

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

Dempsey Beats Down Fitz With Attack on Body

Clash of Great Heavyweights in Imaginary Battle Ends in Imaginary Battle Ends Round.

This is one of a series of stories describing mythical fights between heavyweights who never met. Many articles are published by the newspaper to compare stars of the past with those who have been famous in the ring, and these stories are meant to convey what might have happened had such contests been possible when the contestants were in their prime. The next story in this imaginary series, between Tom Ibbins and Kid McCoy, will appear next Sunday.

By RAY PEARSON.

Tijuana, Mexico, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Jack Dempsey is king of the heavyweights. He vanquished the wonderful Bob Fitzsimmons in a struggle which will go down in ring history as the greatest ever fought between two men.

Dempsey won because he is a two-handed slugger; because he outslugged Ruby Bob and battered him to the canvas in that fourth round. But as the referee stood counting over the fallen Fitz, his conqueror stood reading and holding the ropes with one hand. Fitz was done, but Dempsey, the man who had survived this contest of gameness and punishment, little resembled a champion.

Never before in any ring have two men been battered as were both Dempsey and Fitzsimmons in the rounds. They did not box, they fought from the first clang of the gong, and they stood toe to toe in the center of the ring, punching for all that was in them when nature took a hand. One or the other had to fall, and that one was Fitz.

One may picture Dempsey the conqueror as he was led from the ring, a towel covering a face which was pleasant to see. It was a face that had been punched until the two eyes were nearly closed. Both lips were bruised raw and one had been split by a terrific left hand shot. The nose was puffed and swollen. Those were the marks which showed the unerring aim of the clever Fitz. They were marks that gave certain evidence that Ruby Bob had outscored the Utah Mauler.

Worn Down by Body Blows. Then came Fitz crawling wearily through the ropes and wending his way to the dressing room. Fitz, the loser, had one eye closed and a nose which showed that it often had been visited by Dempsey fists. But there was a reason why Fitz did not carry the battered face that Dempsey bore out of the ring.

Dempsey for the greater part of the battle slipped his powerful left and right hand punches to Fitz's body, and these swats left their impression in red bruises. It was this body punching that hurt Fitz, that slowly sapped his strength and drew his attention away from the fight. Fitz was not powerful enough to stand up to the punches that hurt Fitz, that slowly sapped his strength and drew his attention away from the fight.

Starts Swaying Attack to Midriff. The battle of punishment started when the gong called them to action in the second round. Dempsey came flying out of his corner, swaying from one side to the other, and before Fitz could set for the attack commit himself. He's a wise judge. Jack shot left and right to the body. These rib crunching wallops stung Fitz and he quickly fell into a clinch to stop the bombardment. Then just as quickly as the referee broke them, Dempsey returned to the attack and hit Fitz's body with damaging effect.

Cardinal Student Is New Discus Sensation. The latest sensation among discus throwers is Alma Richards, the former Brigham Young and Cornell university high jumper, and all-around star, and according to "Red" West from California, where the Utah giant is attending the University of Southern California law school, he is preparing to win the discus throw in the next Olympic games.

Frankie Murphy Beats Cowboy Padgett. Denver, Colo., Jan. 14.—Frankie Murphy of Denver won the telecasted "Cowboy" contest of Dolores, Colo., in a 12-round bout here last night. They are welterweights. Joe Gorman of Portland, Ore., defeated Jack Doyle, Denver, in a 10-round bout. They are featherweights.

The Men Behind the Men Who Shoot the Baskets



FRANK J. WINTERS (Illinois) G. M. ("Red") TRAUTMAN (Ohio State) DR. L. J. COOKE (Minnesota) NELSON NORGREN (Chicago) DR. DANA M. EVANS (Northwestern)

"BIG TEN" CONFERENCE BASKETBALL COACHES.

Here's One Problem Too Deep for Landis: College Men in B. B.

In a discussion about the draft and sandlotters and college players, Judge Landis was asked the other day, "Would you advise a college man to go into professional baseball?" "Hold on there—that's one question I will not answer," the judge exclaimed, with upraised hands. "I beg to be excused from telling any young man with left and right hands when he selects his profession or trade. That's a matter for him to decide entirely for himself."

It seems that many college players have written to Judge Landis for his opinion of professional baseball. Judge Landis, in a letter to a correspondent, says he declines to answer such questions.

Corner. But Fitz was ready and shot a solid left to Jack's nose. But Dempsey would not be denied and crowded in close, forcing Fitz against the ropes. There he battered him with left and right and right hooks to the body.

Then Comes the Finish. Those punches weakened Fitz and he clinched to save himself. Breaking from the clinch, Fitz shot a right to Dempsey's jaw. Jack was wobbly, but still fighting and crowded in once more as his manager, Jack Kearns, shouted: "Get inside and finish him."

Herman's Fists Bring Wealth to Him. If Pete Herman succeeds in wrestling the belt from Johnny Buff, he will have established a record, as it will be the third time he has held the honors.

Yale Plans Varsity Teams of Graduates. Yale university will make an attempt this spring to form a graduate students athletic team and to arrange meets with similar teams from other colleges. Charles Taft started the movement last spring and a graduate crew and baseball nine were formed, but changes to other universities were declined.

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Johnny Kilbane Plans to Leave This Country in Search of Good Featherweight Material Across Seas

JOHNNY KILBANE, featherweight champion of the world, March 1 to look over the featherweight material across the seas with the idea of finding a worthy opponent. Johnny will be the first world champion, with the exception of Tommy Burns, to make such a tour. When he sails he will have been champion in his class for 10 years. John L. Sullivan, who was champion from February 7, 1882, until September 7, 1892, is the only other American champion to hold a title as long.

O'Day's Retirement Is Big Loss to Nationals

By International News Service. New York, Jan. 14.—Hank O'Day, the veteran umpire, is reported to be about to tender his resignation to President Heydler of the National League. If O'Day does retire the game of baseball will lose one of its most famous characters—an umpire who has stood the knocks of baseball fans and critics for a quarter of a century with sturdy and honest indifference, knowing full well that he was always doing his best in one of the toughest jobs that any man was ever called on to fill. An umpire's work is never appreciated and probably never will be.

Knows Rules Thoroughly. No man knows the rules of the game any better than O'Day. Players as a general thing are not versed in the rules. The majority of players, in fact, never make a close study of the rules.

Richardson Ranked High as Player. New York, Jan. 14.—Vincent Richardson, the youthful tennis marvel, of Yonkers, N. Y., has at last received his just due at the hands of the ranking committee of the United States Tennis association. In the lists, issued by this committee for 1921, Richardson is rated third, and only outranked by William T. Tilden, II, and William McJohnston, in singles play.

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Challenges McGill



Dodge, Neb., wrestling fans believe they have another champion in the making in the person of Stanley Bursch, 175-pounder.

Now, Stanley isn't a top-notch at the present, but Joe Stecher, former world's champion and resident of Dodge, believes Bursch has the makings of a champion, and therefore is ready to pit his protégé against "Pat" McGill, or any other 175-pound grappler.

Yankees Angling for Lee Meadows

New York, Jan. 14.—The determination of the Giants to clinch the National league pennant in advance of the winter break, has led to the efforts of McGraw to get Lee Meadows from the Phillies. Whether it be a trade or purchase, the price won't be a figure.

Beat Sheppard's Record. Other individuals who shared in the record breaking of the last year are Larry Brown of the University of Pennsylvania, August Desch of Newark and Notre Dame, and Willie Platt of the Morningstar A. C. of New York.

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Paddock Breaks Six Records on Track in 1921

New York, Jan. 14.—The performance of Charles W. Paddock of the University of California in shattering all existing sprint marks, head the list for 1921. Eleven new records have been the result of Paddock's work. Six of them went at standard distance and five over distances not recognized as standard by the record committee of the A. A. U.

Sheppard Bettered Record. Only one past assault on records can be compared with the Californian's, that was the campaign of Mel Sheppard in the middle nine marks from the 500 yards to the two-thirds of a mile. Several of Sheppard's marks have been beaten, but at that time they were considered as remarkable as are Paddock's.

Record Still Stands. In relay running three marks were by the boards, one mile, quarter mile and half mile. The one-mile mark at 3:16.2-5 stands out since it was made by four men, Larry Brown, Earl Eby Dewey Rogers and Bob Maxam, all members of Penn's track team. While the record will not be credited to Penn on the books, because the men represented the American Legion in that particular meet, it is a great performance in that four men in one college made this time.

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Brother of Leonard Will Strive to Keep Ring Title in Family

"We are going to try to keep the lightweight title in the family," said Lightweight Champion Benny Leonard. "It's not generally known that I have a kid brother, Billie, who will be ready to start within a year. I'll turn him loose when he has the age and strength. He weighs 125 pounds, but he is going to be a great fighter. He'll be ready to fight for the lightweight title when I am ready to graduate to the welter division."

Grid Rules May Stand Unchanged

Intercollegiate Rules Committee Not Expected to Make Drastic Reforms.

New York, Jan. 14.—The decision of the American Intercollegiate football rules committee, not to make any drastic changes in the present code at its meeting in March, may be a surprise in some quarters where it was expected that some action would be taken toward eliminating, or at least curbing, many of the forward passing features, and in others it will be received with an "I told you so" attitude.

The general public will likely say that the decision was a wise one. The public has just arrived at the point where it is becoming fairly familiar with the game, and because of the open game and its possibilities of following the plays when this style is used is becoming more interested every day. It is because of the increased attendance at games in 1920 and again in 1921. To make any sweeping changes or to make rulings that would complicate matters for the student of the game, who pays the freight of the college gridiron sport, would be a step against public favor.

Football rules have suffered a good deal because of the fact that many players did not fully understand them, nor did the players have knowledge of the football code, which is a crying evil. It is because of the game is played, its spirit of good sportsmanship.

New Champ Got Start in Boxing Game Overseas

New York, Jan. 14.—Gene Tunney, the Greenwich village boy, is today American light-heavyweight boxing champion by virtue of his victory last night over the veteran Battling Levinsky.

Gene went on to become champion at his weight of all the globe swinging artists in the American forces in France.

Packers Lose to Central High Cagers

In one of the most sensational basketball games ever played on a South Side high school court, Coach Hill's Central packers emerged from the annual contest with the Packers on the long end of a 20 to 7 score.

The game was featured by good teamwork, passing and hard playing. Not one dull moment entered into the contest, and up to the last four minutes of play the score stood 16 to 15 in favor of the Purple and White Hoopsters.

Brennan After Bout With Jack Dempsey

New York, Jan. 7.—Interest in the heavyweight division of the pugilists is beginning to boom again for no apparent reason, as there is no good match in sight at the present time. Both Bob Martin and Bill Brennan have announced themselves as candidates for a match with Jack Dempsey and that is about all.

Commerce Captures Tilt With Geneva

Geneva, Neb., Jan. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—If Friday the 13th is hoodoo day, it didn't seem to interfere with the Omaha Commerce basketball players here last night in a game which they won from the Geneva tilters, 24 to 10.

Baseball Needs Weapons Against 'Tinhorn Moguls'

Magnates, No Players, Who Are Queering National Pastime—Should Be Ejected.

Until organized baseball arms itself with the weapons necessary to punish or eliminate a player not to exceed \$5,000 for any club owners as expeditiously and effectively as it can curb or expel ball players, the nation's pastime will not recover the full confidence of the public which it enjoyed a few years ago.

For a number of years the "detrimental" to baseball has been the "magnates," as they are called temporarily or permanently ineligible to take part in any game under the new agreement. For the same offense a club owner may be publicly reprimanded or fined a sum not to exceed \$5,000 for any offense, or in extreme cases may be deprived of representation in joint meetings of the two major leagues.

Make Landis an Asset. The foregoing powers were conferred a year ago on Kenesaw M. Landis, who was chosen high commissioner of professional baseball with a great flourish of trumpets and rears of brass bands by the magnates. The latter realized their game was a pretty sick patient and they imagined that the instant the public was informed that Judge Landis had been chosen as doctor extraordinary, the fans would believe everything must be all right because of the name.

Black Sox an Instance. Eight White Sox players were barred permanently from organized baseball because they had confessed they had taken money in payment for laying down in the world's series of 1919. This is in no way an attempt to defend those players, nor is it a criticism of their punishment, but it is a warning to the public that the Philadelphia National league club, for monetary consideration, helped the New York Giants win the league pennant and later the world's series. The White Sox, for personal gain, helped Cincinnati win the world's series in 1919. Philadelphia club was not fined or even subject to "public reprimand," except by members of the press. It could not be expelled under the agreement which authorized the expulsion of the erring White Sox.

Frazer Joins the Game. Harry Frazer, president of the Boston Red Sox, by his purchase of selling star players, including Babe Ruth, has wrecked what used to be one of the best and most loyal baseball clubs in the world, so far as the public's love for the game was concerned. He has been a great deal bigger than the sum the White Sox were paid in the world's series of 1919.

Lesson From Turf Sport. It may be injurious to baseball to be linked with a race track, but in the palmy days of racing the owner who did anything detrimental to the best interests of the sport could be barred from the game just as effectively as the crooked jockey. Organized baseball can learn a lesson from the race track.

These are only a few of the instances that show the folly of expecting Commissioner Landis to "clean up" professional baseball unless given power to treat the club owner as drastically as he can the player.

So long as some of the men now connected with the game can pull off the stuff they have been pulling for years, and get away with it, the thinking public will be suspicious of the honesty of its former favorite sport.

Yale After Annual Collee Track Meet

New York, Jan. 7.—Harvard and Denn will have competition in the future from other sources than Syracuse and Cornell for the privilege of staging the intercollegiate track meet. With the completion of the new Yale track this spring, Yale will put in a bid for this classic, with a good chance to have it every third year.

This track will meet every requirement for the intercollegiate games. This means that the track will have a 220-yard straightaway and will be wide enough for six hurdlers in a heat.