

Odds Against Teuton as Fight Nears

SCHMELING-LOUIS GO IS LIKELY TO BE SHORT AND SWEET

BOSTON, June 13—One week from tomorrow night, 60,000 or 70,000 men and women will pay anywhere up to \$50, and possibly more, a ticket for the privilege of going home as early as possible. On that night, they will flock to the Yankee Stadium with the hopes of having the shortest run for their money. In other words, they'll be there just to see how long Joe Louis will need to knock out Max Schmeling.

This is the only allure of the Louis-Schmeling fracas which is to serve as the builder-upper for the anticipated fight with Jim Braddock for the world heavyweight championship. Probably a few souls will be there hoping that Schmeling will provide the miracle and not only go the distance but even beat Louis. The rest will not have that sort of optimism. They will indulge themselves in the visual sadism of a knockout by Louis. And the sooner the knockout comes, the better satisfied the customers will be, for that is what they want.

To the thousands who have watched Louis fight in the East, much of his ring artistry is unknown. They do not care particularly that he is a good boxer, one who can slip a punch with an imperceptible twitch of the head, can see an opening and throw a punch without exposing himself to a dangerous counter. All they know is that

he has a left hook that can cut the inside of a man's mouth, a short right to the heart which leaves the opponent gasping in fishlike fashion, and a longer right to the head which leaves lumps every time it lands with a vicious spanking sound. And they want to see the opponent crumple before their eyes, or stagger around like a sightless drunk.

When men and women go to other events they hope for a round of entertainment which is not too long, but certainly not short. But for the Louis fights they arrive early—because of the crowd, for one thing—and they do not take their eyes off the ring for a split second when the rounds begin. Because the Louis fights are eye-wink affairs. Something may happen at any time. And so there is the undivided attention of the customers, who are willing to pay a high price to see something and not, as often happens at sports contests, to be seen.

Furthermore, they know that Louis will be just the kind to supply them with the shortest possible fight. The honey-colored Negro youth is concerned only with his fight. He is not the buffoon of the Max Baer type, who put on a circus with Primo Carnera so that the movies might get more to show. Nor is he the stolid, methodical plodder of the Braddock sort, who relies more on his skill and intelligence

Van Mungo Episode Put Casey on Spot

NEW YORK, June 13—The Van Mungo episode has put Casey Stengel on the spot. Two players have quit his ball club since the season opened. What is the front office thinking? Anyway, the rumor factory has it this was to have been the first division year—or else, for Casey.

One report says the Dodgers may change pilots before the end of the season. Judge McKeever, the 81-year-old president, leans to Burleigh Grimes, former Dodgers star, now managing Louisville. Joe Gilbeau, dean, vice-president, representing the Ebbets interests, holds out for Babe Ruth. Casey has a three-year contract, covering next season, but that wouldn't cut any ice if the Dodgers decided to make a change. Max Carey's contract still had some time to go. But they paid him off and took on Stengel.

Buddy Hassett, Brooklyn's young first base star, wants to wind up as a Tammany Hall politician. Omigosh! The New York State Athletic Commission's refusal to recognize little Petey Sarron as the featherweight champ gets nothing but the old razzberry from Virginia South. When Petey returned to his home town, Birmingham, after licking Freddie Miller, they loaded him down with diamond rings, gold watches and enough inscribed keys to unlock every city in the south.

than his power. Louis has a job and that job is to fight and to win by a knockout. The first time he fails to score a knockout, his earning power will drop. None knows better than Louis. Managers John Roxborough and Julian Black and Watchmaker Mike Jacobs.

And so does Schmeling. But, then, there is also the matter of \$150,000 as Maxie's share of the receipts. Schmeling knows that, too. And this is one case where knowledge is power—will power to go into the ring and take a beating.

Geology Professor—What kind of rock is this?  
Student—Oh! I just take it for granite.

The condition of Fred H. Phillips, who was operated upon at the hospital this week, was reported considerably improved today.

Sarazen On Way to Wars!

NEW YORK, June 13—Gene Sarazen left last night for England to compete in the British open golf championship June 23 to 26 at Hoylake. Sarazen won the British title in 1932 when he also captured the United States open crown. Meanwhile it became known that two other leading professionals, Johnny Revolta and Tommy Armour, had decided definitely not to compete at Hoylake, although they were listed among the American entries.

SPORT TOPICS

For two years the Detroit Tigers had been labelled the lucky team in that they had not been hit by injuries and illness. But if they were immune for two years, they have not been this year, losing two of their most valuable men, Manager Gordon "Mickey" Cochrane and First Baseman Hank Greenberg. Cochrane left yesterday for a Detroit hospital for observation.

The story in the past has been that the Tigers were pennant winners because of their spirit, as inspired by Cochrane. This year they have been stumbling along. Yet it would not be surprising if they should suddenly begin to "play for Mike" and rise to heights. His illness may be the touch-off of the spark, with Coaches Del Baker and Cy Perkins, who are smart baseball men, continuing to fan it.

Jimmy Braddock is the only battler of Irish descent retaining a boxing title. If he loses to Joe Louis when they meet in September the last of a long line of champions whose ancestors boasted birth in the land of Erin will have given way to the prodigy of other nations.

The two big man championship will then be held by Negro battlers, Joe Louis, heavyweight, and John Henry Lewis, light heavyweight.

The present middleweight title holder is Babe Risko, who is a Lithuanian. Barney Ross, the welterweight champion, is a Jew. Tony Canzoneri, lightweight ruler, is, of course, of Italian blood.

The featherweight situation is a bit scrambled. Its either Petey Sarron, a Syrian, or Mike Belloise, Italian.

The bantamweight class is also in dispute. Sangchilli, the Spaniard, is one claimant. The other is Sixto Escobar, from Porto Rico.

Ambrose Francis "Brusie" Ogdowski, who does the catching when Jerome "Dizzy" Dean is pitching for the Cardinals, is only 23 years of age, and has had a short and meteoric career since Scout Joe Mathes discovered him in action at the county fair in 1932.

In succession he played for Greensboro, Houston and Columbus before being invited to the Cards' spring training camp this season. He made a good impression, and got his chance to be carried with the regulars when Bill Delancey became ill.

"Dizzy" Dean liked him from the start, nicknamed him Ogie, and secured him as a battery mate mainly because he could not get long amicably with Catcher Curt Davis.

Jimmy Foxx will break no home-run records this year; in fact, he won't even approach "Babe" Ruth's mark of 60 unless he gets busy in a hurry. To date the Boston first-sacker has collected fourteen four-baggers for fifty-four games, or at a rate of thirty-six for the season.

Promoter Mike Jacobs has been rebuffed by the managers of Joe Louis, but he holds all the cards, and should not worry. In fact, he won't worry, and neither will anybody else, Madison Square Garden officers excluded.

Having secured Max Schmeling's signature that the German would oppose Jimmy Braddock in September in the event that he beats Louis, Jacobs thought he would do likewise with Louis, but the "Brown Bomber's" advisers weren't listening, and, anyway, Louis doesn't want to be bothered until he gets through with the Schmeling engagement.

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Boston	34	21	.618
Detroit	29	27	.518
Cleveland	27	26	.509
Washington	28	28	.500
Chicago	25	27	.481
Philadelphia	19	33	.365
St. Louis	16	35	.314

National League			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
St. Louis	35	18	.660
Chicago	31	21	.596
Pittsburgh	31	23	.574
New York	29	24	.547
Cincinnati	27	27	.500
Boston	24	31	.436
Philadelphia	20	36	.357
Brooklyn	20	37	.351

PLAYED SATURDAY

National League			
		R.H.E.	
At Pittsburgh—		2 0 2	
New York	.....	6 14 0	
Pittsburgh	.....	6 14 0	
At Chicago—		2 6 2	
Boston	.....	7 10 1	
Chicago	.....	7 10 1	
At St. Louis—		R.H.E.	
Philadelphia	.....	1 12 1	
St. Louis	.....	7 8 1	
At Cincinnati—		R.H.E.	
Brooklyn	.....	5 13 1	
Cincinnati	.....	6 11 0	
Second game—		R.H.E.	
Brooklyn	.....	2 7 1	
Cincinnati	.....	1 8 0	

American League			
		R.H.E.	
At Philadelphia—		3 6 0	
Cleveland	.....	7 12 1	
Philadelphia	.....	7 12 1	
Second game—		R.H.E.	
Cleveland	.....	19 17 0	
Philadelphia	.....	1 6 2	
At Washington—		R.H.E.	
Washington	.....	15 16 2	
Chicago	.....	2 8 0	

PLAYED SUNDAY

National League			
		R.H.E.	
At Pittsburgh—		8 10 0	
New York	.....	0 5 0	
Pittsburgh	.....	0 5 0	
At Chicago—		R.H.E.	
Boston	.....	1 0 0	
Chicago	.....	3 0 0	
At Cincinnati—		R.H.E.	
Brooklyn	.....	1 4 0	
Cincinnati	.....	5 10 2	
At St. Louis—		R.H.E.	
Philadelphia	.....	10 14 1	
St. Louis	.....	12 1 0	

American League			
		R.H.E.	
At Philadelphia—		6 12 1	
Cleveland	.....	8 18 1	
Philadelphia	.....	8 18 1	
At Washington—		R.H.E.	
Washington	.....	6 12 2	
Chicago	.....	4 11 1	

It Is Fun to Hartnett, Too  
Recently too, there was in this town a very remarkable figure in baseball, one Charles Leo Hartnett, much better known as Gabby.

Hartnett is 35 year old now and has been with the Cubs since 1922. He has served under a string of managers and there have been times when he has been mentioned prominently himself as a candidate for the job, but, if he ever felt any resentment at being passed over, he never gave any outward sign of it. To each manager the Cubs have had in the last fourteen years he has given the best he had and he remains to this day the most valuable player on the team. Without him the Cubs could not have won the pennant last year. Without him they would have folded up in the World Series because there were moments during the series when he was the only man on the team who seemed bent upon fighting it out with the Tigers to the last bitter inning.

Gabby is imbued with the same spirit that makes the Cardinals so attractive. Baseball is fun to him, too. The years that he has crouched back of the plate have touched him lightly, if at all, and his current ambition is to catch more games than Ray Schalk, who caught 1,721. He expects to pass his mark in about two more years. Meanwhile, every ball game is an exciting event to him and the time between ball games is filled with laughter.

New All-Time Record  
"Tony" Manero, the Italian-American professional golfer from Elmsford, N. Y., isn't very big and isn't very strong, but he is now the champion golfer of the United States and the holder of the all-time record of 282 registered in an open championship tournament.

This smart shot-maker hadn't been reckoned with prior to the opening of play at the Baltusrol course in Springfield, N. J., but he soon became a prominent factor, turning in cards of 73, 69 and 73 to trail "Light-horse" Harry Cooper by four strokes.

Louis' Terrific Power in Both Hands is Reason for Big Odds — Schmeling's Chances Depend on Boxing Skill and Hard Punch.

NEW YORK, June 14—Herr Max Schmeling, the man who walks alone, can become the greatest "Gate Crasher" in all ring history Thursday night when he tangles with "Brown Bomber" Joe Louis at the Yankee Stadium.

The new era of the \$1,000,000 gates, built by the pulling power of the sensational, 22-year-old Detroit Negro, would crash should the Teuton Schlager whip over a knock-out punch, or even win a clear decision over the Bomber.

A heavyweight championship match between James J. Braddock and Schmeling, with Louis eliminated, would have difficulty in reaching a \$500,000 gross.

Promoter Mike Jacobs, who holds the valuable contract on Louis' services through 1940, would even risk his present dictatorship over the heavyweight boxing industry as ring history proves that few Negro fighters come back to their former heights after taking one good licking.

The chances of such an upset, however, are exceedingly slim. Louis, eight years younger than his foe and coming up while the Teuton descends appears a cinch.

Schmeling, even at his best, was an easy target, especially for a right. He's a fighter who likes to take two punches to get in one good one. Those tactics certainly won't get him anywhere against Louis, who can flatten his foe with either hand.

Cooper, playing the best golf of his career, had racked up a 71 and two 70's, and when he completed the last eighteen holes in 73 on Saturday he had surpassed the record of 286, held by "Chick" Evans and Gene Sarazen, and appeared to have the title won.

But Manero is made of the proper stuff, and he showed his courage and ability when he shot a sensational 67 to beat even the British mark of 283, set by Gene Sarazen and Henry Cotton. He also eagerly accepted the prize of \$1,000, which is very small reward for performing such an outstanding feat.

It was a tough blow for "Hard-luck" Harry Cooper, but a great achievement for "Tony" Manero, the 31-year-old challenger, who became a giant-killer.

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