

Jess Willard vs. Ernie Specimen vs. Ty Cobb's Heavyweight Fight Classification

Kansas Cowpuncher Was Joke as Title-Holder; Won Over Johnson in Alleged Frameup at Havana

Giant Westerner Was Knocked Cuckoo by Jack Dempsey Within Three Rounds at Toledo in 1919—Jess Has Recovered and Wants Some More of Champ's Medicine.

By FRANK G. MENKE.
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HERE never was anything more atrocious than the attempt to "smoke up" a return match between Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard.

Can human mind conceive any fistic encounter which sizes up as more one-sided than that which would toss Dempsey into the worst champion of the heavy-weight ranks ever known?

Let's ponder a bit on Willard. In the beginning of things he was a cowpuncher. He became a "white hope" and for several years he was a terrible specimen. Two men, so much smaller than himself that they were but dwarfs in comparison, beat him up—and beat him handily. One was Gunboat Smith and the other was the very mediocre Tom McMahon.

Yet Willard, fighting this old man, this fat man, this fistic wreck, never landed a solid punch for 20 rounds. At the end of the seventh—well, this is what Jim Savage, who was one of Willard's seconds that day in Cuba, reveals:

"Jess didn't want to go out for the eighth. He came back from the seventh and said that it wasn't any use trying to fight Johnson—that the negro was too fast for him. If just can't hit him, that's all there's no use trying to fight him any longer," Jess said.

"As the bell rang for the eighth, Jess was jabbed with a sharp instrument. It made him jump right in. Inasmuch as he was on his feet and Johnson was coming at him, he had to fight."

"The whole world remembers the finish of the fight. Willard dropped a right hand somewhere around Johnson's ear. The negro dropped to the floor, shifted around his body until he was as comfortable as he could be, shaded his eyes from the glaring sun—and was counted out."

muscles; inactivity and the skidding years have slowed him immeasurably—and they certainly have robbed him of the power to stand up under punishment.

Yet there are some promoters who think that they can steam-funnel into of sport lovers into the idea that this Willard person, who never whipped a good man in his life, who won his title on an alleged fake, who is four years away from his last fight and 36 years old, is a match for a man who pounded him to the goriest pulp that ever was assisted from a prize ring.

Can it be done? Lively Session of Moguls Foreseen
New York, Jan. 9.—With the failure of the joint committee of the two major league baseball clubs in New York to come to an agreement at the adjourned Atlantic City meeting, followers of the national game here today are anticipating difficulties when the 16 club presidents meet in Chicago next month to adopt a schedule.

Shawkey Praises Eddie Collins
New York, Jan. 8.—"With Eddie Collins in the Yankee infield to steady the ship," said Ben Shawkey, veteran right hander of the American league champions, who is here visiting friends.

Shade Beats Jones.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 9.—Dave Shade of California, an aspirant for Mickey Walker's welterweight crown, defeated Jimmy Jones of Youngstown, O., in a 10-round bout here last night. Shade was slow in starting, Jones taking the first three rounds, because of his ability to get under the Californian's crouching guard, but Shade began to fight after that and won the next six rounds by landing clean and hard on Jones' face.

Sage Does Marathon.
Detroit, Jan. 9.—Bryan Downey beat the newspaper editor in a 10-round bout with Bob Sage here last night. It was a slow affair, with Downey in pursuit of Sage a good part of the time. The bell saved the Detroit in the fifth. Sage was overweight, his 162½ pounds costing him a forfeit of \$250.

Has Grown Fat.
Nearly four years have skidded into history since then. Willard has grown fat, he has grown flabby. He is something like 36 years old—perhaps older. Age has rusted his joints; age has taken the flexibility from his

Western Bangtail Wins at Havana



Randall's Royal, flying the colors of the Jones-Uppike stable of runners from the B. A. Jones stock farm, Farnell, Mo., won the feature race at Havana New Year's day for maiden 2-year-olds.

Set's Dream, another Jones-Uppike runner, came in second, less than half a length behind Randall's Royal. The distance was a quarter of a mile. The purse was \$500.

Both Randall's Royal and Set's Dream will be entered in the Ak-Sar-Ben running meet here next spring. The above layout shows Randall's Royal after winning her maiden race. Below is a photo of the finish of the race. Set's Dream is second.

Following the Horses

WEDNESDAY'S ENTRIES.
TIJUANA.
First Race—\$500, maiden 2-year-olds, 3 furlongs (8).
Josephine 115 Seta's Flower 115
Kawwood 115 Mary Madison 115
Bliss 115 B. W. K. 115
Hert Dennis 115 Double Spot 115
B. Allen entry.

NEW ORLEANS.
First Race—Three-quarters of a mile; 1:48 1/2. Zone D'Armes, King Stonega (Smith) 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even Hukaya (Smith) 2 to 1, even
Time: 1:48 1/2. Reformer, Lucidus, Blue Bird, Bigger Still, Flying out, F. M. B. entry.

HAVANA.
First Race—Six furlongs; 3-year-olds, claiming, \$500.
Nutt 108 Nellida 105
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NEW ORLEANS.
First Race—Three furlongs; \$1,000 purse.
Leo Adria 114 Nettie May 114
Travesty 114 Sam 114
Bama 114
Boman Girl, C. H. P. Peter Quince, L. H. J. owner, B. Brannan, trainer; B. J. Brannan, weight 114.
April 114 H. H. Dick Finnell, owner; L. J. Brannan, trainer; L. J. Brannan, weight 114.
M. J. Shields, weight 114.
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TEXAS COAGERS WIN.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—The University of Texas defeated the Southwest-ern university here last night, 29 to 13.

Irwin Horses Win Money at Tijuana Meet

Horseman Well Known in Omaha Cleans Up \$12,880 in 25 Racing Days.

THE purse winnings of his horses averaging \$515 for the last 25 racing days, making a grand total of \$12,880, C. B. Irwin, Wyoming horseman, whose stable of 22 thoroughbreds is the strongest numerically there, is

win and his horses are well known to Omaha horsemen, his stable having been annually entered in events at the Ak-Sar-Ben spring meets.

Off to a flying start, Irwin promises to maintain the record he made at Tijuana in former seasons when, at the close of the long campaign, his purse winnings exceeded that of any other stable. His stable includes a number of useful platers. When the meeting was opened he had them ready to earn their oats and they have been winning ever since. His greatest winner is Harry D. This horse enriched the Irwin coffers \$3,000, winning seven firsts and two seconds and being unplaced only twice out of 17 starts. This was undoubtedly a record for 25 racing days and would be considered a feat for a horse even if accomplished in a long season.

The following tabulation shows what the Irwin string has earned:
Harry D. 7 3 0 \$3,000
Ruckhorn 11 2 0 1,520
Herder 1 0 0 520
Legg 1 0 0 520
Cooter 1 0 0 520
Rajah 1 0 0 520
Harry D. 1 0 0 520
Motor Co. 1 0 0 520
Phone Dant 1 0 0 520
Hazel Dale 1 0 0 520
Tom Craven 1 0 0 520
Totals 25 16 10 \$12,880

MURDER OF STANLEY KETCHEL SEEKS PARDON
Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 9.—Among the cases brought before the state board of pardons and paroles today was that of Walter Dipey, who was sentenced for life on a charge of murdering Stanley Ketchel, middleweight boxing champion.

Reed to Battle Greb.
Newark, N. J., Jan. 9.—Pat Reed of Boston defeated Tommy Laughlin of Philadelphia in a 12-round bout here last night, according to the decision of sport writers. As the result of his victory Reed has been matched to meet Harry Greb, light heavyweight champion of America, in a 12-round bout at the Armory here January 29.

Boats Shipped East.
Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—Garfield A. Wood of Detroit, Mich., owner of the speed boats, Miss America I, and Miss Detroit VI, which defeated some of the fastest speed boats on the Pacific coast in recent races, planned to ship the two boats east today. Commodore Wood will leave tomorrow.

Ray to Race Higgins.
New York, Jan. 9.—Jole Ray, noted long distance runner of the Hudsons A. C. of Chicago and Walter Higgins of Columbia, intercollegiate cross country champion, will meet in a special 3,000 meter indoor race at the Wilco Athletic association games here February 10, it was announced today.

Blouin Leads Joe Falcaro.
Chicago, Jan. 9.—Jimmy Blouin, world's bowling champion, took a lead of eleven pins over Joe Falcaro of New York, in the first half of their 40-game match which began yesterday. Blouin's grand total for the ten games was 2,108 while Falcaro's was 2,097.

TIJUANA.
First race:
Gen. Carr (Ralls) 8.40 2.60 2.00
Mulan (Mott) 10.00 3.40 2.40
Time 1:09. All went.
Second race:
H. H. (Carter) 6.10 12.60 7.60
Tillotson (Carter) 3.20 4.40
Pineda (Anderson) 3.60
Time 1:08 4/5. All went.

WALTER TRAGGERS, Oklahoma City's best striking center, only has 242 last season, but the Indian fans are banking on the splendid finding average of .444. To show the volume of business Wagner transacted from day to day, he made 6,250 putouts, 6,390 assists, and 720 errors, a total of 13,630 chances.

Wagner was the only player who ever led the National league batsmen for four years in succession, and the only man who ever led eight times, Cap. Anson and Dan Brothers, each of whom led the parent major circuit four times, are Wagner's nearest rivals.

John McGraw Says Hans Wagner Was Greatest Player of All Time

"Flying Dutchman" Greater All-Around Athlete Than Either Ty Cobb, George Sisler or "Babe" Ruth—Played in 2,785 Games and Went to Bat 10,426 Times.

Year	G.	A. R.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	T. B.	S. H.	Pct.
1897	61	241	36	85	18	4	7	115	22	.344
1898	144	501	80	180	31	4	10	287	36	.330
1899	109	102	107	45	12	1	2	287	36	.330
1900	134	284	107	201	45	21	4	360	36	.330
1901	132	496	107	171	44	14	3	352	44	.333
1902	137	538	105	177	33	16	3	350	45	.339
1903	129	515	97	171	44	15	4	362	48	.333
1904	132	496	107	171	44	14	3	352	44	.333
1905	147	548	114	199	32	14	6	377	57	.363
1906	135	496	107	171	44	14	3	352	44	.333
1907	142	515	97	171	44	14	3	352	44	.333
1908	151	568	108	201	39	19	10	398	53	.339
1909	137	495	97	170	39	19	10	398	53	.339
1910	150	556	90	178	34	8	4	240	24	.320
1911	130	472	97	171	44	14	3	352	44	.333
1912	135	472	97	171	44	14	3	352	44	.333
1913	114	413	51	124	18	4	3	150	21	.300
1914	130	472	97	171	44	14	3	352	44	.333
1915	134	466	88	155	35	17	6	239	23	.244
1916	121	451	81	147	1	1	0	79	11	.167
1917	74	239	15	61	7	1	0	79	11	.167
Total 21 years, with Louisville from 1897 to 1917.	2785	10426	1740	3320	649	249	101	4840	720	.320

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.
BASEBALL'S greatest player of all time, that's how John J. McGraw, baseball's foremost manager, regards Hans Wagner, the "Flying Dutchman" of Barney Dreyfuss' Pirates.

Wagner played in the National league in an era when pitching was in its heyday, when he was obliged to bat against such men as Young, Mathewson, Mordecai Brown, McHenry, Overall, Rucker and Wilks. It must be admitted that the famous Carnegie Teuton stands at the very top of his profession.

Spectacular and brilliant as Cobb is, he is no greater than Wagner. Cobb may be as great over a span of years. Ruth, a specialist in home run hitting, cannot be compared with Wagner as an all-round player.

His career began in Mansfield, Pa., now Carnegie, on February 24, 1874, and was 20 years old when Ed Barrow, manager of the Paterson club of the Atlantic league, sold him for \$2,100 to Barney Dreyfuss, then owner of the Louisville Nationals. Harry Pulliam, former president of the National league and then secretary of the Louisville club, bought through the deal. Pulliam bid \$100 more than was offered by Pittsburgh, so the player was knocked down to Louisville. Pittsburgh, however, was destined to get the famous star three years later, when Dreyfuss purchased the Pirate franchise.

Thus the wonderful player his first game for Louisville, then in the National league, on July 19, 1897, and hit .500 against McJannet of the Washington club. He cracked out a single, drew a base on balls, made a sacrifice and stole a base in four times up. From that midsummer day in 1897 until he played his last game with the Pirates 20 years later, on September 17, 1917, Wagner set some baseball marks which perhaps never will be equaled. Cobb is on the trail of several of Wagner's records, but will find it a man's-sized job to match all of them.

John Henry played 2,785 games, went to bat 10,426 times, scored 1,749 runs and whacked out 3,430 hits for a total of 4,880, all of them marks which have been approached by no other big leaguer. It was a big disappointment to Wagner that he couldn't wind up his career by hitting for an even 5,000 bases. He missed it only by 29.

Ty Cobb tied one of Wagner's marks last season, his record for hitting over .300 in 17 consecutive seasons. Wagner's record is more remarkable than Ty's in that it was his first 17 straight major league seasons.

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Q. If a player dribbles down the floor and shoots a ball into the basket, does the ball and dribble again?
A. Yes, both amateur and professional games.

Q. In professional rules, is a player dribbling and touches it to the floor, but does not dribble it?
A. No, this is not dribbling. It is a foul for running with the ball.

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