

# Irishman Confident of Victory in Battle for Heavyweight Crown

## Braddock Looks More Like Champ Than Ever

### Ready For the Skirmish With Detroit Bomber

GRAND BEACH, Mich., June 14—It's all true what they're saying about boxings' "Cinderella Man" James J. Braddock.

Even more amazing than he was two years ago when he jumped from the relief roles to become heavy-weight champion of the world, the 31-year-old Irishman has changed his stripes so completely for the better that it wouldn't be at all surprising if he climbed into the ring June 22 an even favorite to beat back the challenge of Joe Louis.

What Braddock has done is almost unbelievable. For two years he did not fight a lick as he fell out of condition and kept a couple of doctors in a row.

Even when he won the title he didn't look good, and it was common belief that he was just a "cheese champ" of the most ancient type. Then, he signs to fight the fearsome Louis, and, presto, he becomes a new man.

The fact that Braddock is bigger and stronger with a better looking punch is only half the story of his change. His whole personality has undergone an overhauling.

#### Acts 'Like Champ'

Whereas he used to be shy and shrinking, he now acts and talks like a champion with supreme disdain for a man named Louis. And what's more he looks like a champion.

"Who is this amateur Louis?" demands the champ with a glare. "All he's got is a reputation and that's not so good any more. I note he said in the news reels recently that he'd be ready to fight Max Schmeling in September. That's a lot of crust. He said he'd lick Schmeling in five rounds, and he said he'd chase Bob Pastor out of the ring. Well, he was wrong. Poof on that mug."

Actually, you'd think Braddock was getting ready to meet Freddie Bartholomew or Shirley Temple from the way he talks. Maybe it's all a big,

bold front, but if it is Braddock is wasting his time as a fighter. He, if he's bluffing, could get a job in the movies or on the stage.

#### Louis Confident

KENOSHA, Wis., June 14 — The experts may be puzzled over Joe Louis' recent boxing workouts, but take it straight from the Brown Bomber himself. He'll be at par form when he meets Heavyweight Champion Jim Braddock the night of June 22 at Chicago.

Rain put a crimp in the Bomber's training routine today and he and his aides laid plans for the remaining six days of his conditioning campaign. He will box eight rounds tomorrow at Lake Front Stadium against new sparmates and he expects to go a full 15 rounds Thursday. His final exhibition ring drills will be Saturday and Sunday.

"Folks has been thinking I was looking bad against right hand punches," mumbled Joe as he lounged around his training residence, six miles south of Kenosha. "But I was working on a left hook defence and it wouldn't surprise me any if Braddock uses a left for several rounds, and nothing else."

"I feel great. My wind is good and I got lots of bounce in my legs. I don't aim to get at peak today or tomorrow. I'm going to be up there the night of the fight and not before."

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## Sport Dust

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### "Timmy" Green

The rain saved the necks of the Fredericton - Devon team last night. With the tally 6-0 against the local boys, along came the rain at the end of the first inning and stopped the slaughter.

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One consolation; We can say, "Oh well, the boys might have trimmed them after all, if the rain hadn't come along."

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Down and out last year—hits the top this! That is the story of Ralph Guldahl, who walked off with the United States Open, with a tally of 281. Guldahl, so destitute last year that friends bought his clubs out of "hook," came through to set a world's record in the 41st. U. S. open.

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The German Davis Cup Team advanced into the finals Sunday, with a 4 to 1 decision. Von Cramm and Henkle proved too much for the Belgian team, and tramped them in decisive fashion.

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This gives us a little more faith in our prophesy, which said that England and Germany would fight it out for the "Mug."

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A lot of people are beginning to see that Jimmy Braddock isn't the "cheese champ" that they have picked him for. Now conceded a fine boxer, with a substantial whallop, sports writers are billing him as bigger and better than ever.

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"Shure, it does this cold heart good to see Jimmy git the blarney he deserves."

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Louis may as well be shadow-boxing, as sparring with his present mates. The guys "in the know" say that he has the bummiest bunch of sparring partners this side of Baluchestan.

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A lot of this stuff has to be taken as Ballyhoo for the coming fight. We don't think that Jimmy is going in there and blast the erstwhile "Brown Bomber" out of the ropes, but we do think that Jimmy has a better than fair chance to give the Bomber a licking. We hope, that we see Jimmy coming out on top, "The Winnah."

## SPORT BRIEFS

PHILADELPHIA, June 14 — The Madison Square Garden Corporation of New York continued its legal battle today to prevent James J. Braddock, world heavyweight champion, from fighting Joe Louis in Chicago June 22. Turned down last week by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in a two to one decision on its petition to require Braddock to fight his first major after-title bout for the Garden under terms of a contract signed in April 1935, counsel for the Garden asked the judges to reconsider their decision today.

HALIFAX, June 14—Len Hughes, 195, Dallas Texas, defeated "Mr. X," 199, two falls out of three in the main bout of a wrestling card here tonight. Police entered the ring to separate the two men when Mr. X disputed a referee's decision awarding the first fall to Hughes.

GLACE BAY, N. S., June 14—Glance Bay regained the lead in the Cape Breton Colliery Baseball League today with an 8-6 victory over the cellar-dwelling New Waterford Dodgers. Dominion Hawks edged Sydney Mines Ramblers 11 to 10 in the other game scheduled.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., June 14—Dalhousie Hawks outfit Campbellton Giants to win 15-8 in a Town Baseball League game tonight. Several costly errors contributed to the downfall of the locals. Bud Foster, the Giants' hurler, pitched good ball fanning six Hawks but he received poor support from his teammates.

BOSTON, June 14 — The 10-round heavyweight fight between Al McCoy, French-Canadian of New England and Natie Brown of Washington, scheduled for Fenway Park tonight, was postponed to Wednesday, because of rain.

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## BABY YACK WINS BANTAM CROWN

TORONTO, June 14.—Baby Yack, a fledgling professional, won the Canadian bantamweight title tonight on a split decision from veteran Frankie Martin of Montreal who was almost as surprised at the verdict as the crowd of 4,500.

The dazzling black-haired little Yack, less than a year out of the amateur ranks, stormed the gates to Martin's throneroom with a ceaseless attack that was apparently in vain. He seemed to have taken a severe beating towards the end of the 10-round bout.

But two of the three officials voted for the youngster at the finish, making him the new champion. His right name is Benjamin Norman Yakubowitz.

Having cheered the Baby all the way, but never really believing he would be called winner, the crowd was left flat at the decision. Non-partisan spectators shook their heads.

The Canadian Press score card gave Martin four rounds, Yack three and three even.

The judges looked with favor on the Baby's brilliant start. He cut the champion about the head in the first round, bringing blood with a smash that landed beside the right eye.

## DOMINION-WIDE HOOK-UP JUNE 22 FOR TITLE BOUT

The year's most thrilling sport broadcast, arranged for the night of June 22, when James J. Braddock and Joe Lou's climb into the ring at Comiskey Park, Chicago, will be brought to Canadians over a Dominion-wide hook up, it was learned today. Buick is putting the fight on the air over the red and blue networks of the National Broadcasting Company. In the remainder of Canada the bout will be carried by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation over its own network through the courtesy of General Motors. The exact time of the broadcast is to be announced later.

Martin recovered slowly from the disastrous start but, while he lost the second, he held Yack even through to the sixth and at that point brought out his heavy artillery.

In the sixth, seventh, ninth and 10th. Yack was driven back time and again by whistling right crosses that caught him on the head. At the finish the Baby was well spattered with his own blood.

## Stage Set For Royal Ascot Racing Season

### Royal Ascot and Royal Hunt to Feature 28 Races

ASCOT, Berkshire, June 14—The stage was set tonight for Royal Ascot, with its great assembly of thoroughbreds, its rich purses, its gorgeous display of summer fashions, its gay house parties — and all signs pointed to the great race meeting in Ascot's 226-year history.

Twenty-eight races—topped by the Ascot Gold Cup and the Royal Hunt Cup—will be run for prizes totalling £70,000 (\$345,800) and the smallest purse will be £1,000.

Huge fields, including 38 for the Royal Hunt Cup, attest the importance attached to the meeting by stables great and small.

The King and Queen, who are entertaining more guests than have been at Windsor Castle for Ascot since 1914, will drive down the course in an open landau prior to the racing on each of the four days of the meeting. Queen Mary will be absent, but it is anticipated that the remainder of the Royal family, kept away last year by court mourning, will attend.

General disappointment was expressed today on the announcement that William Woodward's Omaha had gone lame and would not renew his rivalry with the filly Quashed in the Gold Cup. Last year Lord Stanley's Quashed nosed out the American-bred Omaha in what was probably the closest finish since White Knight and Elder ran a dead heat in 1907.

#### Strong Foreign Challenge

But Britain's best stayers nevertheless will be called on to meet a strong foreign challenge from France in Princess de Faucigny-Lucinge's Cousine and the Begum Aga Khan's Le Duc, who will try to take the coveted trophy across the channel for the first time since Massine won in 1924.

The race is over 2½ miles, one of the longest flat races in England, and in addition to the Gold Cup the winning owner can count on approximately £7,500. It will be run on Thursday.

The Royal Hunt Cup, the biggest event from a betting standpoint, will be run on Wednesday and thousands are hoping for a coronation year victory for His Majesty's colt Fairley, who was backed at 20 to 1 in today's callover of odds at the Victoria Club in London. The King's horse, who will be ridden by Jackie Crouch, is conceded a really good chance because of the large field and the fact the course has been altered in such a manner as to favor horses drawing low numbers in the draw for post positions.

The favorites, at 13 to 1, are W. Carr's filly Sally Andrews and Nell Christy's Commander III. Other probable starters include Sir Abe Bailey's Lovely Rosa, winner of the 1936 Oaks, and the Lincolnshire winner Marmaduke Jinks, belonging to Mrs. C. B. Robinson, and H. B. Blagrave's convert, third favorite at 100 to 6.

## FIRST GOLF PLAYOFF SINCE 1931 FORECAST

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., June 14 — Golfdom hoped to crown the new United States Open champion today, with a burst of par-cracking fireworks, but so many heirs apparent were on hand that there was a good chance the coronation would be delayed until Sunday.

Sixty-five sharpshooters teed off for the 36-hole stretch which completes the regulation 72-hole test over the bunkered battle ground of Oakland Hills.

Jimmy Johnstone of Toronto with 151 was the only Canadian to survive the two-day scoring spree that eliminated 101 of the original starters and developed one of the closest contests in the 41-year history of the tournament. Ten par-breakers were grouped in two sections, only two shots apart, in a wide open scramble for the laurels won a year ago at Baltusol by Tony Manero.

Leading the chase for Manero's crown, along with a crack at Tony's record 282 total, were a quartette of professional siege guns, comprising Jimmy Thomson of Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa., big Ed Dudley of Philadelphia, and Frank Walsh and Ralph Guldahl of Chicago, all with subpar totals of 140 at the half way mark.

As a prelude to the final barrage, Thomson yesterday fired a 65 that beat par by six shots, clipped three strokes off the Oakland Hills competitive record, and equalled the all-time law for a single round in the open championship. Guldahl, on his way to a second round 69, shot the outgoing half in 32 for another record performance.

Two strokes off the pace, at 142, were Frankie Strafaci, the 21-year-old star from Brooklyn, Pat Sawyer, Minneapolis pro, and the pre-tournament choices, Harry Cooper of Chicago and Slamin' Sam Sneed, the West Virginian who burned up the winter circuit.

Also under par, with 143, were Johnny Goodman, the Omaha amateur who won the open in 1933, and Vic Ghezzi of Deal, N. J., who provided one of the "picture shots" yesterday by sinking a 60-foot putt with a mud-covered ball on the 16th, or "lake hole."

This closely bunched "top ten" forecast the possibility of the first playoff since 1931, when Willie Burke beat George Von Elm in a marathon duel lasting two days. In case of a deadlock at the end of today's play, an 18-hole playoff will be staged Sunday.

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"What will he do now, I wonder?" mused Mrs. Picobac.

"Read books . . . smoke his pipe . . . enjoy life . . . and continue to serve the Empire," said Mr. Picobac promptly. "And I was reading about how he is going to make a long tour of the Dominions next year, representing the King."

"Will he come to Canada?" asked Mrs. Picobac.

"Of course he will," said Mr. Picobac. "And when he does, I only hope he will discover what a mild . . . cool . . . sweet smoke Picobac gives."



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