

Tex Rickard Signs Tommy Gibbons for Match With Dempsey Early in June

Wills Slated to Meet Winner of Bout in Fall

Champ's Manager Announces St. Paul Boxer, No to Both to Get Crack at Title.

New York, Feb. 2.—The heavy-weight ballroom for 1925 centered at St. Paul today when Tex Rickard announced he would match Tom Gibbons and Jack Dempsey for a return title bout early in June and then pit the winner against the perennial negro contender, Harry Wills, in September. Both bouts would be staged either in the Yankee stadium or in Rickard's Jersey state pavilion, Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Rickard made this announcement after an hour's conference with Gibbons and the latter's manager, Eddie Kane, at which the St. Paul boxer came to definite terms with the promoter. Wills already is under contract with Rickard.

Estelle Placated? No binding agreement has yet been reached with Dempsey, but all doubt that he would be seen in action again seemed removed by a prompt declaration in Los Angeles by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, that the champion would give both Gibbons and Wills an opportunity to fight for the title. Rickard said he anticipated no difficulty coming to terms with Dempsey.

The statements by Rickard and Kearns synchronized as well that fight experts, accustomed to midwinter caution and contradiction in the business of the ring game, jumped at the conclusion that the program of two title fights here this year was as good as clinched.

There was no explanation as to what effect Dempsey's fighting plans would have upon the matrimonial venture which he has announced for May. Observers concluded, however, that unless there was some hitch in this plan, the champion's fiancée, Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress, had removed her objection to tuning their wedding bells to the sound of the ring's gong.

Prefer New York for Fight. Gibbons and Kane informed Rickard they would prefer to box Dempsey in New York, where officials' decisions are rendered, rather than under the no-decision law prevailing in New Jersey. The promoter, however, refused to indicate what his choice of arena would be.

No announcement was made as to financial terms, but it was understood that Gibbons will receive at least \$100,000 and probably \$150,000 for a half with Dempsey. The St. Paul challenger failed to make even his express out of the historic encounter with Dempsey that went the limit of 15 rounds in the little boom town of Shelby, Mont., in July, 1923.

Wills may or may not regard his inclusion in the title plans as a hoodoo. The negro has figured annually for the last several years in midwinter negotiations, but they have fallen through with equal regularity.

LEGION ANNOUNCES FIGHT SCHEDULE

York, Neb., Feb. 2.—The Grand Island post of the American Legion has announced its complete fight card for February 2. Frank Pittz of Bassett, Neb., will mix with Mose Ferguson of Julesburg, Colo., in the main event.

Jack Ulrich of Tilden, Neb., protégé of "Rusty" Evans, will meet "Kid" Charlton of Grand Island in one of the fast prelims on the bill. "Eddie" Bishop of York, Neb., is scheduled to go six fast rounds with Fuqua of Grand Island.

Haugen Wins in Ski Meet

Detroit, Feb. 2.—Anders Haugen, of Minneapolis, with 25 1/2 points, defeated Henry Hall of Detroit, 24 1/2 points, in the Detroit Ski club annual tournament at the Northville slide today. Jorvinen of Detroit, Bakken of Chicago and Clarence Hall of Detroit were the other leaders.

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Legislator Would Tax Sale of Ball Players

Washington, Feb. 2.—A bill designed to prevent the sale of professional baseball players from one club to another for huge sums of money was introduced in the house today by Representative LaGuardia, republican of New York.

The bill provides federal tax of 20 per cent on any amount in excess of \$5,000 involved in such sale.

"This measure," said LaGuardia, "will end the so-called baseball slavery whereby the efforts and proficiency of a young man in his profession cannot be enjoyed by himself."

LaGuardia pointed out that the only way a prospect star can enter big leagues now is to secure a position with a smaller club and then be sold later to a club in the big league. The money involved in the transfer goes to the club from which he is purchased and not to himself.

LaGuardia stated that the only way to stop this practice was by taxing it out of existence.

Bailey Unable to Hurl This Season

Houston, Tex., Feb. 2.—Bill Bailey, left-handed pitcher of the Omaha Western league club, who was released 10 days ago from a Long Beach (Cal.) hospital, returned to his home here today. Last fall Bailey, while pitching for a team in the winter league, ruptured an artery under his heart and for several weeks his life was in grave danger.

Three transfusions were necessary to replace the blood in hemorrhages, but the doctors were able to effect a cure. Bailey will be unable to pitch for one season, but it is possible that President Barney Burch of the Omaha club will use him as a scout and coach.

CAGE TEAMS DRILL FOR TOURNAMENTS

Wayne, Neb., Feb. 2.—High school cage teams in northern Nebraska are having special training and instruction in preparation for the district tournaments to be held March 5 to 7 at Wayne, Norfolk, Valentine and Alliance. Three or four classes will be scheduled in each district, but class A in every district will not include 16 teams, as grouping of the quintets will be made in an effort to give the smaller schools as well as larger ones an opportunity to win laurels.

Winners and runners-up in each class will be eligible to compete in the state tournament at Lincoln, following the district tournaments, but all eligibles will be reclassified prior to the state tournament by the state board of control of high school athletics.

SEWARD DEFEATS HARVARD, 20 TO 16

Harvard, Neb., Feb. 2.—Crazing eight baskets in the first half and two in the second, Chapman, Seward High school's flashy forward, single-handedly defeated the local high hoopers last night by a 20 to 16 score. Rev. Mr. Petersen of Ong was referee. The scores:

Table with columns for team names and scores. Seward 20, Harvard 16.

Gregory's Cage Teams Victorious in Twin Bill

Gregory, S. D., Feb. 2.—Gregory's elusive cagers won a twin bill Saturday night on the hardwood court. The Argies won an 18 to 2 game from the Ronestee five while the high school court artist defeated Herrick High school, 14 to 12.

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Indoor Sports

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YES—IT IS KINDA WARM.

IT GETS WARMER THAN THIS.

I THOUGHT SURE THEY'D HAVE 5 FEET OF SNOW BY THIS TIME.

ISN'T THAT DISGUSTING?

THEY'RE NOT HAVING STORMS UP NORTH—BY GEDDIE—IT'S NICE THERE.

OUTDOOR SPORTS KILLING TIME DOWN SOUTH AND WONDERING HOW THEY'RE SUFFERING UP NORTH.

CRACK OILER OUTFIELDER WILL LEAD JAMES CRAWFORD'S TEAM IN ANNUAL PENNANT CAMPAIGN

New Boss of Oilers Joined Southern Club in 1922 and Batted Well Over .300 Mark Each Season—Is Popular Throughout "Pa" Tearer's League.

By "WAG." YMAN ALVIN LAMB, crack center fielder of the Tulsa club of the Western league, has been chosen to manage the Oilers in the 1925 Western derby.

The announcement of Lamb's appointment came from the Oil town this morning.

The announcement that Lamb would pilot the Tulsa club completes the managerial roster of the Western league and at the same time pacifies a vast number of circuit fans who were considerably agitated over the delay in naming Lovell's successor.

Lyman Lamb joined Tulsa in 1922 from the Louisville club of the American Association. He was sent to the Louisville club by the St. Louis Browns. Born in Lincoln on St. Patrick day, 1885, Lamb did not set any world records in the early days of his diamond career which he started playing with Tulsa in 1922.

Barney Burch had a little to do with Tulsa securing Lamb from Louisville. In 1922 Jack Lovell managed the Oilers and wanted an outfielder. Lovell opened negotiations with Burch for the purchase of "Pug" Griffin, then playing with the Buffaloes. Barney told Griffin to talk to Lovell and if everything was okay the Omaha club would release "Pug" to the Oilers. It happened that Griffin asked \$50 more per month from Tulsa than he had been receiving from Omaha and the deal was hanging fire.

In the meantime Lovell had made Louisville a bid for Lamb and the Association club accepted, so Lamb went to Tulsa and Griffin remained with the Buffaloes until Burch released him to Dallas of the Texas league.

LEWIS COMPLETES TRAINING FOR BOUT

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis today finished training for his first match since he was tossed out of the ring in Kansas City early last month, losing to Wayne (Big) Mott. Lewis will meet Joe (Toots) Mondak, Colorado heavyweight, in a flimsy match here tomorrow night. He is satisfied that he has regained his usual form and has fully recovered from injuries to his back that sent him to a hospital.

Hagen Leads Walker

Miami, Fla., Feb. 1.—Walter Hagen stood 11 up at the end of the first half of his unofficial world's championship match with Cyril Walker, American open champion, here today. The second half of the 72-hole match will be played Wednesday in St. Petersburg.

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Victory of Drummond-Coached Hoopsters Over Lincoln Quintet Stamps Omaha Team as Dangerous—Out-State Teams Show Strength.

POWERFUL Marion Clark's flippers added a pair of scalps to their collection by dominating the Gonsa Idams and Schuyler quintets by the wayside.

Fremont took a brace and handed Columbus a neat 25 to 6 trimming and then proceeded to throw Beatrice for a 26 to 17 loss. The Orangemen also lost a tough game to Crete in a bath-night engagement.

Western Nebraska quintets had a busy week. Goldenburg led the field by taking a pair of games, one 5 to 21 to 15 win over North Platte and the other a 14 to 2 victory over Ogden High.

Cambridge nosed out Indianola, 25 to 16; Kearney walloped Grand Island 11 to 8; Bayard defeated Geard, 11 to 10, and Valentine annexed a 25 championship honors. Brookings had an easy time with Sargent, winning 23 to 7 while Aurora took the long end of a score from Seward, 25 to 9.

South Omaha scores. Two wins; Preps ousted. Stella gave Falls City the snafu end of a 21 to 7 count and Marquette shaved Polk with a 19 to 8 razor. Yutan lost its first game of the season to Weston, 18 to 17.

Tech gave Creighton Prep a neat trimming early in the week but Omaha Central had to be content with a 26 to 19 win over North High. South Omaha came out ahead in an outstate game with Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs. The final score was 19 to 4. Saturday the Packers beat Nebraska City.

DeWitt High's goal-shooting aggregation looked pretty good against Mt. Ford. The former quint won 35 to 19. DeWitt also nosed out Exciter High, 14 to 13.

GENEVA HIGH TURNS IN THREE CAGE VICTORIES

Geneva came through with a trio of wins, defeating Clay Center, 15 to 5; Sutton, 18 to 8, and Superior, 19 to 10.

New Light Shed on Dundee Affair

Paris, Feb. 2.—New Light was shed today upon the "Dundee" affair, when a friend of Johnny Dundee disclosed that the American boxer informed Paris promoters of his intended departure the day before he actually embarked from Havre. Previously, Bover and Solal, the promoters, had claimed Dundee gave them no warning of his hasty departure for the United States shortly before he was to have boxed Fred Bretonnel of France.

According to the informant, he acted as interpreter between Dundee and the promoters at a conference lasting far into the night of January 16, the day before the boxer's sailing. At this time, he said, Dundee and Boyer discussed ways and means of clearing up the situation. The fighter asked a postponement of the Bretonnel bout, which would have given him time to return to New York, but the promoters refused to agree to this.

The latter, it was said, at first demanded 150,000 francs' damage, later lowering this figure to 100,000, but finally agreeing to accept \$5,000, but Dundee, upon the advice of counsel, refused to part with this amount. He said his manager, Jimmy Johnston, was handling the financial end of his affairs and that he was merely doing the fighting.

SOUTH CAGERS TO DRILL AT TECH GYM

The South High gymnasium, dubbed by alleged with the "cracker box" will take on a forsaken appearance throughout this week, as Coach Patton is going to shift his team to Tech for a week in preparation for the battle with Central next Friday.

A standard sized floor has spelled disaster for the Packers this season. To avert a repetition of the Fremont game is the reason for the abandonment of the South Side court.

TABERSKI GAINS ON RALPH GREENLEAF TO BE REINSTATED

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Max Flack, outfielder with the St. Louis Cardinals, today filed application for reinstatement with Commissioner Landis. He was sent to the Oakland (Cal.) club last season, but refused to report and was suspended.

Borotra Loses in French Covered Court Net Tourney. Paris, Feb. 1.—In the play in the second day of the covered court lawn tennis championship Andre H. Gobert won a sensational match from the youthful Jean Borotra, three sets to two. Gobert forced the pace in the first two sets, which he won, 7-5, 12-10. Then he tired and lost two of three sets, 6-8, 6-8, but took the deciding set, 6-4.

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