

Critic Believes Bill Brennan Will Give Dempsey a Hard Battle

Challenger Has Extended Champ in Two Bouts

Brennan Must Be Able to Absorb Punishment if He Beats Utah Mauler at Michigan City Labor Day.

By WALTER ECKERSALL.

With articles signed and forfeits posted for the heavyweight championship match between Jack Dempsey, holder of the white crown, and the challenger, Bill Brennan, to be held in Floyd Fitzsimmons' hotel at Michigan City Labor day afternoon, attention of the pugilistic public is centered around the preparation of champion and challenger.

It appears to be common sense of opinion among sport fight fans and trainers that Dempsey has reached the peak of his ability. In fact some maintain he is on the decline. Be this as it may, the champion is still a great fighter, but, like others, he must go the route. If it is not Brennan it will be some other challenger who will come along, take all that Jack can do out, and still be able to inflict punishment himself.

It is a well known fact that when Jack Johnson lost the title to Jess Willard, the colored gladiator wore himself out hitting Willard. Jess had the stamina and nerve to take this punishment and outlast the colored fighter, who had not led any too clean a life after he took the heavyweight championship away from Tommy Burns in Australia.

Must Take Sock to Win. The fighter to beat Dempsey must be of the type who can be crashed down and then get up. If he can take the champion's sock in this manner for a few rounds, he will be the next champion. Psychology is a factor in boxing the same as in other branches of sport. It will be a revelation to Dempsey when he socks some opponent with all the power in his knuck and the challenger does not go down. It will bring to his mind for the first time the old saying "one who can take a sock is slipping. This is a distressing feeling which can be vouched for by every one who has been in any branch of athletic endeavor.

Brennan has given Dempsey two hard fights, one before Jack won the heavyweight title and the other after he won the crown. The first meeting took place in Milwaukee at a time when Jack was just beginning to be looked upon as a champion. His nobility as a fighter was the chief feature of the fight. This bout took place in 1918 and Dempsey was declared the winner by the K. O. route in the sixth round. The referee stopped the bout after Bill had been knocked down a few times.

Dempsey Can Be Hurt. Their second meeting took place in New York in the month of 1920. Dempsey stopped the challenger in the 12th round, but only after he had been severely mugged up. Ugly stories came out after the contest to the effect that Jack let Brennan stay 10 rounds. Be this as it may, the champion was a sorry looking object when he came out of the ring. His lips were cut and a big gash opened over one of his eyes. One of his ears was badly torn, and no less a person than Floyd Fitzsimmons is authority for the statement that Dempsey went to Benton Harbor immediately after the bout to get fixed up.

Dempsey, however, asserted he was caught out of shape for that bout and will be in the pink when they step in the ring on Labor day afternoon.

Mann Denies Getting Letter From Douglas

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 19.—Leslie Mann, outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals added a new angle to the case of "Shufflin' Phil" Douglas, pitcher for the New York Giants, who was barred from organized baseball for writing a letter to a player of a "contending team" offering to desert the Giants and thus hinder their chances for making the pennant, early today by flatly denying that he had received the letter which Douglas stated in New York last night he had sent to Mann.

Expressing surprise when told by a reporter that Douglas had named him as the player to whom he had written offering to "throw in" the New York team if it was "worth my while," Mann also denied that he had any telephone conversation with the New York pitcher as Douglas said in his New York statement in which Douglas has requested Mann to treat today by correspondence. Mann declared that he always had known Douglas to be "on the square."

"Rookie" Who Beat Browns Is No "Kid"

Adolph Rettig, who broke in with the official trials to select the Louis Browns a beating, was hailed a young phenom from off the lots, but as a matter of fact he is 30 years of age and for several seasons was in the Eastern league.

He did not get that league title independent ball, and Connie Mack took him on when Frank Bruggy recommended him as a man who might win ball games.

Field Club Caddies Enter Golf Tournery



left to right - Jolan Synowesky Eugette Fruben



Joseph Cosgrove



Wallace Swenberg



Joseph Pesevnsky

Collegian Bought at Record Price to Make Debut in Omaha Sunday

AM HYMAN, 21, star southpaw of Georgetown university, who made his debut into professional baseball this week by defeating Wichita on its home ground, will oppose Dave Danforth in one of tomorrow's double-header skits at the Buffaloes' meadow.

Hyman was purchased by Detroit six weeks ago at the highest price Detroit ever paid for a collegian player.

Just Luck, He Says. Hyman considers it luck that he won his first professional game. "If the Buffaloes hadn't spotted me a flock of runs I wouldn't have won," he modestly declared.

"I walked nine men in that game, and that's more than I ever walked in one contest." The collegian team on which Hyman pitched was one of the greatest ever assembled. Five of the players are now under major contracts.

Reynolds, who helped Hyman shoulder mound responsibilities, is with the Giants; Kenyon, catcher, shilly as an amateur of the fistic game. This bout took place in 1918 and Dempsey was declared the winner by the K. O. route in the sixth round. The referee stopped the bout after Bill had been knocked down a few times.

Wahl Returns to Catch Gunner Ace

The Townsend Gunners must win both games of tomorrow's bargain day attraction to top the city Class A championship series as a result of the South Side Merchants winning the opener last Sunday.

East Dethrones Saint Slugger

East of Wichita, who has been making a game fight for the batting crown in the Western league, finally has succeeded and is leading Fisher of St. Joseph by three points for the honor. East in his last eight games has cracked out 13 hits, giving him a string of 193 hits, good for 317 bases. His hits included 4 doubles, 4 triples and 24 home runs. His batting average is .381, while Fisher's is .378.

Spaniards Have Chance

Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—Victory in either of the two remaining International tennis matches in which the Australian Davis Cup team today faced the team from Spain meant that the players from the Antipodes would meet the representatives of the United States in the challenge round for the famous trophy at Forest Hills, on September 1, 2 and 4.

Phil Douglas Says He Sent Letter to Leslie Mann

New York, Aug. 19.—"Shufflin' Phil" Douglas, pitcher barred from organized baseball because of a letter he wrote offering to "throw down" the Giants, today declared the letter was sent to Leslie Mann, St. Louis Cardinal outfielder.



Tommy Turkowski

Jess Sincere in Effort to Stage Ring Comeback

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 7.—To see Jess Willard, former heavyweight boxing champion and now anxious again for the crown that adorns Jack Dempsey's head, go through his training paces out at the American Legion stadium in Hollywood, one fully appreciates that the big Kansas is sincere about a return match with Dempsey.

Sarazen Seen as World's Greatest

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 19.—Gene Sarazen of Pittsburgh, projected suddenly to the highest pinnacle of golf fame, today was swamped with messages congratulating him on annexing the national professional championship here yesterday. His future course was undecided. He had before him today a dozen invitations for lucrative engagements.

Leading Batters

Player	Team	Runs	Home Runs	Slugging
Max Carey	Brooklyn	100	12	.400
George Sisler	St. Louis	95	10	.380
Sam Rice	St. Louis	85	8	.350
Wesley Ferrell	St. Louis	80	7	.340
Ed Mather	Philadelphia	75	6	.330
Wesley Ferrell	St. Louis	70	5	.320
Wesley Ferrell	St. Louis	65	4	.310
Wesley Ferrell	St. Louis	60	3	.300
Wesley Ferrell	St. Louis	55	2	.290
Wesley Ferrell	St. Louis	50	1	.280

Greyhound Racing Is Proposed in Kentucky

Whippet racing is growing in popularity in Kentucky. It is proposed to also run greyhounds and a track is being built at Rosedale, across the river from Cincinnati.

Recent Defeats of Joie Ray by Watson and Connolly Indicate Greatest Runner Is Slipping

Defeat of Joie Ray, great middle distance runner of the Illinois Athletic club of Chicago, by James Connolly of Georgetown university at Woburn, Mass., recently in a one-mile run is further evidence that the fleet-footed tri-color club athlete has reached the peak of his career and is on the decline.

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The irony of fate was well shown at the recent fight at Jersey City between Bennie Leonard and Lew Terry when Battling Nelson was forcibly ejected from the arena on account of not having paid his admission. In the face of a Rickard having started his reputation at Goldfield, Nev., with the Gans-Nelson fight, 'twould seem Richard should gladly honor the old vet.

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Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 18.—George Duncan of England, with a card of 70 and a two-day gross of \$81 for the 72 holes, won the western New York championship here today.

"Tennis Elbow" Is Disease Prevalent Among British Stars

The trouble with tennis in England has been discovered. It seems that among the players an ailment known as "tennis elbow" has been prevalent this season. This has not been put forth as an ailment on the other side, but simply as a fact by physicians.

Major Moguls Learn Lesson by Late Deals

Doing things by halves never was anything but makeshift, and never will be. Major league magnates are learning that lesson from the noise raised over the two eleventh-hour player deals whereby the two New York clubs attempted to assure themselves another world's series between themselves this fall.

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Public Against Buying Pennants

The club owners thought they could satisfy the public by passing resolutions and issuing propaganda against purchasing pennants, and in proof of their determination to prevent such things in future they voted to make August 1 the date after which no purchases of pennants could be made between major league clubs, except by the waiver route.

June 1 Might Help Some

Advancing the date to June 1 might help some, but it still would be a makeshift and would keep the club owners, whose horizon is bounded by their ball parks, from making trades which fans could question. Baseball is the only sport in which the contestants in a race are permitted to renew their strength with the aid of competitors. Two horses from the same stable might do a little pacemaking to aid one or the other in a race, but the turf fans would not look upon them as real competitors.

Boston Once Great Ball Town

One would naturally think the owners of a talented team would want to retain his good players and add more to them, planning to build up a first division outfit with which to recoup his losses, instead of opening a shop for the barter and sale of diamond talent. That sort of thing killed Washington as a baseball town long ago, and it took many years to make the denizens of the capital forget the Wagner.

"Kid" Schlaifer Loses on Foul

Hibbin, Minn., Aug. 19.—Johnny Nichols of St. Paul won on a foul from Merris Schlaifer of Omaha in the second round of a scheduled 10-round bout last night. Schlaifer floored Nichols and struck him on the chin while the St. Paul boy was on his knees. They weighed in at 147 pounds.

'Heavy' Green Launches Comeback as Comedian

"Heavy" Steve Green, who shouted himself hoarse last season introducing gladiators at the city light show, will launch a comeback in the theatrical game at the World theater tomorrow.

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