

Omaha Sports

Neither Stribling or Slattery May Defeat Dempsey

That Is, If Either of Them Develops a Really Killing Knockout Punch.

NEW YORK, March 10.—If, as the boys in the back room continue to insist, the man who will beat Jack Dempsey must be an individual with dazzling speed of hand and foot, what is to be the future of Jimmy Slattery and Young Stribling?

Both are faster than the "strike" of a rattler. Both are under 21 and growing so rapidly that they will be heavyweights, perhaps, within 18 months or two years. Neither of them is a "killer" of the Dempsey strain, and you never saw a really clever man who was.

But the art of hitting can be mastered just as one may develop a certain amount of ability at distances and who beating. Even at this early moment Slattery has begun to show improvement—as a puncher, not as a wife beater. He knocked out Frankie Schoell, a clever fellow townman, some weeks ago, and in his recent frolic with Jack Delaney his punch somehow seemed to carry greater authority than before.

The chances are that Slattery's muscles and joints are beginning to act more freely, giving his blows greater power. The trick of applying this at just the right moment will follow.

Stribling, overworked last year, faces the same chance, although probably he never will hit hard enough to crack an office safe. However, one can't tell at this immature stage of his development.

Benny Leonard was and is a fine hitter. Yet between 1912 and 1915 he was known as "The Powder Puff Kid." Late in 1915 he knocked out Joe Mandot, and that started him on a rampage which only ended with his announced retirement.

Tom Gibbons scored just seven knockouts in 45 fights prior to 1921. Then he began to knock over his opponents in quantities, getting 19 knockouts in 20 fights in 1921, and today he is known as a most dangerous puncher.

Dempsey himself, probably the greatest hitter of all time, had to develop the knockout knock. In 1915-16 such mixed-class specimens as Jack Downey, Johnny Sundenberg, Terry Keller, Andre Anderson, Wild Burt Kenny and John Lester Johnson were blithely stepping the limit with Jack. Not one of them could have repeated 15 months later, when Dempsey was blazing his bloody trail to the heavyweight championship.

PAT M'GILL WINS MAT CONTEST

Tulsa, Okla., March 9.—Pat McGill of Omaha, defeated Nick Gooch of Milwaukee, here tonight in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match, by taking two straight falls in 21 and 24 minutes. The men are heavyweights.

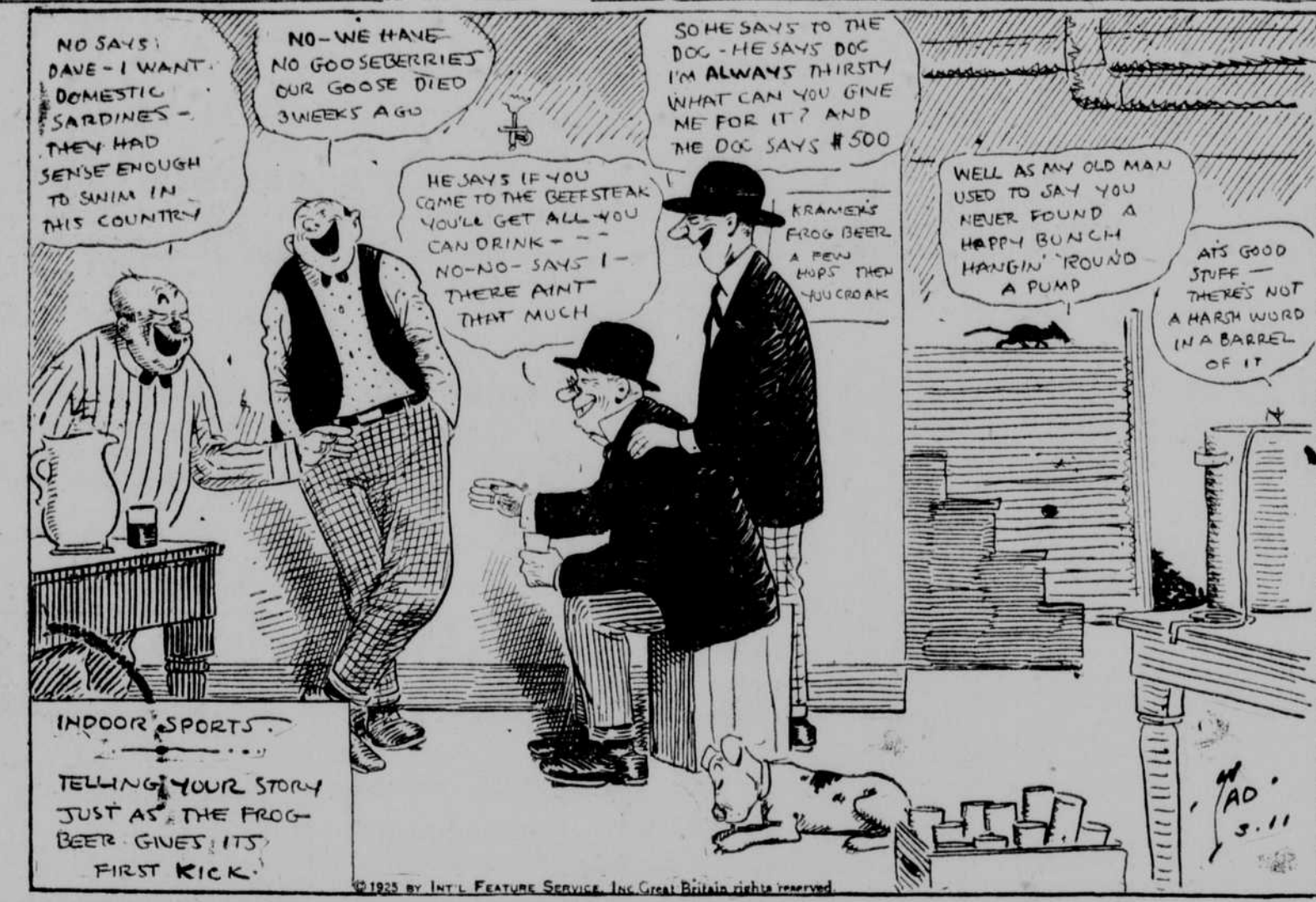
At Philadelphia—Henry Hahn of Philadelphia won the decision over Joe Schwartz of Detroit, 10 rounds; Sammy Davis of Philadelphia won a technical knockout over Charles Izzo of New York, seven rounds; Frankie Petro of Philadelphia knocked out Jack Gallagher in third round.

At Buffalo—Jack Delaney, Bridgeport, Conn., knocked out James Conley, San Francisco, in second round; Bill Conley, San Francisco, won on foul in fifth round over Art Wagner, Buffalo; Ben Romeo, Buffalo, defeated Ben Romeo, Niagara Falls, six rounds; Lou Boyce, Buffalo, knocked out Tim Healy, Lackawanna, in second round.

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By Tad

Harris Believes Coveleskie, Ruether, Gregg Will Win 40 Games Between Them This Ball Season

Manager of World's Champions Feels That He Has Bettered His Hand and That Yanks and Tigers Must Help Their Lineups to Nose Out Senators for League Flag.

By DAVIS J. WALSH. AMPA, Fla., March 10.—The past performance of Coveleskie, Ruether and Gregg is worth their weight in pink sleeve garters, the Washington Senators today are 25 per cent a better ball club than the outfit which won the championship of the world no later than last October. This statement was made today by Stanley Harris, the managerial Horatio Alger of major league baseball. Stanley, it would seem, is not one of those I-sit-in-my-room-and-write-with-my-finger-tips-and-alarm-specimens. Quite the contrary, he points with pride.

The oratorical gesture, in this case, is directed toward what might be termed exhibit A, comprising three gentlemen who combine age, experience and the ability to fool all of the batters some of the time. The trio is made up of Dutch Ruether, Stanley Coveleskie and Vean Gregg, acquired in mid-winter deals that cost the club less than nothing at all in player strength.

Harris is willing to bet his right to breathe that Ruether and Coveleskie will win 30 games between them, and that Gregg will add at least 10 more.

"They don't represent all the paper strength we have gained, however," quoth Stanley. "We almost lost the pennant and later the world's series because we didn't have an adequate reserve infielder. We have him now in Mike McNally, who can play in and play second, third or shortstop over almost any stated period.

very tough period for a recruit, but with a world's series under his belt he will play with greater confidence. Peckinpaugh has completely recovered. Ruel, Judge, Rice, Goslin and Zachary are as good as they ever were, and Walter Johnson and McGriff still have plenty of baseball left in them."

In brief, Harris feels that he has bettered his hand on the draw and is sitting back serene in the knowledge that the Yankees and Tigers the admitted contenders, will be forced to do likewise in order to beat him.

Ruether and Coveleskie, to him, look like a pair of aces in a two-card draw. Ruether has been somewhat libelled by critics who have spoken sagely of his advanced years. They number exactly 31 and only six of them have been spent in active major league pitching.

The young man, of course, is not altogether certain that the age of those concerned will not deprive him of his breathing concession. That is the reason he insists upon the past performance clause. Johnson is 38, McGriff, 35; Coveleskie, 33, and Gregg is 30. The average age of the nine leading pitchers is 31.

In all will be carried and the extra man will be either Harry Kelly, from Memphis, of the Southern association, or Jim McNamara from Wichita of the Western league. The latter holds a slight but left-handed lead over Harry. Among extra infielders, Spencer Adams, for whom the Pirates were constrained to pay \$50,000 several years ago, has the best chance to stick. There are six outfielders and one of them must go. Rice, McNeely, Goslin and Liebold are uncertainties. "Spark Plug" Matthews is back again and seems fated to remain, although E. F. Peggish caused Roy Carlyle, that young man led the Southern association in hitting last year, and might go so far as to bat his way right into the lineup.

Tech Five Works Hard for Tourney

The Maroon and White basketball teams, under the tutelage of Coach Drummond, went through a snappy workout last night in the preparation for the state tournament. The Techs were built up against the Hastings team in their first game.

Tech drubbed the Hastings team at the beginning of the season by an overwhelming score. Hastings to date has improved very much and is expected to give the Tech cagers the greatest battle of the year.

Drummond is leaving no obstacles in his way and is putting the Drummondites through some tough scrimmages. Most of the workout last night consisted of shooting and passing. By Wednesday night the Tech men are expected to be in the best condition of the year. All the men are in perfect condition and are "fartin" to go for the first whistle of the tournament.

Hal Chase of World Series Scandal Game About to Form League in Mexico

OUGLAS, Ariz., March 10.—Banished from organized baseball for alleged participation in the world series scandal of 1919, Hal Chase, erstwhile first baseman of the Cincinnati National league baseball club, now proprietor of a luxury resort at Acapulco, Mexico, across the border from Douglas, is about to organize a national baseball league in Mexico on the invitation of the Mexico City government, he said today.

According to Chase, the plan proposed would make the former first sacker of the Reds into a Landis in the Central American republic, heading an organization to be known as the Mexican National Baseball league.

Chase said he now is working on organization plans; that the money for the venture has been raised and that the league will be in operation in several of the larger Mexican cities as soon as plans can be provided.

"It won't be but a year or two," said Chase, "when any baseball team, before annexing the title of world's champions, will have to beat our best team. The Mexicans are natural ball players and are developing a love for the game equal to the most frenzied fan of the United States."

"I feel that I will have an opportunity here in Mexico of placing baseball on a sound and honest foundation and demonstrate to baseball fans of the United States that I was the Dreyfus and not the Benedict Arnold of organized baseball."

Schaefer Loses to Willie Hoppe

By Universal Service. Boston, Mass., March 9.—Willie Hoppe, former 15.2 baalkline champion, defeated Jack Schaefer, titleholder, 400 to 320 in the first book of their 4,000-point match at Pat Keefer's Twentieth Century billiard rooms this afternoon. Hoppe completed the book with an unfinished run of 251. Both were in championship stroke.

Hoppe's average was 57.17, exactly the same as Schaefer's grand average for the Chicago tournament, in which the title changed hands.

Hoppe: 4-41-41-41-4-281-400; average, 57.17; high run, 251. Schaefer: 2-14-20-76-134-85-210; average, 44; high run, 134.

Gibbons Ready to Meet Wills

CHICAGO, March 9.—If Jack Dempsey chooses to box Tommy Gibbons, instead of Harry Wills, negro heavyweight challenger, in the first bout of his summer campaign, Gibbons stands ready to box Wills before meeting the heavyweight champion, Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager, said tonight on his return from New York.

Kane expects to meet Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, here on Saturday to discuss the possibility of a match between Gibbons and Dempsey in California this summer.

The New York state athletic commission is attempting to induce Dempsey to meet Wills before taking on any other opponents within its jurisdiction.

Omaha University Track Squad Awaits Coach Adams' Initial Call

HE squad of lightly clad youths working out on North Twenty-fourth street is growing daily, although the official call for track has not yet been issued by Coach Adams. The call probably will come out Monday, but in the meantime the men are limbering up stall muscles and getting the old wind coming along with out distress.

So far the only varsity man out has been Slater, whose specialty is the pole vault, but several new men are in the offing who will go a long way toward making a strong team. Ben Prather is working out his form on the low hurdles and sprints, and Fred Schneider shows a good deal of promise in the high jump, clearing the bar well over five feet in the few jumps he has indulged in.

Several more men are making their appearance today, among them Crawford, sprints, distance, Chrisly, distance, Pace, jumps, and Meek and Mead, weights. When Coach Adams calls the first official workout of the last of the week or next Monday, the squad probably will have grown to 15 or 20 aspirants.

Sioux City Boxers Win, Lose in Des Moines Bout

Des Moines, Ia., March 9.—Frankie Kral, Milwaukee middleweight, outpointed Sailor Anderson, Sioux City, according to newspaper men, in an uninteresting 10-round bout here tonight, featured by much holding and wild swinging.

Freeman Pepper, Sioux City middleweight, outpointed Floyd Bowers, Des Moines, in the eight-round semi-wind-up.

Tech Losses Three Athletes by Graduation

Three members of last year's state championship Tech high school football team and this season's Tech basketball quintet will graduate from the Maroon school of knowledge before the summer vacation period rolls around.

Kenny Othmer, Elmer Holm and Kenneth Charuquist are the three Maroons who will bid farewell to Tech this year. Othmer graduates this month, while Charuquist and Holm close their high school careers in June. All three plan to enter the University of Nebraska.

Exhibition Games

Palm Beach, Fla., March 10.—H. H. E. Washington Americans, 3-13. New York Nationals, 4-11. Easterns, Zachary, Sawyer, and Haggrave, Tate, Nehl, Winter, Walker, Greenfield, Mason and Harrier, Davin.

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VALLEY CAGE SEASON ENDS

By Associated Press. Kansas City, March 10.—The Missouri Valley conference basketball season was brought to a close last night with two minor shifts in the standings.

Washington university, by losing to the championship University of Kansas team, dropped into a tie for third place with the Kansas Aggies, and Drake, by defeating Grinnell, went into a tie with the Pioneers for seventh place.

Kansas ended the season with 15 victories and only one defeat. The standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Kansas	15	1
University of Kansas	15	1
Washington	13	4
Kansas Aggies	10	5
Grinnell	7	11
Missouri	6	12
Drake	6	12
Ame	4	15

Opening Games Played in City Snooker Tourney

Whitless, Lucas and Boylan were the winners in last night's play of the city championship snooker tourney at the World billiard parlor. Whitless defeated Urban, 65 to 2. Lucas found a tough opponent in Case, who was downed, 40 to 26. Boylan disposed of Fitzsimmons, 32 to 14.

Four matches are scheduled for tonight in the opening clash at Tarpun Springs. The trio, taking three linings, are: catcher, Harry Zerk; first base, Elmer Smith; second base, Frank Foster; and pitcher, Harry Zerk.

TRAINING CAMP NEWS

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Philadelphia, March 10.—Walter Hanks, star catcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, has been appointed captain of the team reports today. The training camp at Bradenton, Fla., said President William G. Baker visited the camp yesterday and saw the yannigans trounce the regulars, 5 to 4, in a nine-inning contest.

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Amateur Leagues in Search of Teams

The Commercial and Industrial Saturday baseball leagues are in need of a couple more teams to fill out their leagues. Any firm having a baseball team composed wholly of employes should immediately get in touch with Mr. Keester, physical director of the Y. M. C. A.

Amateur Loops Form 1925 Plans

FIVE of last year's Commercial league teams and four of the Industrial loop nines were represented at a joint meeting of the Physical Director Keester at the Y. M. C. A.

The five Commercial nines were the Baker Ice company, Guarantes, 1924 pennant winners; Omaha Printing company, Nebraska Power company and the First National bank.

Industrial holdovers are the Harding Creamery, Overland Tires, 1924 pennant winners; Cudaby Packing company, and E. F. Peggish accounts. The I. P. Apprentices, a new organization, had a representative at the meeting, seeking a berth in the Industrial league.

SEAMAN, VALGAR WIN IN TOURNEY

New York, March 9.—In the second round of the lightweight elimination tournament at Madison Square Garden tonight, Jimmy Goodrich of Buffalo was awarded the decision over K. O. Jaska of Toledo after 12 rounds of furious battling.

Benny Valgar was awarded the verdict over Basil Galliano in a rather tame 12-round bout. Both are New Yorkers.

In the final bout Solly Seaman of New York was awarded the decision over Charlie O'Connell of Cleveland after 15 rounds. At the end of 15 rounds, the judges and the referee, acting under the rules governing the tourney, ordered the men to fight three more rounds because they were unable to reach a decision.

In the last stanza the New York boy was the aggressor throughout and that won him the verdict.

With Two PUGS.

At Pittsburgh—Young Stribling of Maroon won the judges' decision and the crowd's adoration in his return fight with Nick Nicholas tonight in stepping into the ring of the diamond and his regular position as a baseball pitcher. Nick Nicholas in his day as a big league pitcher was rated as the fastest fielding pitcher in the game. With the Chicago White Sox from 1902 to 1911, Nick was regarded as a valuable hurler. Not only was he a great fielder as an outfielder but he also was a great pitcher. He had three years when he had won the batting average of .300 or better in a baseball career.

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Baseball Dope.

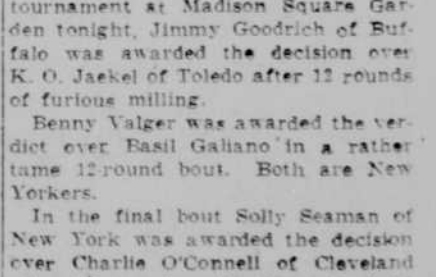
Many people who have the opportunity to see Nick attack when he acts in his rounds of the American league, who are ready to give the credit to the negro Harry Wills, carried in his car by a New York state athletic commission by telegram on Friday, and the regular meeting of the eastern governing body today in New York, is expected to take the case for the time being.

In New York, the New York state athletic commission has announced that it will issue a license for the use of the name of Nick in the New York state football league next week.

Reports that the champion would engage in a bout in California this summer failed to interest boxing followers here in any extent.

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