Jack Dempsey to Meet Tommy Gibbons for World's Championship in June

Tex Rickard Says Bout Will Be Held in New York Ring

Promoter Comes to Agreement With St. Paul Battler's Manager—Kearns Gives Assurance of Signing Up.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 10.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, and Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul will fight a return title match in New York, probably early in June, Promoter Tex Rickard announced today after a conference with Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager.

Rickard came to a definite agreement with Kane after an hour's conference at Madison Square Garden. Jack Kearns, manager of the champion, has not yet signed articles with Rickard, but several days ago he assured the promoter there would be no hitch in arrangements if Gibbons was signed.

Gibbons has been seeking a return fight with Dempsey ever since he stayed the limit of 15 rounds with the champion in their battle in Shelby, Mont., last July 4. Dempsey was awarded the verdict on points, but it was the first time since he became title holder that any one had stayed the full route with him.

Several promoters had been dickering for the return fight, the latest offer having been made by James Mullen of Chicago, who claimed he had negotiations well under way. Both Kane and Kearns denied they had given Mullen any definite assurances.

No details of the agreement reached between Kane and Rickard were revealed, but Kane, who barely made expenses at Shelby as a result of the financial debacle there, indicated he was well satisfied with the promoter's proposition.

Kearns declared he would have no hesitancy in signing for Dempsey if terms and conditions are agreeable. It was understood, however, that he already has come to an understanding with the promoter.

"Rickard informed me over the telephone that he had reached an agreement with Kane," said the champion's manager. "The proposition sounds good to me. I have assured Rickard right along we are ready to fight anybody, particularly Gibbons, because of his good showing at Shelby. I am leaving for Hot Springs, Ark., tomorrow, but expect to return to New York shortly to go into details on the bout. I expect no difficulty in coming to terms with Rickard."

Kearns said any date or place was agreeable to the champion, but mentioned Decoration day as a favorable time.

According to Rickard, he has no definite site planned, but his choice would be limited to the two baseball parks here and Boyle's Thirty Acres, in Jersey City. The promoter staged fights at both the Polo grounds and the Yankee stadium last season.

Homerun Baker Given Release

New York, Jan. 10.—The name of J. Franklin (Homerun) Baker, famous for more than a decade as a slugger and third baseman, was scratched today from American league rolls when the New York Yankees announced his unconditional release.

Baker has not played regularly for several seasons. His last active service with the Yankees was in 1922. His formal release was given him so that he may play in present ball, possibly as manager of a team near his home at Trapp, Md. He was on the voluntary retired list last season.

Baker established his reputation as a batsman by driving in more runs than any other American league player for five successive years, but gained his greatest fame when his homerun hitting made him the hero of two world series victories of the Athletics over the Giants, his feat of winning two games for the Mackmen, one in 1911 and another in 1913, with homers was unrivaled until last fall when Casey Stengel's circuit clouts were the deciding factors in two victories for the Giants.

Golf

Chicago, Jan. 10.—While no two of the 6,000,000,000 strokes made annually by America's 2,000,000 golfers are exactly alike, manufacturers of golf clubs and balls have made it possible to test the precise power of a club and distance a ball will travel from any given swing, and today those machines are busy in proving the material of the links for 1924.

When the subject of steel shafted clubs came up a couple of years ago, the Western Golf association, with President Albert R. Gates of Chicago supervising, had them tested along with wooden shafts and the actual strokes made by such professionals as Bob McDonald and Jock Hutchinson, and such an amateur as Chick Evans, showed that the steel shafts did not give more distance, in fact less, but that they seemed to hold the ball straighter on the fairway when the blow was not perfect.

It was not proved to the satisfaction of everyone, however, for, while McDonald, for instance, was unable in several attempts to hit the ball anywhere except in the middle of the club face, it was to on-lookers that the strokes were not mathematically alike, for the balls all landed at different spots.

Since that time, a driving machine has been perfected, and a club fastened in its clutches swings just the same, time after time, until the regulation is changed for a different blow. This mechanism, in addition to trying the elasticity of hickory in any given shaft and the utility of the head of the driver, has been used to determine the relative mer-

Montreal—Jack Renault, Canada, won decision over Joe White, Alabama, eight rounds.

Damon Runyon's Column

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NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—John Scott, pitcher, was a world's series "hero" with the Giants a couple of years ago. Now he is released, it was announced today. He no longer is useful to the club.

Some may see in this incident something to feel sorry about. The lesson of it is that the "hero" business in baseball, and in all walks of life, is most unstable.

"It isn't what you used to be; it's what you are today," runs the old sport saw.

YOUNG STRIBLING, light-heavyweight fighter, is dropped from the rolls of the Lanier High school of Macon, Ga., because of irregular attendance.

Stribling was away from school a great deal following his profession of fighting. The rules of the school excuse absentees only when they are ill, have illness in their family or for some other necessity.

Stribling's father says he may dispose of his real estate holdings in Macon, Ga., and move to Newark, N. J., where young Stribling can finish his education. He says he is going to give his son an education at any cost, in spite of any partcular school rule.

Ths is highly commendable on the part of Stribling, senior. But if the son was absent often enough to justify expulsion from the school the parent evidently though his boy's prize fighting more important than education.

THE parent is, of cougse, quite wrong.

The officials of Lanier High school were quite right in maintaining their rules.

They were doing young Stribling a great favor in permitting him to attend the school. Not every school would overlook the possibility of pernicious example in opening its doors to a professional prize fighter.

Young Stribling would be a thousand times better off if he stuck to the school, and dropped his prize fighting.

TRIS SPEAKER has been made a director of the Cleveland club, of which he also is manager.

The active playing career of "The Texas Ranger," one of the greatest outfielders that ever lived, draws to a close.

But it will not be surprising to one day see Speaker president, if not the sole owner of the Cleveland club, taking his place with Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, and with John J. McGraw, a heavy stockholder in the Giants, as a player who made something of his opportunities on the business side of the game.

SPEAKER came to the big league a little more promising than the average youngster in point of playing ability, perhaps.

But Speaker had no greater opportunities on the business side than the average. He has progressed by attending strictly to business, by expanding himself beyond the playing field.

The majority of the star ball players of the past have contented themselves with their positions as stars, with drawing fat salaries for a few years, then passing on into oblivion.

Speaker, gifted with much natural common sense, has been investing his salary back into the business from whence it came.

SPEAKER is one of the finest characters in baseball. He has stability, intelligence. He comes from the little town of Hubbard, Tex., and goes back to Hubbard every fall to mingle with his home people.

Kane Agrees to Match Gibbons

New York, Jan. 10.—Eddie Kane, manager of Tommy Gibbons, announced this afternoon that he had agreed to match the St. Paul star with either Gene Tunney, Jack Renault, Mike McTigue or Georges Carpentier in Madison Square Garden the latter part of next month.

He made the statement after a conference with Frank Coultry, associated with Tex Rickard in the promotion of bouts. Kane had nothing to say as to whether there had been talk of Gibbons meeting Jack Dempsey again. It is understood, however, that Rickard is rather doubtful about the drawing power of a return engagement between the pair. Possibly several fine showings by Gibbons might change his mind.

Majors After Koenig.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 10.—Three major league clubs are seeking the services of Charlie Dressen, diminutive third sacker of the St. Paul American Association club, John W. Norton, president of the Saints, said today.

Carl Koenig, another third baseman, farmed out by St. Paul to the league also is sought by the same clubs, but Norton indicated he would refuse the offers. He did not reveal the names of the major league clubs, one of which is reported to have offered $10,000 for Koenig.

Crofton Cagers Win.

Bloomfield, Neb., Jan. 10.—The Rinkydinks, the local town basket ball team, were defeated last evening at Crofton by a score of 22 to 18. Bloomfield led up to the last few minutes of play, when a real spurt put the Tigers to the good. Boots Booth was the star of the Crofton team, making practically every point scored by his team. The same teams will play here next Tuesday evening.

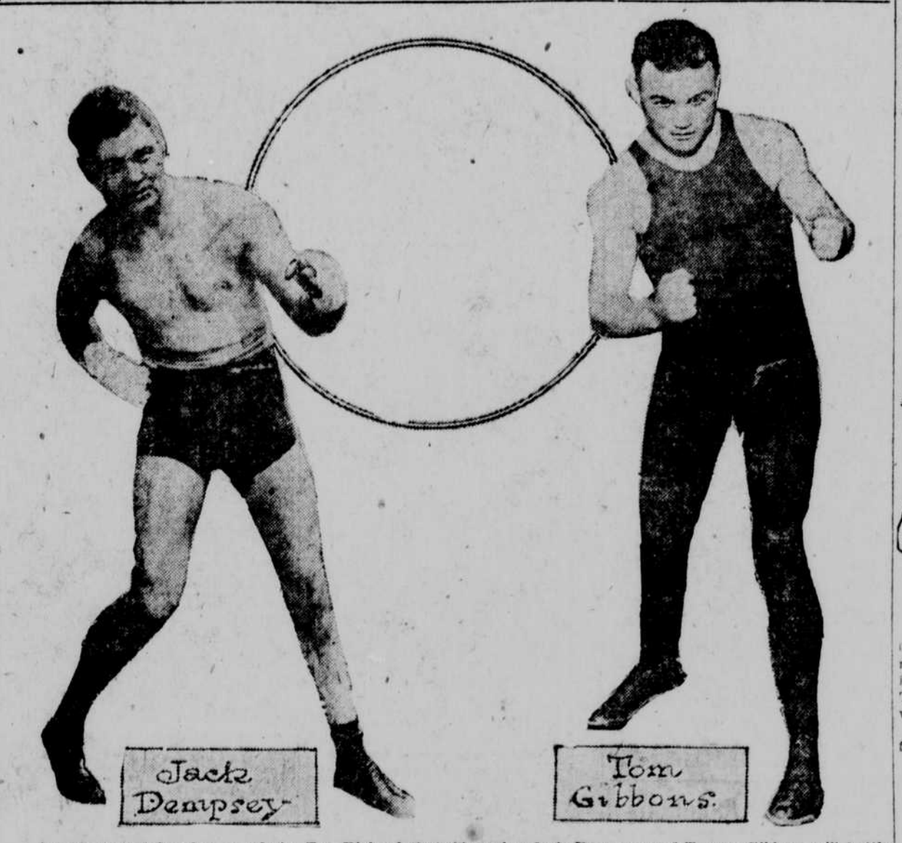
Renault Beats Joe White.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Jack Renault Canadian heavyweight, won the decison tonight over Joe White of Alabama after a 10-round bout. The bell saved White from a knockout in the seventh after he had taken a count of seven.

In the semi-final Rocky Smith of Denver, Colo., knocked out Young Brady of Syracuse, N. Y., in the first round of a 10-round bout.

Lincoln Almost Assured of Franchise in Western Circuit

To Meet in Return Match in New York in June



Announcement has been made by Tex Rickard that Champion Jack Dempsey and Tommy Gibbons will battle for the heavyweight title early next summer. Assurance of the fight was given by Rickard after a conference with Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager, and a telephone conversation with Jack Kearns yesterday.

Ace Hudkins to Meet Bige in Semi-Final Bout on Legion Card

Ace Hudkins of Lincoln and Erwin Bige of Omaha will meet in a 10-round bout, booked as "Nebraska's lightweight championship," at the American Legion's boxing program to be staged at the Auditorium next Friday.

Hudkins and Bige generally are considered the two best lightweights in Nebraska. Recently Bige lost a decision to Battling Strayer, who claims the Nebraska title, but fans and newspaper critics were almost unanimous that Bige had won.

The Hudkins-Bige match had been sought by a number of promoters because of the local interest in the two youngsters.

Hudkins left early this week for California, but was notified by his manager that the Bige match had been booked, so the Lincoln youngster hopped off the train at Alliance, Neb., and returned for the bout.

Paul Doyle, who is to meet Morrie Schlaifer in the main event of the legion's fistic show Friday, notified the promoters that he would arrive Sunday morning to train here.

Tickets for the show, at popular prices, were placed on sale yesterday at the regular downtown agencies.

Ralph De Palma Speed Outlaw

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.—Ralph de Palma, veteran speed king, today jumped the American Automobile association and became an outlaw racing driver by signing a contract to appear on the new Ascot speedway here, beginning January 20, it was announced tonight by George R. Bentel, manager of the new dirt track.

Racing on the five-eighths-mile Ascot speedway will be held under the sanction of the International Motor Contest association, Bentel explained, and De Palma's action therefore automatically bars him from competing at the Indianapolis speedway and other tracks on which he has been a contender for years.

Bentel managed one of the first racing teams with which De Palma appeared in this country.

Columbus Bowlers Trimmed

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 10.—A quintet of Columbus bowling alley sharks, including Ed Kavenaugh, J. E. Justis, J. E. Nichols, Fred Speck and Gus Trofholz went to Humphrey last night where the locals were so handsomely trimmed they did not have the nerve to bring back a copy of the scores.

Moran's Resignation as Coach Is Accepted

Danville, Ky., Jan. 10.—Uncle Charley Moran's resignation as football coach at Centre college has been accepted and he has been released from his five-year contract, which had four more years to run, Dr. C. E. Allen, faculty chairman of athletics, announced today.

Mr. Moran recently signed a three-year contract to become head football coach at Bucknell college, Lewisburg, Pa.

Lewis to Wrestle Tonight.

Kansas City, Jan. 10.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis will defend his heavyweight wrestling championship here tonight in a match with "Toots" Mondt. Colorado cowboy. Lewis and Mondt have met twice before, the champion winning both matches with his headlock.

Volley Ball Teams to Play.

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 10.—The Columbus Y. M. C. A. volley ball team expects to go to York, Neb., this evening to play the York Y. M. C. A. volley ball team. Following are local team members Lowell Walker, O. H. Walters, Bid Boettcher, Carl Bruner and C. A. Wise.

Hinsdale Golf Club Gets Meet

Chicago, Jan. 10.—The Hinsdale Golf club, Chicago, today was awarded the 1924 championship tournament of the Western Golf association. This is the first time in three years that Chicago has been the scene of this amateur tournament, which ranks second only to the national championship.

Chick Evans, Chicago, is present champion of the Western association, having won the title eight times, a record.

Horses Meet Death in Fire.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Six horses, including Eva Guy, by Guy Axworthy, and one of her colts, were burned to death tonight in a fire which destroyed the main barn of the Hudson River Driving Park, owned by the Jacob Ruppert estate here.

Central City Wins Two Games

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 10.—Central City basket ball teams won two games here last night. The result of the first game was Central City, 19; Grand Island, 12. In the second contest Central City reserves defeated the Grand Island reserves, 12 to 6.

Golf Body Opposed to Any Change in Present Stymie Rule

New York, Jan. 10.—The United States Golf association is definitely opposed to any change in the present rule which compels all stymies to be played. The attitude of the governing links body was revealed today by Howard F. Whitney, chairman of the rules committee, in a letter rejecting a proposal by Ellsworth Giles, editor of the Pittsburgh Golfer, that the stythe stymie issues, observers bemie be abolished and the medal play rule substituted. It settles lieve, for 1924 at least.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS

Last Night's Winner Complains.

BOUT BETWEEN TOMMY GIBBONS AND GEORGES CARPENTIER ONE OF FEATURES OF OUT-DOOR SEASON

Eddie Kane, Manager of St. Paul Heavyweight, and Tex Rickard, World's Greatest Fight Promoter, Hold Conference and Fistic Pot Immediately Starts Boiling---Gibbons Ready to Meet Tunney, McTigue, Greb, Renault and Carpentier---Then Wants Return Crack at Jack Dempsey's Jaw.

By DAVIS J. WALSH

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A bout between Tom Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight challenger, and Georges Carpentier, the exotic boulevardier, was cooking merrily today as the result of a conference between Eddy Kane, Gibbons' manager, and Tex Rickard.

It is almost certain that Gibbons and Carpentier will oblige in the opening number of the out-door season and it may be that Thomas will take on Tunney at the Garden within six weeks.

Kane would neither deny nor affirm the foregoing program.

"Gibbons will take on Tunney, McTigue, Greb, Renault, and in fact, the entire field," Kane said. "After that, Dempsey. We are making no secret of the fact that our campaign is directed toward another match with the champion.

"However, I want to say that I have been negotiating with Jim Mullen, western promoter, and will take no definite action until I hear further from him."

This last statement is said to come under the head of sweet peas garnished with apple sauce. Gibbons is again in need of "background" following his inactivity after sticking 15 rounds with Dempsey at Shelby. Only Rickard can supply the need. He has most of the big-timers, including Carpentier, locked in his office safe and it is altogether unlikely that in the long run, Dempsey himself will attempt to do business with any other promoter.

Says "Bugs" Baer:

Some people have plenty of lopsided ambitions. They are always trying to do something that nobody has ever done before because it was useless or too dangerous.

In other words, ambition carries you there and ambulances bring you back.

Connecticut man intends to start for Europe in a rowboat without oars. That's ambition. But it's never been done before. Duke of Abruzzi had the climbing bug. The duke crawled 24,600 feet up the Himalayas, which is a record for dukes of the better class.

An Australian swung a pair of Indian clubs for six days and six nights while at the same time a Swedish athlete used up 2,346 Japanese matches trying to light a wet cigar in a gale.

Kid Williams of Baltimore probably owns an ambition that will chew him up sooner or later.

The Kid wants to knock out one hundred opponents. No wonder the neighbors won't let the kids play with him. He has reached that stage where he goes around taking punches at trees, lamp posts and fireplugs.

He is not very far from that ambition now. He has been fighting for a good many years now. People have just about forgotten that he was once bantamweight champ. During his career in, out and over the ropes, he has bumped off 84 boy friends.

The Kid has been battling around 15 years and claims those 84 knockouts. He never takes any chances on a judge's decisions. The little playmate wants his decisions straight from the corner with the middleman's profit eliminated.

Ain't that a neat ambition? To retire to the old fireside with the grandchildren playing around your knee, and then find out that through some banking error, you had only knocked out 99 people?

In order to straighten out the history books, the Kid would naturally have to knock out one of the grandkids.

He has only 16 more jaws to freeze chilly before he completes his century run of knockouts. Then he will have a record which will stand for the ages.

Here's hoping he makes the grade, but makes it in the ring. Because a man like that might be shooting good Queensbury billiards some night and decide to reach through the ropes and run pool on the spectators.

Deal for May Comes to Halt

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 10.—The deal for Pitcher Jake May which was supposed to have been concluded last week has suffered a temporary check through the refusal of the Philadelphia club to waive claim on Walter Kimmick, one of the two players promised to the Vernon club in the trade. Waivers were asked on Kimmick last October and Philadelphia was the only club to claim him. President Herrmann overlooked this fact when Kimmick was included in the deal.

If Philadelphia insists on holding Kimmick in the league, Mr. Herrmann is positive that he can satisfy the Vernon club in some other way, either by turning over another ball player or by adding some money to the $35,000 already paid in the deal. "May is certain to be with our club," he said. "I feel sure that I can make some satisfactory arrangement with the Vernon club."

Holdrege Opens 1924 Basket Ball Season

Holdrege, Neb., Jan. 10.—Holdrege high school will open the basket ball season here Thursday night in a game with the Elm Creek high quintet.

It will be the first game in the new high school. The new gymnasium is said to be one of the best equipped in the state, having a seating capacity of about 250 people.

Coach Nicholas expects to turn out a strong cage team this year, as he has five of last year's letter men out again this year and they are playing in midseason form. However, some of the new men are handling the ball with such agility and shooting basket with precision which threatens the laurels of some of the men who held berths on last year's first string.

Student Manager Peterson promises the spectators of the opening game something novel in the way of entertainment before the game. This is the first time the local school has tried the student manager plan and all are enthusiastic about it.

Holdrege goes to Minden Friday night to meet the Minden basketeers on their floor.

The season's schedule is as follows:

January 10—Elm Creek at Holdrege.
January 11—Minden at Minden.
January 19—Cambridge at Holdrege.
January 24—McCook at Holdrege.
January 25—Lexington at Lexington.
January 31—Indianola at Holdrege.
February 2—Sutton at Holdrege.
February 7—Curtis Aggies at Holdrege.
February 13—Minden at Holdrege.
February 16—Farnam at Holdrege.
February 21 to 23—Southwest Nebraska tournament at Holdrege.
March 5 to 8—State tournament.

FITZPATRICK TO COAST LEAGUE

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.—Matty Fitzpatrick, former western league umpire, has signed a contract as an umpire with the Pacific Coast league, President Harry A. Williams announced.

Havana—Chief Mafoquah, Oklahoma Indian, knocked out Antonio Pierro, Cuba, second round. Eduardo Rocca, Cuba, knocked out Joe Calmer, New York, second round.

Capital City Moves Step Nearer in Landing Berth

President Beltzer Informs Tearney Business Will Give Financial Support in Purchase of Franchise.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Transfer of the Sioux City (Ia.) franchise of the Western league to Lincoln, Neb., was a step nearer tonight as a result of a meeting today attended by President Tearney, O. L. Beltzer, president of the Lincoln club of the Nebraska State league, and Lee Keyser, president of the Des Moines club.

Beltzer told President Tearney business men in Lincoln had assured him of financial support in the purchase of the franchise.

Howard Wakefield, former major league star, who has an option on the Sioux City franchise, also is in the field to establish a club in Lincoln.

President Tearney expected to dispose of the Sioux City franchise within 10 days.

Yank Hockey Team Favorite

New York, Jan. 10.—America's Olympic hockey team, which sailed yesterday to compete in the winter sports competition at Chamonix, France, beginning the last of this month, has been drawn for play in the group which also includes Belgium, France, Austria and Great Britain. In the second group are Canada, Sweden, Switzerland and Czecho-Slovakia. The group winners meet in the championship round.

The sextets representing Canada, the 1920 Olympic champion, and the United States are looked upon as the strongest entrants and favored to meet for the title.

Play opens on January 28, when the United States will oppose Belgium, according to the schedule made public by William S. Haddock of Pittsburgh, president of the United States Amateur Hockey association, before he sailed with the team.

Bike Riders Draw Six Months' Suspension

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Four riders competing in the six-day bicycle race today were disqualified and suspended from all racing in this country and Europe for six months for violating thte rules of the race.

The riders disqualified were Peter Van Kempen, the Holland star; Reggie McNamara, Willie Coburn and David Lands. McNamara and Van Kempen were leading the race on points.

McNamara, Coburn and Van Kempen were disqualified and suspended because they quit riding for a time after Grenda and Egg and De Clerk and Madden had lapped the field. Lands was disqualified and suspended when he left the track after being fined $25 for stalling.

The suspension leaves 12 teams in the race.

Injury Causes Retirement.

New York, Jan. 10.—Packy O'Gatty, featherweight boxer, announced today he has retired from ring competition as a result of the effects of an injury to his left eye, sustained while boxing in an exhibition with Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, two years ago at a theater here. O'Gatty is only 22 years old, but has been active in the ring for eight years.

Failure to Make Shot Costs Cueist Record

Cleveland, O., Jan. 10.—Falling down on a bank shot by an almost indiscernible margin cost Gus Copulos, Cleveland, a world's record and a chance of acquiring the national championship three-cushion billiard league prize for a low score.

Copulos missed the shot in the 27th inning of a league game with Charles Ellis of Pittsburgh, last night. Had he made it the balls would have been in good condition for him to count one more point and still left him with an extra inning in which to make his 50th billiard had he needed it. As it was, it took him 32 innings to beat Ellis, 50 to 22.

The world's record for 50 points is 29 innings. It was set by Otto Reiselt of Philadelphia last year.

Syracuse Town Team Wins.

Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 10.—The Syracuse town team defeated the American Legion quintet here last night by the score of 35 to 34 in the hardest fought game ever witnessed on the local floor. At the end of the first half the game stood 14 to 14. With one minute to play and the score standing 33 to 34 in favor of the ex-service men, Syracuse scored a field goal.

Following is the box score:

Nebraska City.	FG.	FT.	F.	Pts.
Dahan, f.	6	0	2	12
Kellogg, f.	4	0	0	8
Cooper, c.	6	0	3	12
Heesch, g.	0	0	2	0
Spacht, g.	1	0	0	2
Total	17	0	6	34

Syracuse.	FG.	FT.	F.	Pts.
Pugh, f.	9	2	1	20
Metzger, f.	3	0	0	6
Andrews, c.	1	4	0	6
Metzger, g.	0	1	1	1
Andrews, g.	1	0	0	2
Total	14	7	2	35

Bowlers, Attention!

Bowlers who fail to find their names and scores published in The Morning Bee should make it a point to get in touch with the person or persons at the bowling alleys who make out the score sheets.

Hardly a night passes but what one or more score sheets are thrown away because it is impossible to read them, not only the scores, but the bowlers' names as well.

A little co-operation along this line, especially from the scorers, will help the bowling game in Omaha.

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