bell League.

O. A. C. LEAGUE. Table of standings for O. A. C. League.

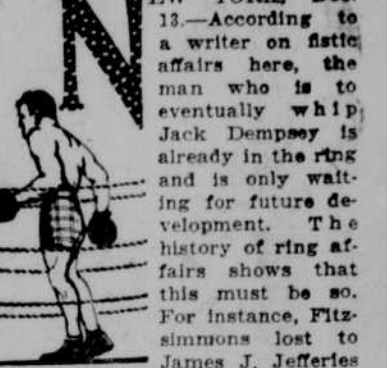
LAUNDRY MEN'S LEAGUE. Table of standings for Laundry Men's League.

CARTER LAKE LEAGUE. Table of standings for Carter Lake League.

PACKERS LEAGUE. Table of standings for Packers League.

Jack Dempsey's Successor Now in Development

Gibbons, Firpo Unable to Capture Heavy Champ's Crown—New Contender Waiting for Chance.



NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—According to a writer on fistic affairs here, the man who is to eventually whip Jack Dempsey is already in the ring and is only waiting for future development. The history of ring affairs shows that this must be so. For instance, Fitzsimmons lost to James J. Jeffries in 1899, and the books show that the conqueror of Lanky Bob took up the business of fighting in 1896, when Corbett's reign still had a full year to go. Jeff retired in 1904, but came out of retirement in 1910 to meet Jack Johnson, who had beaten Tommy Burns. Johnson, who clinched the championship by beating Jeffries at Reno, dates the beginning of his service in the ring to 1899, the year in which Jeff first knocked out Fitzsimmons.

Corbett lost to Bob Fitzsimmons first boxed professionally when he took part in a tournament in 1880, though it was not until 1899 that he may be said to have begun to follow the game for a living. At any rate this later date preceded Corbett's winning of the title by three years.

The leading contenders for the heavyweight championship at this writing are Harry Wills, Tom Gibbons and Jack Renault, with outside chances accorded to Luis Angel Firpo, who already has had one crack at it, and Ermino Spalla. If these men seek encouragement in their quest, they may get it from their records: Wills began to fight in 1911, Gibbons in 1913, Spalla in 1918, and Firpo and Renault in 1919—either before or after the year that Dempsey scaled the heights.

It may be that one of the younger heavyweights around the country—Tony Puente, for instance—will become the next champion, but as the foregoing illustrates, the odds are against them. Whether or not the dope proves to be good in this case, it illustrates clearly one point, that it takes a man of considerable experience in a rough school to win the title.

Nebraska Sport Notes

The "home and home" football agreement between Washington university and Nebraska is expected to draw the high school stars in large numbers to the University of Nebraska next September. High school youngsters enrolling at Nebraska university next September will have a chance to make the trip to Seattle, Wash., in 1925, providing they make the squad.

Oscar Wiberg of Edgar, Neb., has been elected captain of the Nebraska Wesleyan university football team. Wiberg is a fullback.

Oklahoma A. & M. was admitted to membership in the Missouri Valley conference at the recent Valley meeting held in Kansas City.

Nebraska university will renew football relations with Drake next year. It will be the first football game between the two institutions for some time.

Art Chambers, fullback, has been elected captain of the 1925 Midland college squad. Chambers is a Fremont boy.

Clyde Cox, end, of Kenesaw, Neb., has been elected captain of the 1925 track and basket ball athletes.

The western Nebraska high school athletic conference refused to award a football championship at a meeting held at Scottsbluff recently. The intercollegiate track meet will be held at Scottsbluff and the basket ball tourney at Mitchell.

Will Hold Shoot.

The Papillon (Neb) Gun club will hold a blue rock shoot at Papillon next Saturday. Turkeys, geese and ducks will be awarded the winners of the shoot.

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