

# Tommy Gibbons and Gene Tunney Sign Articles to Fight in 15-Round Bout

## Match Will Be Held at Polo Grounds, June 12

### St. Paul Heavyweight Boxer Will Receive 30 Per Cent of Gate Receipts; Claim Fight Is Title Affair.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight, and Gene Tunney, American light-heavyweight champion, will meet in a 15-round match at the Polo Grounds at the night of June 12. Articles of agreement were signed today by the managers of the two principals and Jimmy DeForest, matchmaker of the Polo Grounds A. C.

Gibbons will receive 30 percent of the gate receipts as his share of the purse while Tunney will receive 20 percent. Both fighters agreed to post forfeit fees of \$10,000.

In announcing the closing of articles, De Forest said the match would be for the heavyweight championship of the world. This stipulation was demanded by Gibbons in view of the fact that his challenge for a match with Dempsey was not accepted and that the state athletic commission had returned his forfeit fee of \$2,500 which he has posted with the challenge. Gibbons contends therefore, that he is the heavyweight champion.

## Ritola Sets New Record

BOSTON, April 1.—Paavo Nurmi, winner in the scratch mile and a half run at the Elks games here last night, moved on to Ottawa today in his tour of the North American continent. Nurmi's time was 6:47. This was 7.35 seconds behind his world's record. Jole Ray of Chicago was named to stop at the end of the 10th lap because of an injured leg.

Willie Ritola, wearing the colors of the Finnish-American A. C., New York, set a new record for the mechanics building track of 9:22 in the two-mile handicap.

## TECH RESERVES TO START PRACTICE

The Tech High reserve baseball team will take its first practice of the year next Monday. Coach Hubbard, swimming mentor, will have charge of the reserve squad. Last year the reserves had a successful year, winning six games and losing two.

More than 50 men are expected to answer the first call. All the regulars from last year's squad probably will be given a chance on the first squad.

## LEOPARDESS WINS FEATURE AT BOWLING

Female Race Track, Mt. April 1.—Leopardess won the \$5,000 inaugural handicap for 3-year-olds and up, feature event of the opening of the eastern spring racing season here this afternoon. Donaghe was second, a length behind the winner, and Tester was third.

Time for the seven furlongs, 1:57 1/5. A \$2 mutual ticket on the winner paid \$6 first, \$3.49 place and \$2.50 show.

## HUSKER TRACK TEAM IN DENVER

Denver, Colo., April 1.—Headed by Coach Henry F. Schulte, 22 members of the University of Nebraska track and field team spent a few hours in Denver today en route from Lincoln to Palo Alto, Cal., where they will clash with Stanford university's track athletes next Saturday.

"Doc" McLean, physical director of the Nebraska team, declared the Cornhuskers were all in tip-top shape.

## Baseball Dope

- San Francisco, Cal., April 1.—R. H. E. San Louis (N.) 19 14 3; R. H. E. San Francisco (P. C.) 8 5 2. Batteries: Rothorn, Grindel, Lewis and Schmidt; Gonzalez, Williams, Geary and Agnew, Ritchie.
- St. Petersburg, Fla., April 1.—R. H. E. St. Petersburg (N.) 19 14 3; R. H. E. St. Petersburg (P. C.) 8 5 2. Batteries: Ogorowski, Mulich and Sillmer; Constance, Edwards, Jones, Collins, Dickey and Earp, Abel.
- Nashville, Tenn., April 1.—R. H. E. Nashville (N.) 19 14 3; R. H. E. Nashville (P. C.) 8 5 2. Batteries: Eubank, Green, R. Williams and Hargrave; Beall, Johnson and O'Neil.
- Los Angeles, April 1.—R. H. E. Los Angeles (N.) 19 14 3; R. H. E. Los Angeles (P. C.) 8 5 2. Batteries: Freeman and South, Goch, Barfoot, Oldham and Murphy.
- Mobile, Ala., April 1.—R. H. E. Mobile (N.) 19 14 3; R. H. E. Mobile (P. C.) 8 5 2. Batteries: Fehr, Pullerton, Wood, Ross, Kelly and Hovine; Pugh, Weiser, Ellis, Shaker, Chase and Dunlap.
- Jacksonville, Fla., April 1.—R. H. E. Jacksonville (N.) 19 14 3; R. H. E. Jacksonville (P. C.) 8 5 2. Batteries: Winger, Grant and Dixon; Lewis, May and Wiley.
- New Orleans, La., April 1.—R. H. E. New Orleans (N.) 19 14 3; R. H. E. New Orleans (P. C.) 8 5 2. Batteries: Fales and Shaw; Grawalk, Schilling, Shea, Borders and...

## Indoor Sports



INDOOR SPORTS. CHATTING ABOUT THE CHAIRY COUPLE WHO CAME INTO THE TEA ROOM FOR A BITE.

## 20 Years in Sport World

From The Omaha Bee Files  
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INCOLN, Neb.—The Omaha Y. M. C. A. basketball team won the championship of the mid-west by defeating Nebraska university, 32 to 23, in a fiercely contested battle.

It was the third victory of the season for the Omahans over Nebraska. The university lads won one game.

## Schlaifer Will Meet Dempsey in Return Go

ORRIS SCHLAIFER, Omaha welterweight fighter, who knocked out Mike Dempsey of Rochester, N. Y., in the ninth round of a 16-round bout in Wilkes Barre, Pa., Tuesday night, has been signed to fight Dempsey in a return 16-round bout in the same town, April 14, according to word received here this morning.

The Omaha fighter knocked Dempsey down in the first, second, fourth and seventh rounds, but not until the ninth did he put the New York welter down for the fatal 10 count.

Schlaifer and Willie Harmon of a 10-round fight in this city late this month. Harmon is the welter who knocked out "Cowboy" Padgett Monday night.

## STRYCO BALL LOOP TO STAGE MEETING

THE Stryco Baseball league, to be composed of six teams, will organize tonight at 8 at a meeting to be held at the street car house at Twenty-fifth and Cuming streets. This loop will be made up of teams selected from the different divisions of the street car employes.

The league will open April 19, playing Sunday morning games. Fifteen games will be played as the league now stands, which will take the team three times around the circuit.

"Uncle" Walt Nelson, president of the Gate City League of the Amateur association, will probably be elected president of the new loop.

The loop will be an independent affair. All of the teams will have uniform.

## NEW TWILIGHT LOOP PLANNED

THE managers of the proposed twilight Commercial baseball league met and arranged preliminary plans for the organization of the league last night in room 306 of the city hall.

The following five teams were represented: Omaha Building and Loan company, by L. R. Chesney; Sherman and McConnell Drug company by C. Q. Hoffman; Northwestern Bell Telephone company, by J. O. Young; Peters Trust company, by J. O. Young; and the Munny umpires by John Dennison. The U. P. Headquarters, although not represented, intend to enter the league.

## Wisconsin Crews Enter Poughkeepsie Regatta

MADISON, Wis., April 1.—Wisconsin's varsity eight freshmen crews will be sent to the Poughkeepsie regatta this summer, the university athletic council announced today. Formal sanction of the trip has been voted. The decision is subject to faculty approval.

## Owners and Trainers of Chilhowee Believe Horse Was Poisoned Before Running of Coffroth Handicap Sunday

TIJUANA, Mex., April 1.—The owners and trainers of Chilhowee, famous Kentucky thoroughbred, believe their horse was poisoned shortly before the running of the Coffroth handicap at the Tia Juana race track last Sunday afternoon. Ernie and Harry Hart welcomed the owners and Trainer Dick Watts and Jockey Fred Sharpe, attended to the preparing of the star for the big event.

Investigation which has been in progress at the track since the running of the race is declared today to indicate that the horse was doped. Veterinarians who have been attending Chilhowee state that all indications point to poison having been administered. Chilhowee was a top-heavy favorite in the betting, large sums of money having been wagered at the track, and also with eastern bookmakers. It is stated.

The Kentucky horse ran one of the most miserable races of his career and was at no time a contender of the rich purse. After the running of the race it was with great difficulty that he was returned to his stall and upon arrival at the barn he fell in a heap with a fever of 104 degrees, according to the Hart brothers. Chilhowee was said to be an extremely sick horse today and in a state of utter exhaustion. Detectives have been employed to guard the horse and are carrying on an investigation. Hart brothers stated, Jockey club officials are said to be lending cooperation in an effort to uncover the conspiracy.

## Hern Named Happy Hollow Professional

Al Hern, for the last six years golf professional at the Hastings Country club, Hastings, Neb., has been engaged to succeed Willie Weatherston as "pro" at the new Happy Hollow club, Judge Crawford, member of the board of directors of the club, announced this morning.

Hern formerly was assistant to Charlie Johnston when the latter was professional at the Happy Hollow club. Johnston now is professional at the Omaha Country club.

The new Happy Hollow professional was born in Scotland 44 years ago. He learned the great game in his native country and is considered one of the best teachers of the ancient game in this section of the country. Hern will take up his new duties April 14.

## AMERICAN LOOP ADOPTS SCHEDULE

THE managers of the American Amateur Baseball league held their final meeting before the opening of the city hall. A schedule was drawn up and the Goldsmith baseball was selected as the official ball ball.

Play in this loop will start on April 26, just one week after the opening of the other Sunday leagues. The managers of this loop went on record as being in favor of some penalty for players who sign more than one contract. President Krill of the league was instructed to bring this question before the board of directors of the Munny association at their next meeting.

## MUNY UMPIRES ATTEND MEETING

Approximately 25 aspirants for the job of dodging pop bottles in amateur ball games attended Johnny Dennison's school of umpiring which held session last night in room 402 of the city hall.

Technicalities of the rules and other fine points of the national pastime were explained to the umpires by Dennison. Another session of the school will be held at the city hall Friday evening at 7.

## MAYER RE-ELECTED LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Al Mayer, president of the Greater Omaha alley league last season, was unanimously re-elected president of the organization Tuesday night at the annual meeting of the league at the Blackstone hotel.

Ralph Sciple was chosen vice president and Harry Eldson secretary and treasurer.

A movement was started and a committee composed of Art Erman, Ralph Sciple and James Willis was appointed to "feel out" the alley owners in regard to the resumption of a "traveling" league.

## WOODMEN TO PLAY PRACTICE GAME WITH POLISH A. C.

The Woodmen of the World ball team of the Metropolitan league and the Polish Athletic club of the Southern loop will play a practice game Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at Pon-tentia park.

## By Tad

## Jimmy DeForest Believes Firpo Great Fighter

### Argentinian Returning From Tour of Europe Ready to Place Himself in Charge of His Former Trainer.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Placed in the hands of a competent trainer, Luis Angel Firpo, Argentine human being, could and would take his place once more among the leading contenders for the heavyweight title, is the opinion expressed by Jimmy DeForest today as he carefully marked the dotted line for Tom Gibbons and Gene Tunney. He didn't say, in so many words, that Firpo could beat either or both under these conditions. One could simply draw one's conclusions.

"Firpo has the strength and the punch," DeForest said. "He has the heart and he can take it. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind, that if he will make up his mind to take training seriously, he will be back where he was before, challenging for the title."

James himself doesn't crave the position. He trained Dempsey for the Willard shot at Toledo and the best he got out of that was the air, beneficial but inexpensive. Next, he teamed up with Firpo at a time when the latter thought a right-cross was something you used for a headstone.

Within a year, DeForest had molded a handful of red clay into white statuary and Firpo, on the threshold of his big moment, decided that he had come to a point where advice was not only irksome but unnecessary. At a single gesture Firpo was without a trainer, and Jimmy DeForest was without a job.

Firpo then went on alone to stop Willard, but was lucky to get away with it. He was a sensation against Dempsey because the champion lost his head and fought like a stevedore. Firpo, poorly trained and without proper attention in his corner, was within a punch of the title. He never landed it because the only level head in his corner was DeForest.

DeForest, quiet and efficient, might have made Firpo champion that night. And he thinks it can be done again.

"But not by me," he disclaimed hastily. "I'm a matchmaker now, and about to get something out of boxing for the first time. Yet I want to make this clear, Firpo right now is a great prospect for any man who can take hold of him and make him do the right thing. He is young, only 28, and so strong that I don't believe he has hurt himself by his manner of living."

"He is coming back from abroad soon, and from what I have been given to understand, is ready to place himself in charge of some competent trainer. If he does, watch out for Firpo. He will be back on the sport pages again."

## NEWCOMERS TO WESTERN LEAGUE

WILFRED EDGAR KNOTHE, Infielder, Des Moines, Iowa, born, Pasalle, N. J., May 1, 1904. Height, 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches. Weight, 150 pounds.

Right-handed. Throws right-handed. Club in 1924—Inherby Silk Sox team, independent champions of New Jersey. Club in Previous Years—Peerless Silk Sox of Paterson, N. J.

High School Record—Four years at Pasalle High, participating in four sports—baseball, basketball, track and football. Note: Knothe was a member of the world-famous Pasalle High basketball team from 1919 to 1923. In selecting an All-Time team of the New York Intercollegiate Athletic association, named Knothe as the best left guard seen.

1924 baseball record unavailable; no statistics compiled.

## Greeley Teachers Lose in Tourney

Chicago, April 1.—Fighting hard for mastery of a game that was decided entirely in the second half, Torrington (Conn.) High school today won the first game of the second day's play in the national basketball tournament from Salem, Ore., 27 to 25.

Torrington's left forward, Szosko, was the star, shooting eight baskets and taking three free throws. The first half dragged. Players on neither side warmed up until the second half, when the lead changed hands frequently, and the decision was delayed until the last two minutes of play.

Uniontown, Pa., won the 19th game in the tournament from the Omaha alveys in the second round of the Omaha alveys league next Saturday night and Sunday morning. A large entry list is expected.

The Omaha Recreation parlor alleys will hold a head pin tournament for women Sunday afternoon and evening. Money raised from the tourney will go into a fund that will be used to send a team of Omaha women bowlers to the national tournament at Cleveland. Many merchandise prizes will be awarded the winners at Sunday tournament.

## NATIONAL CAGE TOURNEY SCORES

Wichita, Kan., 29; Southwestern High, Detroit, 24.  
Kansas, S. D., 29; Fairfax, Okla., 29.  
Huntington, W. Va., 23; Fort Smith, Ark., 22.  
Wheeler, Miss., 25; Albuquerque, N. M., 7.

Omaha, Ia., 35; Tonopah, Neb., 15.  
Torrington, Conn., 27; Salem, Ore., 25.  
Chicago, Ill., 13; Greeley, (Colo.) Teachers' (college night), 11.  
Westport High, Kansas City, 50; Springfield, O., 40.  
Lakewood High, Chicago, 22; Montevideo, 20.

## NEWARK BOWLER HIGH IN A. B. C.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 1.—Edward Fiehl, a member of the National Turners team of Newark, N. J., today was in first place in all events of the A. B. C. tournament. Fiehl shot 1,906 for nine games last night.

Closely rivaling Fiehl for honors came a pair from Erie, Pa., Tish and Urban, shooting 1,259 in their doubles, to take fourth place in that classification.

Leaderships in other divisions were undisturbed.

## Abe Mitchell Sets Record for British Golf

### Roe Hampton, England, April 1.—Fresh from his American tour, Abe Mitchell today set a record for British competitive golf, playing 36 holes on the Roe Hampton club course in 134 strokes. He scored 62 this morning and repeated it this afternoon, an unprecedented performance in this country.

Mitchell now heads those qualifying for the Roe Hampton club's annual invitation tournament for professionals for a prize of £200. Mitchell's partner, George Duncan, this morning scored 69, while Arthur Havers set a course record with 66.

## ATHLETIC BOARD SEEKS ELECTION

Lincoln, April 1.—The athletic board of control of the University of Nebraska has filed application with the board of trustees for the election of captains at the Husker institution. This action has been awaited since last fall when it was charged that fraternity politics entered an election of football captain.

At that time Elbert Bloodgood, Husker quarterback, was elected, and at a meeting of the board an investigation revealed that fraternity politics had too much influence, it is claimed.

Election of a basketball captain this year has been postponed until the board has taken steps in the manner of election.

The plan which the board will follow is announced as follows:

1. The election of varsity team captains shall be by vote of the men lettering in the given sport, voting, however, to be under the jurisdiction of a standing committee of three members of the athletic board of control.

2. The standing committee to be known as the election committee and said committee shall be appointed by the athletic board at the time it makes the appointment of all other standing committees.

3. The election committee shall have entire jurisdiction over the election of all team captains and shall enforce the orders of the athletic board in regard to the election of captains.

4. In any controversy that is not governed by a rule of the athletic board the election committee shall have the power to make the decision and settle the controversy.

## YOUNG BLUEJAY ATHLETES DRILL

Coach Drennan had his baseball and track aspirants out on the field again Tuesday night in long workouts for both squads.

Drennan announced that he has not completed arrangements with South High for a dual meet, but expects to set a date soon.

The annual banquet for the basketball team will be held some time in May.

## STRANGLER LEWIS BEATS DEMETRAL

Cleveland, O., April 1.—Using a headlock that incapacitated his opponent, "Bill" Demetral, Ed (Strangler) Lewis last night won the feature match of a wrestling card here. The time was 44 minutes, 15 seconds. Demetral was reported today to have suffered a severe injury to his neck.

If we'd chew less food more we'd need more pills less.

## Husker Track Team to Meet Grinnell Soon

### Dual Outdoor Games Between Both Missouri Valley Schools Scheduled for Lincoln, May 2.

INCOLN, April 1.—The Husker track team will meet the Grinnell team in a track and field meet here May 2, it was announced by the athletic department of the University of Nebraska today when a message was received from the Iowa college accepting the invitation.

Nebraska has been trying for some time to get a meet with the Pioneers, but could not come to terms with them until today, when the Grinnell athletic department wired that they would come.

The meet should be an interesting one. The Pioneers have several good track men. F. M. Taylor of Grinnell won the 120-yard high and the 228-yard low hurdles in the Missouri valley outdoor meet here last year. Ed Weir, star Husker hurdler, beat him at the indoor meet at Kansas City in the 50-yard hurdles. The race between Weir and Taylor should be a real event. Green of Grinnell is another hurdler of note.

Brientenbach of Grinnell is a mile runner of ability and should make a match for the Husker miles. The Pioneers also have good long distance men and pretty fair half milers. Grinnell is weak in the field events and so are the Huskers. It is probable that Nebraska would have the best of it in the pole vault, but would have a hard contest in the shotput, as Meeter of Grinnell beat Kriemel-meyer, the Husker shotputter, at the Kansas City meet.

## Munn Throws "Toots" Mondt

Chicago, April 1.—Those who have been wont to scoff when the name of Wayne Munn and the title heavyweight wrestling championship were mentioned in the same sentence, were a little less confident today as a result of Munn's decisive defeat of Joe (Toots) Mondt in straight falls here last night. Munn secured both decisions with his favorite hold, the underneath crotch and half-Nelson from a standing position. The first fall came in 35:35, and the second in 17:26, and not once during the match did the challenger threaten seriously.

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