

# Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

## Herman Confident He Will Beat Firpo If Pair Meet in New York June 2 as Planned

A mittster who will appear in a semi-windup bout at the Auditorium Friday night may climb into a ring at the Polo Grounds, June 2 to fight Luis Firpo, one of the leading contenders for Jack Dempsey's heavyweight crown. He is "Big Jim" Herman.

That Herman is a prospective opponent of the Argentine soccer became known last night when Tom O'Rourke, Gotham promoter, and head of a \$1,500,000 contract in formed in New York city to stage bouts at the Polo Grounds, announced that a purse of \$25,000 had been offered Firpo to fight the Omaha heavyweight on June 2.

It would be the first big bout the new boxing syndicate, composed largely of directors of the New York Giants' baseball plant.

**Engberg Only Obstacle.** Herman, who is working out at the Business Men's gym for his 10-round bout with Emil Engberg Friday night, confirmed O'Rourke's announcement this morning.

Herman's prospective bout with Firpo adds greatly to Friday's card and will cause much interest now centered in the main event between Frankie Schoell of Buffalo and Billy Wells of England to shift to the semi-windup.

On the verge of a debut into the big end of the game, Herman will try doubly hard to stop Engberg Friday. Although the Minneapolis Swede is a giant in strength, he is not believed to be fast enough to beat Herman.

The Omaha heavyweight sees Engberg as his only obstacle in the path to some big bouts and is confident of sweeping him aside by a knockout.

Herman also is confident he can beat Firpo. He is eager to land a bout with Floyd Johnson, the Iowa heavyweight, before he battles Firpo, as he has been naturally fast and possesses a miniature mule's kick in either hand.

The big mauler has been boxing several years and has beaten some good glovemen, but has been kept down in the past by his reluctance to train. Herman realizes his mistake and since coming to Omaha from the coast, has been working ardently both in the gym and on the road.

When he crawls inside the hempen strands Friday night, he will be in the best condition of his career, according to Billy Uvick, who recently took charge of Herman's training.

## State Cage Meet Postponed Week

Postponement for one week of the state amateur basketball tournament, scheduled to start tonight at the Omaha Y. M. C. A., was announced this morning by N. J. Weston, physical director.

Inability of out-state teams to reach here because of derailed train service, forced the tournament to be postponed.

The following schedule, planned for this week, will be observed next week:

**FIRST DIVISION.**  
Thursday—March 15.  
7:30 P. M.—Easton, Billiards against First M. E. Wops.  
8:15 P. M.—Ernie Holmes against Edw. Bedden.  
9:00 P. M.—Bohemian Catholic Sokels against Lightning Athletic club; Omaha Athletic club, bye.

Friday—March 16.  
7:30 P. M.—O. A. C. against winners of the Easton-Wop game.  
8:30 P. M.—Winners of the Holmes-Bedden game against winners of the Bohemian-Lightning game.

Saturday—March 17.  
2:45 A. M.—Semi-finals.  
8:15 P. M.—Finals (winners of the First division against winners of Second division).

**SECOND DIVISION.**  
Friday—March 16.  
8:15 P. M.—Dunbar against Omaha "Y."  
8:50 P. M.—Beatrice "Y" against Central City "Y."  
9:15 P. M.—Seward "Y" against Lincoln "Y."  
10:00 A. M.—Winners of the Seward-Lincoln game against winners of the Beatrice-Central City game.  
2:30 P. M.—Semi-finals.  
8:15 P. M.—Finals (winners of this division against winners of First division).

**Shelby Raising Money for Gibbons-Jack Bout.** Billings, Mont., March 14.—A special to the Billings Gazette from Shelby, Mont., says that at a meeting of sport enthusiasts in the little oil town last night, \$55,000 in cash was raised and pledges were received from oil men totaling \$200,000 more than necessary for staging a heavyweight championship boxing match between Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul and Jack Dempsey in Shelby next July 4. The committee in charge is awaiting a reply from Dempsey, agreeing to the terms of the proposed bout.

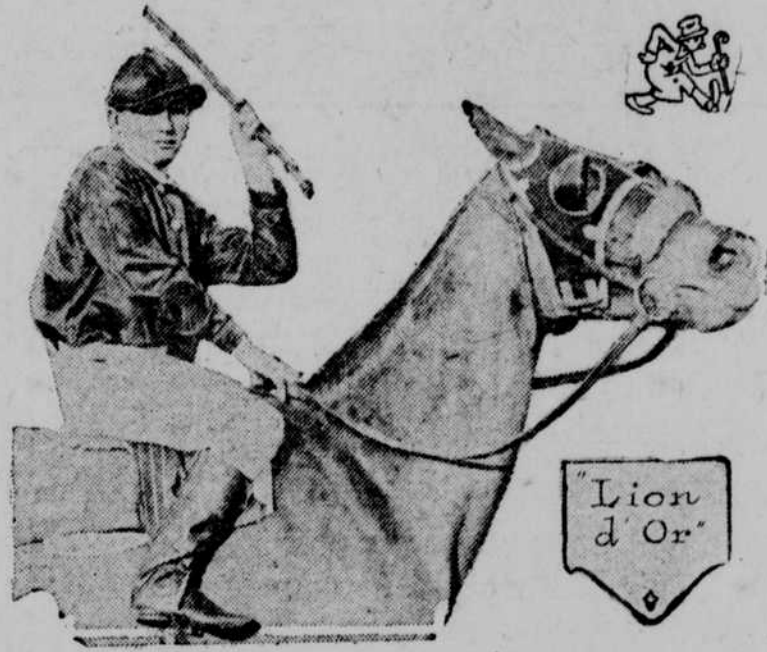
**Knepper Will Not Go Abroad.** Princeton, N. J., March 15.—Rudolph Knepper, captain of the Princeton golf team, will not accompany the American golf team to England in May. It was announced today. Knepper was invited to make the trip by the National Golf association and participate in the Walker matches which are to be international in scope. University officials, it is said, hold that the trip would interfere with Knepper's scholastic program.

**Knepper Holds the Transmississippi and Iowa state golf titles and was semi-finalist in the national amateur title last fall.**

**Stephen Beats Durocher.** Ralph Stephen, state pocket billiard champion, put the skids under "Pete" Durocher, champion of Iowa, in the interstate tournament match at the Paxton Billiard parlors last night. The Nebraska champ beat the Hawkeye by the score of 125 to 57.

**Mulligan an Outlaw.** Racine, Wis.—Eddie Mulligan, former third baseman for the Chicago White Sox, is "through with organized ball," he asserted today. He has signed to play with and captain the Horlick Racine team, in the new Midwest league, this year.

## Entered in Coffroth Handicap at Tiajuana



"Lion d'Or" is a prominent candidate to win the \$30,000 Coffroth handicap on the Tiajuana track March 25. He is shown here with Jockey Long up.

The Coffroth handicap is the one race that stands out as the chief attraction of the season on the Mexican track. Some of the finest horses in the United States have been entered in this mile and a quarter classic.

The purse is larger this year than has ever been offered before.

**"TWO AND THREE" "PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER" WITH "DUGS" DAIR**

San Antonio, March 14. **MANAGER MCGRAW'S** optimistic chirps about his bundle of new shortstops are probably inspired by the hope that Dave Bancroft will pick up a newspaper and then break his shoe laces rushing for a San Antonio express.

Travis Jackson, Maguire and MacPhee are three good young players. But big league shortstops don't grow on trees. Neither do they grow on bushes. Jackson can bat this early spring pitching. But so can Jess Barnes. Any report about McGraw is simply turning on the steam to heat Bancroft up.

Bancroft is the bell rope on the big train. No matter what reports are popping around in March, you will see Dave earning the daily biscuits there in April. You can't pull the cornerstones out of a building and replace it with a piece of sponge cake. Bancroft comes pretty close to being the endorsement on the promissory note.

Bentley's sparrow is still up the blooming rainspout. They say Jack is temperamental. If he is, baseball is responsible. Bentley comes from a Quaker family living around Silver Springs, Md. His folks never did want him to play baseball, but he signed with Clarke Griffith along about the time that Clarke had Harry Harper, Joe Engle and Joe Boehlin.

Jack never got much chance to show anything but his pleasant smile. When the war broke out, he stretched his Quaker formula to the breaking point by enlisting with the Marines and won several decorations. After the war was all over but the peace conference, Bentley came back. His reception was like other veterans received. Grif traded him to the Red Sox or some other team and he was dropped by the waiver route. Then he was kidnaped by Jack Dunn and you know the rest.

If Bentley comes back to big league baseball, he probably figures he will get his share of the plunder before he breaks his fountain pen on the dotted line. McGraw is thoroughly in accord with Bentley's feelings.

Bentley was up there once, and got the gate. Now that the gate is working both ways, you can't blame him for wanting to get some of that purchase ransom. As Sam Bernard said when he called a bluff in a Friars' poker game, "When I hear the music, I want to see the orchestra."

If Bentley should come to terms, it would about crab all chances for any of the fellows this season. Cevengros, Morrison, Walberg and the other young fellows have shown plenty, but with Bentley on the pitchers' committee there is no room for any more wash in the laundry bag.

Scott's first day in camp was celebrated by running around the park and skipping the rope. He announced that he would do a little shadow boxing and then go out with the dumb bells today. He did. His arm is in good shape, although he was rather leery about spraining his elbow on a contract. He pitched easily to the batters and then took his bonus wrist to the shower baths.

Rosy Ryan's special car got in late Thursday night. Rosy managed to bust into the works on the first day that the pitchers were curving the ball. He immediately asked for a 10-day armistice.

All the rookies look good. Any players who are chased back to the trolley car leagues will be released only because there is no room for them on the club.

**Buffalo Tales**  
Manager Konetchy is a good natured chap but strictly business. He is a huge fellow, towering above all others on the field. He is a former player of the Pittsburgh, Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and St. Louis National teams.

Wilcox is hitting a lively clip and shows up fine on the second sack.

Anthony DeFate, who was secured from the Minneapolis club last winter, Pitcher Tipton was sent to the club, the "King of Shortstops." All balls look alike to him and when he steps to the home plate, the horsehide is usually lost. It is unusual that for him to lose the ball over the park fence.

Gernandt, 17-year-old sandlot southpaw, picked up from the lots of Omaha is setting the classical pace of sand on the field. He cannot fail to make a great pitcher in the expressed opinion of President Burch. This lad has the stuff when it comes to teasing wicked balls.

Hill, a veteran of many seasons in the Texas league, who was purchased from the Galveston Sand Crabs, looks better than he did last April when the Omaha club played against him, stated Burch. He snared from a save arm last season, but from the exhibition turned in this morning, he is good for the season.

Becker, giant recruit pitcher from Richmond, Neb., is having his first training at professional baseball. President Burch stated this morning that with fine arms, Becker would make a good pitcher. He has lots of speed and fair control.

"Cotton" Siemer, recruit catcher of St. Louis, partner in the Dakota league last season, is still setting the pace for the catchers.

"Buckshot" Mays from the Seattle club "knows how to pitch" is the way Burch expressed himself this morning.

Glenn Stout, catcher from the Regina club of the Western Canadian League, looks good at the present time. He is light but will make good from the present indications.

Harry Lee, purchased from the Sand Crabs of the Texas league, portlander, looks fine. He is a small fellow and speed is his middle name.

## Hoppe Defends Balkline Title

New York, March 15.—The cue of Willie Hoppe still is a magic wand; his wielder still is the invincible master of the ivories.

Young Jake Schaefer, son of the "old wizard," knows it today.

Hoppe completed his defense of his 18.2 balkline billiard world's championship title last night, amassing 1,500 points in the three blocks of his challenge match while the San Francisco was totaling 1,341.

Hoppe came to the table last night six points ahead. He counted 43 before he missed an easy one-cushion draw.

Hoppe never lost the lead, and though he wavered several times near the end, as did Schaefer, he maintained control. Hoppe used every conceivable shot with unerring execution and daring. His speed control was uncanny.

Besides holding his title, he won permanent possession of the \$1,000 diamond medal, emblematic of the championship, and his side wager of \$1,000 with Schaefer. He will not be subject to challenge until a new trophy is offered.

**"Bill" Brennan Out of Danger, Says Doctors.** New York, March 15.—"Bill" Brennan, Chicago heavyweight, who is in a hospital with a slight concussion of the brain, resulting from his knock-out at the hands of Luis Firpo Monday night in Madison Square Garden, tonight was declared "out of danger" by a specialist attending him. He will be able to leave the hospital in three or four days, it was said.

Brennan's manager, Leo P. Flynn, tonight made public a letter written to the boxer by William Muldoon, chairman of the New York state athletic commission, in which Muldoon praised his showing against Firpo's terrific attack and branded as "unworthy of consideration" newspaper charges that the bout was "fixed" for the South American to win.

**Morningside College High Cage Tournament Starts.** Sioux City, Ia., March 15.—The Morningside college invitation high cage basketball tournament opened here today and play will continue until Saturday night. Sixty-seven teams in this section are competing.

One of the features of the tourney will be the fight for championship honors in class A. Sioux City has won this class title for the last three years.

Sioux City will play its first game Friday night at 8:30 o'clock, when it clashes with the Spencer team.

**Johnny McCoy Wins.** El Paso, Tex., March 15.—Johnny McCoy of St. Louis outclassed and outfought Joe Berger of Chicago in a 16-round fight here last night. McCoy's punches were effective and he was the faster of the two. McCoy was given all the rounds after the first four, which were even.

**Indians to Play Reds.** Cleveland, O.—The Cleveland Indians went to Orlando, Fla., today for their first inter-league game of the season with the Cincinnati Reds.

**Giants Fulfill Contract.** San Antonio.—Three players have already been sent to the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast league in payment for O'Connell.

## Mistiming and Unnatural Swing Is Cause of Slicing

By STANLEY DAVIES, Gold Instructor Field Club.

Mr. Davies will tell his tomorrow's results in poor shots on tomorrow's article.

**Slicing.** Slicing is caused by two faults. The most common fault is starting the backswing with the hands and wrists affecting the natural swing of the shoulders, causing them to lift instead of turning naturally, resulting

in the club head being in a position above the correct plane and outside of the line of flight. Once outside, it is not possible to get on the correct line again and in endeavoring to get in behind the ball, one has a drawing effect and the club is brought down across the ball.

The other fault of slicing is caused by mistiming—not waiting for the club head and right hand to get to the ball before following through.

**Fighters Finish Training Today.** English boxers.

Both Schoell and Wells are tuned to a fighting pitch, while Tiny Herman is reported to be in the best condition of his career.

"Puggy" Morton, who meets Teddy Meyers in the first 10-round bout, had to be taken into hand and compelled to slow down, as he was overworking and showing signs of getting "stale."

"Puggy" is a bear for work. The boxers will "weigh in" at 3 tomorrow.

**Eddie Collins Says He's No Holdout.** Philadelphia, Pa., March 15.—Eddie Collins, star second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, at his home here today said that he is not a holdout.

"I have no differences with the Chicago club and expect to leave for the training camp in a few days," he said.

**Nebraska Baseball Team May Train in South.** Lincoln, March 15.—(Special Telegram)—Nebraska Wesleyan will not accept Peru Normal's second challenge for a series of games to decide the state baseball championship. R. B. McCandless, Methodist mentor, stated today that he felt the Wesleyan athletic board had gone more than halfway in an attempt to accept the first challenge of Peru. Under the first plan the two teams would have met during the conference season.

Two sets of playing dates were offered by Wesleyan, but Peru would not accept because an agreement over the number of games to be played could not be reached.

**William Johnston Beats Dickinson in Tennis Play.** Los Angeles, Cal., March 14.—William M. Johnston of San Francisco, No. 2 in national ranking, defeated Harold Dickinson of Los Angeles, 6-0, 8-2, in the first round of the men's singles of an invitational tennis tournament here today. Harvey Snodgrass, Southern California singles champion, won his match against Paul Hardeman, former holder of the title, 6-2 6-3.

## Luis Firpo May Meet Renault or Tom Gibbons

Tex Rickard Plans to Use South American at Yanks Stadium May 12.

NEW YORK, March 15.—While boxing circles were regarding with marked skepticism a flurry of reports that Argentine promoters were offering inducements ranging from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for Jack Dempsey to risk his heavyweight title against Luis Angel Firpo, Tex Rickard tonight announced that the South American champion would make his next ring appearance in a bout on the same card with the Jess Willard-Floyd Johnson match at the Yankee stadium May 12.

Rickard did not intimate who Firpo's opponent would be, but it was said he might select either Jack Renault, promising Canadian heavyweight, or Tom Gibbons, St. Paul light-heavyweight.

Talk of a Firpo-Dempsey match in Buenos Aires was branded, in ring vernacular, as "ballyhoo."

Kearns denied specifically that he had been offered \$750,000 for the champion's end, as reported.

**Firpo Hit Brennan So Hard He Hurt Bone in Bill's Foot**

New York, March 15.—Bill Brennan, Chicago heavyweight, is expected to leave the hospital, where he sought relief yesterday from concussion of the brain resulting from the knockout blow delivered by Luis Angel Firpo in their bout Monday, within a few days, but it will be a long time before he is ready to enter the ring.

Brennan's condition never was a critical one and surgeons who examined x-ray pictures taken of his skull said that no serious injury was done.

They found that the left side of his head, from behind the ear to the parietal bone to the base of the skull, was inflamed. They said today that he was

improving and anticipate no dangerous developments.

Brennan admitted that it was the worst beating he ever had received. Besides the head injury and body bruises, Brennan hurt a bone in his right foot—the same leg he broke when Jack Dempsey gave him one of the other two knockouts.

The Chicago boxer is said to leave himself open to such blows as those administered by Firpo. It was the "rabbit punch" or one of its variations that caused the knockout. When weathering a pugilistic storm Brennan crouches behind his arms, leaving the back of his head and neck unprotected.

Firpo called twice at the hospital, with an interpreter.

**Kamm Hurts Knee.** Chicago.—Unsettled weather interrupted practice at the camps of the two Chicago major league clubs, the National league team at Avalon, Cal., and the White Sox at Seguin, Tex. Willie Kamm, the White Sox buy from the coast, joined the casualties yesterday with a bruised knee.

## Mallory to Play Lenglen Today

Nice, March 15.—Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory and Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen will meet in the Nice tennis tournament tomorrow morning. It will be the first meeting of the pair since the French champion defeated the American title holder at Wimbledon last year.

The waning of the pair was made possible today when they went through the third round, the American champion securing two victories by defeating Miss Tobin and Mrs. O'Neill. She won the latter match after a hard battle, 8-6, 6-3.

The French champion had little difficulty in defeating Mlle. Vlasto, 6-1, 6-0.

**Entry Blanks Ready.** Entry blanks for the first annual Nebraska state amateur boxing championships, to be staged at the Omaha Athletic club, March 27 and 28, have been mailed to various athletic clubs and organizations throughout the state.

Any amateur boxer wishing to enter the state tourney can do so by applying to Denny Ryan or Pete Wendell at the Athletic club.

**Heavy Shillalah Work.** Hot Springs, Ark.—"Rabbit" Maranville was to arrive here today to join the Pittsburgh Pirates. Heavy stick work of Rob Russell, Circuit fence buster, in practice, and circuit drives by McMillan and O'Doul of the Boston Red Sox featured the practice sessions of the two major league squads yesterday.

**Exhibition Games.** Orlando, Fla., March 15.—Score: R.F.E. Cleveland Americans 10 11 1 Cincinnati Nationals 4 Batteries—Morton, Smith, Uble and Myatt; L. Sewell, Luque, Keck and Wipac; Harrave.

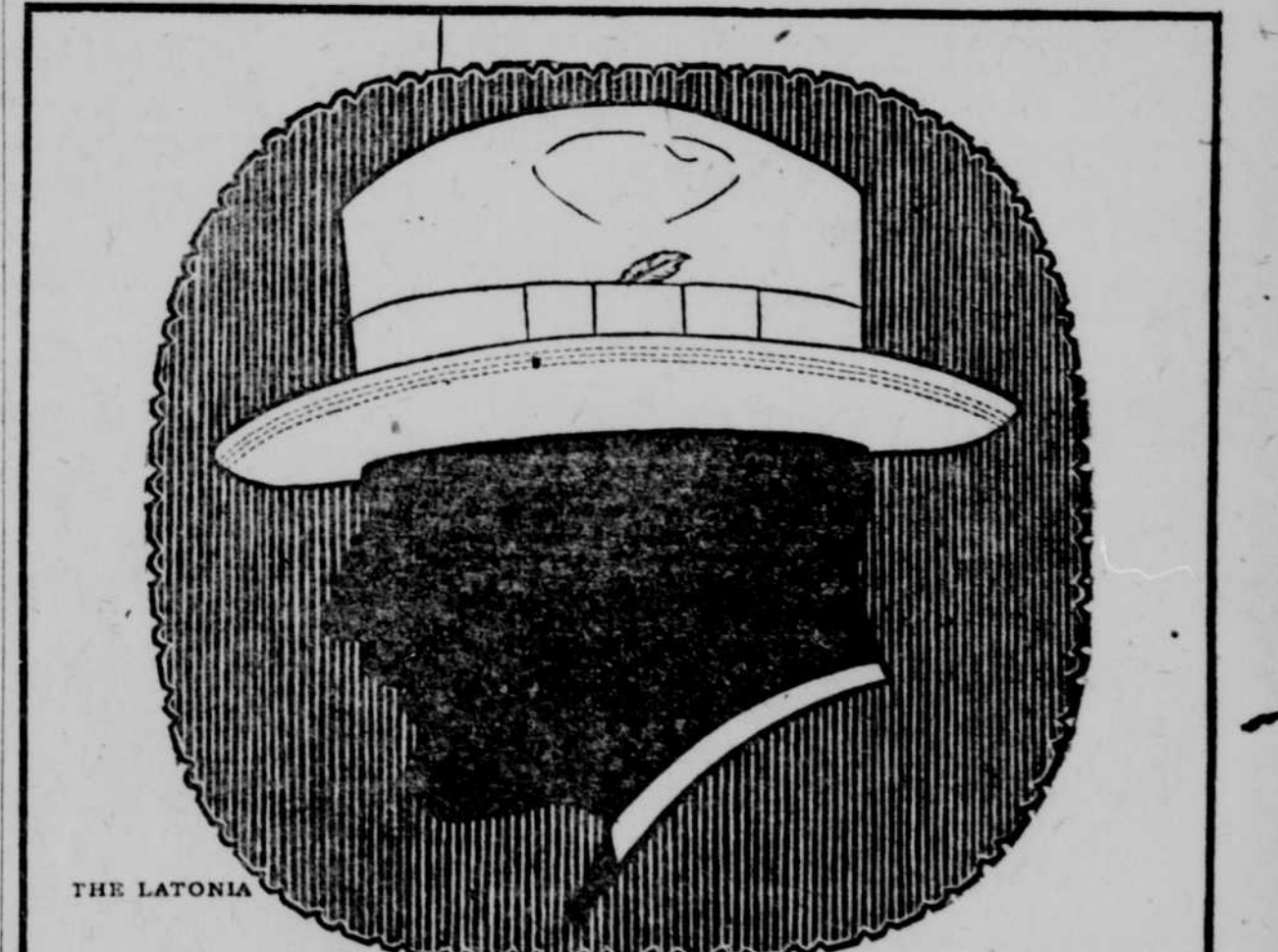
Cleaverwater, Fla., March 15.—Score: R.F.E. Brooklyn Nationals 12 13 1 Boston Nationals 4 Batteries—Deatur, Dickerman, Ollinger and Deberry; Taylor, Watson, Denton and Gowdy; O'Nea.

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