

DEMPSEY MUST WATCH STEP TO BECOME LEADER

California Pug Has Great Chance if He Plays Game on Level and Avoids Set-Up Opponents.

BY RINGSIDER.

Chicago, March 31.—Jack Dempsey, the sensational western heavyweight, is cutting a wide swath through the big boys these days, but he must watch his step or his popularity and reputation may suffer.

Dempsey got his big start in the middleweight by some real fighting. His one-minute knockout of Jim Flynn was no fluke, although Flynn was hardly a fit adversary to the youth from Utah.

It is the fights that followed that Brennan bout that have caused some comment. A week or so ago Dempsey went to Memphis, Tenn., and there fought a man who entered the ring under the name of Jack Smith.

Fans Get Trimmed. It has since developed that Smith was in reality one "Bull" Saly, a Milwaukee truck driver, who sometimes amuses himself by acting as a sparring partner for prizefighters.

When Smith's real identity was made known, Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, declared they had no part in the deal, but went to Memphis with bona fide intentions.

McCarthy, the boxing commission also declared, had tarnished his reputation a week or so before by lying down in a scrap in some Ohio town.

It probably is a good thing for Dempsey that the McCarthy bout was called off, for it is certain the fight would have been unsatisfactory.

Bout Called Off. While Dempsey was in Memphis he received notice that his bout with Jack McCarthy, scheduled for Milwaukee a few days later, had been called off because the Wisconsin State Boxing commission had decided Jack McCarthy was not a fit opponent for the Utah lad.

The bantamweights, not excepting Champion Pete Herman, have a decidedly formidable foe in their midst. The foe in question is one Earl Puryear, who makes Denver his home, but just now is fighting in the middle west.

Puryear has been doing considerable fighting and already has a good record. He got a newspaper decision not long ago over Champion Herman in Tulsa, Okla. but of course the title was not at stake.

While on the question of bantamweights another lad who is making a name for himself on his home lot, bobs up. This one is Mike "Peanuts" Dundee of Rock Island, Ill., who stays in his own balliwicket pretty much, but gives every scrapper he meets in Rock Island a real battle.

Dundee is only 18 years old, but he has given several topnotchers real fights. He recently had an even thing in a bout with Pat Moore, the clever Memphis lad, and Moore says he is one of the best youngsters he has ever run across.

"Mike" is the only part of Dundee's name that is genuine. His real name is Michael Posateri, and he is a Sicilian, being born in Termini, on the Island of Sicily. He is a cousin of Tommy Baronne, an eastern fighter of considerable class.

Braves Can Miller. Ed Miller, first baseman, has been turned back to the New Orleans Pelicans by the Boston Braves, which might indicate Manager Stallings does not take Ed Koney's holdout very seriously.

Winners in Farnam Handicap Pin Event

Table with 2 columns: Teams and Points. Lists winners like Bankers Realty Co., M. E. Smith Co., etc.

Table with 2 columns: Doubles and Singles. Lists winners like Radford-Hansen, Dych-Franzel, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Handicap All Events and Scratch All Events. Lists winners like H. Hanson, Ken Seip, etc.

Table with 2 columns: High Single Game and High Three Games. Lists winners like Ken Seip, etc.

HOLD ATHLETIC SMOKER TO HELP BOYS AT FUNSTON

An athletic carnival and smoker will be held at Ernie Holmes' gymnasium next Friday night for the benefit of the Nebraska boys at Camp Funston.

Arrangements for the event are in charge of Abe Kaiman, secretary of the Greater Omaha League, and Ernie Holmes, Rudy Warner, Tom Ray, Carl Oliver and Young Gotch, four Omaha wrestlers, already have donated their services.

The proceeds of the smoker will go to buy base ball equipment and material for the Nebraska boys at Camp Funston. Tickets will sell for 50 cents and as Holmes has donated the use of the gymnasium and those taking part their services, all of the money derived will go to the soldiers.

Chicago Athletes Win in Y. M. C. A. Hexathlon Event

Chicago, March 30.—First place in the Class "A" division of the fourth international hexathlon competition, held during the first two weeks in February, was won by Central Young Men's Christian association athletes of Chicago, it became known today.

All branches of the Young Men's Christian association in different parts of the world took part in the contests. The local team scored 4971 points in the six events. Individual honors in Class "A" were won by Walter Dutton of London, Ont.

Honors in Class "B," which was open to branches having a membership of 750 or more, went to Honolulu Young Men's Christian association with a total score of 3,909.

Fresno, Cal., Young Men's Christian association took first place in Class "C" with a score of 2,734.

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MOLLA SNARES INDOOR TENNIS HONORS AGAIN

Defeats Eleanor Goss in Final Round; Miss Goss and Mrs. S. F. Weaver Win Doubles.

New York, March 30.—Miss Molla Bjurstedt won the woman's national indoor tennis championship here today, defeating Miss Eleanor Goss, two sets out of three, by scores of 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Miss Bjurstedt won the cup in 1915 and 1916, but did not defend her honors last year. Miss Goss also was runner-up in the play last season.

CAMP FUNSTON NINE USHERS IN SEASON TODAY

Camp Funston, Kan., March 30.—With a crowd of several thousand national army men as spectators the base ball season at Camp Funston will be ushered in tomorrow afternoon when the division nine clashes with the St. Louis Cardinals on the division athletic field. The division nine is made up of picked base ball stars of the cantonment and is expected to show the St. Louis team a fast game.

Seven games have been booked for April, it is announced. The first will be with the Chicago White Sox, at Camp Funston April 12. The Topeka Western league nine will be met on the Topeka diamond April 13 and 14. Two games with the same club will be played on the Funston field April 18 and 19.

Johanne Kling is coaching the division nine. Practice is held at 3:30 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Twenty-six men, including many bog leggers have been ordered to report for workouts.

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EVEN ITALY SEES GOOD IN OLD GAME

Flood of Dago Rookies May Invade Big Leagues as Result of the Great World War.

Only two or three months ago the Italian government refused to permit a shipment of base ball equipment on the ground that it was a nonessential commodity to be classed as even frivolous. Now we read in news from Rome that the Italians have become so converted to value of athletics in their army that they have named an American, George W. Broden, former director of athletics at Camp Meade, to institute organized sports back of their front lines.

Italy hasn't been a nation famous for sports—perhaps that's one reason it never won a war—but before Mr. Broden gets through with his job he may be sending a flood of Dago recruits up to the big leagues.

Base ball has been practically unknown in Italy, though it has been played in Rome at a college for American boys. For a time they played their games in a public park and natives looked on in wonder as the boys caught the hard ball with their bare hands. It finally was stopped by officials, who considered it dangerous.

It may be remembered that in the winter of 1914 the White Sox and Giants were refused a permit to play a game in Rome for the same reason. Upon applying for the permit, the officials examined the ball and asked many questions concerning the nature of the game, then decided it was too rough and too dangerous to be allowed. It rained all the three days the American world's tourists were there, but they could not have played had the weather been perfect.

Since that time the young men of Italy have been up against a much tougher experience than playing base ball. The task of teaching them the American game may be more fully carried on by Instructor Braden now. Undoubtedly, if taken up with the proper spirit, the game will do a world of good to the Italian soldiers, and once they get interested in it, base ball is likely to become a lasting pastime in the nation.

The climate of Italy is especially suitable for base ball, being warm the year around much as it is in California. It will stir up the fighting spirit among the men of the Italian army and that spirit should live when the war is over. It might not be surprising if a few years from now the pennant winners in the major leagues of the United States would visit Italy for a series of contests against Italy's best. It might even be that in time America's big league teams will do their spring training at Rome or Naples or Milan. It isn't much further than to California, and besides the team probably could get back home in a couple of days by means of a 1928 aeroplane.

Miske Wants Place.

Billy Miske wants to be listed among the candidates for championship honors. The St. Paul batter believes he should be given a place in the line with Fulton and Dempsey.

THIS MAN SAYS HE HAS LAID HIS CRUTCHES ASIDE

Rheumatism and Kidney Affection of Eight Years' Standing Entirely Relieved.

"Yes, sir; it was a fact, this time last month I was one of the sickest men you ever saw," said Frank Jinks, who lives on the Martin Mill pike, South Knoxville, Tenn., "and today I feel as well and strong as I ever felt in my life."

"I have been suffering from kidney troubles for the past eight years, and the pains in my back at times would almost kill me. When I had these spells I would have to quit work. I have lost as high as three weeks at a time, and also suffered a great deal with rheumatism. About six weeks ago I had it so bad I could not walk without crutches. My feet were so swollen I couldn't even pull on my shoes. My suffering was terrible, and once or twice it got so bad I cried."

"The doctor seemed unable to give me any relief and his medicine seemed to tear my stomach all to pieces. You do not have to take my word for what I am telling you—there are 20 people who knew of my condition who will tell you the same thing. My case has been the talk of the neighborhood, and everybody is praising the medicine."

"Tanlac has done me so much good I hardly know how to praise it. Only two weeks after I began taking it I was able to lay my crutches aside and I can now walk as good as anybody. Only a few days ago I walked from the race track to the South Knoxville Macadam company, a distance of about four miles. I am now back at work again and can go about as good as anybody. It has not only cured my back and rheumatism, but I feel absolutely well in every way. I simply can't get enough to eat and everything seems to agree with me. My strength has returned also, and I weigh gained ten pounds in weight. When I go to bed at night I sleep like a child—something I haven't done for months."

"If anyone doubts what you tell them about my case, just tell them to call new phone 1923-B and I will be more than glad to tell them about the wonderful benefit I have received from it. Tanlac is worth its weight in gold and I will always feel grateful for what it has done for me."

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ONE INFIELDER IS ALL ROURKE CLUB LACKS NOW

Three Catchers, Five Pitchers, Three Infielders and Three Outfielders Signed to Contracts.

One more infielder is all that Bill Jackson, manager of the Rourkes, needs to have a ball team ready to take the field.

Jackson has three catchers, five pitchers, three infielders and three outfielders signed to contracts. Jackson, of course, is still working on deals for other players and there are still others who belong to the Rourkes, but who have not yet signed contracts. The players who have signed are:

Pratt, Fedor and Lingle, catchers. O'Toole, Merz, Kopp, Luschen and Corey, pitchers. Bashung, Holderman and Hanford, outfielders.

All of these men except O'Toole, Merz and Luschen (pitchers, are strangers to Omaha. Pratt, an ex-Fed, will be the first string catcher. Fedor is a youngster loaned to Pa Rourke by the St. Louis Browns. Lingle is another youngster from the Three-I league.

Of the new hurlers Kopp and Corey are youngsters from the Central league. Corey is a southpaw. Tony Defate, shortstop, comes from St. Paul. He formerly was with Topeka and later the Browns and Detroit. Jackson will play first himself. Steil, who comes from Columbus of the American association, will batte for second base.

Bashung comes from Peoria with Jackson. Hanford is an ex-Fed and last year played with Richmond of the International league. Holderman was purchased by Rourke from Fort Wayne a year ago, but refused to re-join. He is a first baseman by trade, but he is also a good outfielder and will be used in that capacity.

Uncle Sam Helps Pirate Leader Trim Down Squad

Pitcher Milligan and Evans, who made the trip to the Pirates' training camp with the first squad, did not linger long, both being called to Uncle Sam's colors. Uncle Sam is going to relieve many a manager of the problem of cutting down his training squad this spring.

Chinaman and Indian Are Among Pat Moran's Players

With the Chinaman Lai Tin and the Indian Tincup both on his team, Manager Pat Moran of the Phillies lays some claim to having an all-nations squad himself, when he counts in the varieties of Irish and Germans who are helping out.

Shultz Should Worry.

Wallace (Toots) Shultz, Providence pitcher, doesn't care whether the International starts or whether Providence goes into the Eastern league, for he has joined the navy and has reported for duty at Newport, R. I.

FAREWELL SHOOT TO BE STAGED AT GUN CLUB TODAY

Trap Shooters to Say Good-Bye to Shooting Grounds Which Have Served for 30 Years.

Trap shooters of the Omaha Gun club today will say goodbye to their old shooting grounds just across the Missouri river.

For 30 years, the Omaha Gun club has maintained its shooting grounds in the river flat just on the other side of the Douglas street bridge. Many shooters have come and gone, but the shooting grounds have remained the same. Once the firing line was changed and a new club house erected but the grounds were the same old grounds. Big tournaments, team matches, individual contests, every manner and style of trap shooting event was held on those old grounds. Crack marksmen from every state in the union have pointed at the blue ricks there.

But today these old grounds pass out of existence as a shooting location. A farewell shoot will be held this afternoon and next Sunday, the Omaha Gun club moves to a new location just west of Fairacres on the Dodge street road.

The feature event of the farewell shoot this afternoon will be a team match between two picked teams. B. W. Barnes and J. B. Vermeiren are captains and the teams will lineup as follows:

J. B. Vermeiren, B. W. Barnes, Henry McDonald, Ray Kingsley, J. T. Hollingsworth, John Regan, Frank Ellison, C. Christensen, H. A. Colvin, W. J. McCarty, A. H. Frye, George Redick, Lew Adams, Baum.

The teams will compete in a 50-bird match. The yhave been so selected as to make the evenest possible match and it is believed the difference in the score will be but a few points. The shoot starts at 3 p. m.

Pesek Wins From Taylor in Mat Match at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—John Pesek of Shelton won from Jack Taylor here tonight.

Pesek won the first fall in 21 minutes with a body scissors and arm lock. Pesek, however, failed to get a second fall during the agreed time, two hours and 20 minutes, so the match was stopped at this time and Pesek awarded the victory.

During the first fall Pesek injured his ankle, which he broke last fall, and this made his wrestling doubly difficult.

Kid Catcher Makes Hit With Muggys at Marlin

Young George O'Neill, the kid catcher picked up by John McGraw in St. Louis, seems to have made a great hit at Marlin and though he may not be retained this season, because the Giants have three or four other catchers, McGraw is sure to keep a string on him.

SUNDAY BASE BALL BOON TO MAGNATES

Ban on East Causes Hardship Now Owing to War Conditions; Old Days No More.

Optimists in the professional base ball world, who have seen no reason for a squally outlook in 1918, received something akin to a black eye when the New York state legislature at Albany doused all hopes for a bill that would legalize Sunday games in that commonwealth, which includes Manhattan island, in spite of the bluff of its denizens that the real empire state begins at the Battery and ends at the Harlem river.

Under normal conditions Sunday base ball, particularly in the east, was of doubtful benefit. It was so doubtful that when the Pennsylvania legislature talked about legalizing it Barney Dreyfus, owner of the Pittsburgh club, opposed the idea flat-footed, on the ground it would hurt his attendance, instead of improving it.

His argument was that the patrons who could and who had for two generations found ways and means of knocking off work long enough to go to week day games, would pass up such subterfuges as grandmothers' funerals, etc., once Sunday games were inaugurated, and plan to attend only those on the Sabbath day. Instead of going to two week day games, therefore, they would attend only one Sunday exhibition out of the seven days, according to Barney's theory, so his friends dropped the agitation, with the approval of the Philadelphia club owners.

Committees Appointed for Seymour Lake Country Club

Directors of the Seymour Lake Country club appointed the following committees to serve during the summer season, at a business meeting held Friday night:

GOLF: John Upton, FINANCE: Albert Cahn, John Behne, George MacDonald, H. G. Windelm, C. A. Mangum, George E. Mickel, O. H. Radzuweit, L. M. Lord, J. J. Fitzgerald, MISCELLANEOUS: R. M. Lavery, SPORTS: R. H. Dennis, S. L. Degen, W. R. Overmire, W. Boyd Smith, J. Dean Ringler, H. C. Marling, Julius Loom, Carl Swanson, J. W. Woodrough, James Allen, Dr. H. A. Wahl, MEMBERSHIP: W. R. Overmire, Tinley L. Combs, W. H. Dennis, Captain James Hutcherson, John Bekins, R. F. Sunderland, J. E. Bednar, E. E. Litz, J. H. Kopietz, E. A. Ross, R. Reynolds, W. B. Cheek, Mrs. D. A. Johnson, Allen Dudley, GROUNDKEEPERS: John Upton, J. H. Adams, D. A. Johnson, H. M. Christie, A. E. Swanson, C. I. Vollmer.

Shocker is Called.

Urban Shocker, a pitcher with the St. Louis Americans, is awaiting call into the military service. He has been placed in class A-1. Shocker, whose home is in Detroit, has four brothers serving with the colors.

Advertisement for Henderson and Excelsior motorcycles. Features images of two motorcycles and text describing their features: Silent, Vibrationless, Powerful, Dependable. The Perfected Four-Cylinder Motorcycle. The Henderson meets the demand for a silent, vibrationless, perfectly balanced motorcycle. It is the choice of the discriminating rider who wants only the best. The Henderson is to motorcycles what the Packard and Pierce-Arrow are to automobiles. Always makes good. King of the hills. Exclusive patented features, combined with built-in quality and correct design, place the new Military Model Excelsior a year in the lead of any other twin-cylinder motorcycle. The Excelsior Lightweight Motorcycle is the ideal motorcycle for business men, professional men and factory workmen who want an economical means of transportation. The lowest priced, best built lightweight on the market. Its maintenance cost is less than carfare and shoe leather. Visit Our New Display Room and Let Us Show You These New Models. Bicycles. We Have the Finest and Most Complete Stock of Bicycles in the City. Motorcycles and Bicycles Sold on Easy Payment Plan. Nebraska Motorcycle & Bicycle Co. Distributors for Excelsior and Henderson Motorcycles. Phone Tyler 2987. 624 S. 16th, Omaha, Neb. Write Us for Our Agency Proposition.