



WORLD'S CHAMPION IS BETTER FIGHTER THAN HE HAS SHOWN, SAYS DEMPSEY

**Speed and Punch Would Defeat Champion---Has
Terrific Right Hand**

(By Jack Dempsey)

One of the most useless and embarrassing questions I am asked is: "When you were in your prime, do you think you could have licked So-and-So?" the inquirer naming some current heavyweight fighter or a champion of another era.

It's a question that I can't answer truthfully, for what would the questioner think if I said:

"Sure; I'd have knocked him stiff in a couple of rounds. I could have licked any man who ever lived, or who ever will live!"

Any yet, deep down in my heart, that was my firm belief. That's what every real champion should always think of himself, no matter what he says.

Any man who doesn't firmly believe he can whip any other man in the world never can possibly make a real champion.

If you should ask Jim Braddock whether he thought he could lick me the day I fought Jess Willard, if he told you what he really thinks, he'd say he'd do the same to me as he did to Max Baer; and he'd mean it. He wouldn't be a champion if he didn't.

At that, I think it would have been a good, enjoyable joust if Jim and I could have met with both of us at our best. He's nobody's fool. Our bout would be something like a combination of my engagements with Willard and Luis Firpo.

I've been asked many times just how I'd fight Braddock, Schmeling or Joe Louis.

Weaving Style Would Beat Braddock

Well, as I recall, my habit was to sail in and start slugging at whatever spot I saw as an opening. Braddock, I think, has a good left jab and a terrific right cross. Willard had a good left, and I'll always remember Luis Firpo's right.

Perhaps the weaving style I used in the old days would get me by with Braddock. We'll waive false modesty and all that sort of thing, I think a good, strong aggressive hitter would get Braddock before he got a chance to get going.

He's a sort of cautious fighter, who doesn't do his best until he's been badly stung. But if you had a fellow who could hurt him badly enough in the beginning, I think he could be taken just as Willard and Firpo were.

Going back still further, perhaps Braddock would make me remember, painfully, one of my fights with Gunboat Smith. The Gunner, you may recall, bounced me around considerably before I got through with him. I didn't know whether I was coming or going after he conked me with that right of his.

Braddock is probably a much better fighter than he has shown yet. When the time comes and he has to get in there and "do or die," he'll do. He gave some hint of this the night he began his great comeback against Corn Griffin.

Jimmy's Comeback Start

In that fight Jimmy was going along, not having any the better of the fighting. In fact, Griffin was doing most of the fighting, and scoring, too. It looked as if Braddock didn't have a chance.

But when Griffin knocked Braddock down, it suddenly made Jim desperate. He knew he'd have to "do or die" when he got up, and he proceeded to "do."

Braddock is a pretty good boxer, better than most of the big fellows. But he is not very fast, and a fast man, I think, would give him plenty of trouble.

Yes, I think speed would beat Braddock. Of course, there'd have to be punching power and accuracy combined with this speed—and a blithe disregard for what Jimmy might try to hand out. But I think I'd have beat Jimmy with a few lucky wallops—quite a few, for James can take it.

But don't ask Mr. Braddock about this; I'll guarantee he'll tell you just the opposite.

Believes Champion And Schmeling Will Never Meet for Title

NEW YORK, Jan. 20—Although the New York State Athletic Commission, as a group, declines to comment on the effect the anti-Nazi League boycott will have on the Jim Braddock-Max Schmeling heavyweight title bout, Commissioner D. Walker Wear today said if he had his way, "I would call the bout off," but, he added quickly, the other commissioners, John J. Phelan and Bill Brown, disagreed with him.

"As a matter of fact," said Col. Wear, "it is my opinion the Braddock-Schmeling fight will never take place. In my many years of experience it has always been the case that a postponed fight has injected into it innumerable angles that are detrimental, although the longer the bout is postponed the more of these angles appear."

SPORT SHORTS

TO TALK WITH CARDS BOSS

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—Frank Frisch, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, plans to meet his boss this week to make arrangements for the spring trip.

WILL BE IN THE "PINK"

CHICAGO, Jan. 21—Gabby Hartnett, first string catcher and captain of the Chicago Cubs, plans to be in the best condition when he heads South with the first delegation next month.

Test Match Team Named Aussies vs. English

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 21—Australia will rely mainly on tried international players in the fourth cricket Test match against England to be played at Adelaide, Jan. 29. With the exception of B. Gregory, 20-year-old Victorian, who will make his debut in Test cricket, the selectors have chosen men who have played against the Mother Country in previous matches.

Victory for the Englishmen would give them the series. They won the first two Tests at Brisbane and Sydney, but the Aussies came back strongly at Melbourne, winning by 365 runs.

Frank Ward, South Australian goolgy bowler, has been dropped for the Adelaide tussle in favor of L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith, Victoria. L. S. Darling and M. W. Sievers, both Victorians, also lose their places. Gregory is brought in for Darling and E. L. McCormick, Victoria, the Commonwealth's fastest bowler, has recovered from illness and will replace Sievers. A. G. Chipperfield, New South Wales all-rounder, returns to the team. He played as Brisbane and Sydney.

Both Ward and Fleetwood-Smith played in the third encounter, but Ward proved no puzzle to the English batsmen. The Aussies will be well supplied with spin-bowlers with Fleetwood-Smith, W. J. O'Reilly, Chipperfield and Gregory playing.

Gregory is a fine all-round player and bats right-handed. He made 128 against the English team playing for Victoria in November. He has played a prominent part in the Sheffield Shield competition this season.

The team: Don Bradman, South Australia, captain; W. A. Brown, Queensland; J. H. Fingleton, S. J. McCabe, A. G. Chipperfield, W. A. Oldfield, W. J. O'Reilly, New South Wales; E. L. McCormick, L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith, K. E. Rigg, B. Gregory, Victoria.

Conacher to Be Named as Commsioner

BOSTON, Jan. 21—Lionel Pretoria Conacher, born the day the British South African army achieved its great victory over the Boers at Pretoria, expects to be made Commissioner of Sport Activity for the Province of Ontario.

"Big Train" Conacher, who has played rugby, football, lacrosse, baseball and hockey and who was a famous boxer, has been recommended for the position by Dr. Hugh Plaxton, who will be remembered by older hockey fans as one of the great team of Toronto University grads on which Dave Trotter, Louis Hudson and other stars played.

Conacher is near the end of his playing days. He displayed well against the Bruins when the Maroons played at the Garden, but he isn't as capable as he was several years ago.

He is Canada's greatest all around athlete of modern times. He is scarred from the top of his head to the soles of his feet.

IN BRIEF VEIN...

LONDON, Jan. 21—Al Crossly and Jimmy Walthour, the American riders, have been engaged to ride in the next six-day race in this city. Crossly and Walthour finished fourth in their last race here. They are immensely popular. The next race in which they will participate is set for Coronation week, May 16.

BOSTON, Jan. 21—Max Marek of Chicago, who comes here to meet Al McCoy of Dorchester, in the next 10-round fight of the Goodwin A. C. at Mechanics Building next Monday evening, is a sterling boxer, and Joe Louis, whom he defeated, will testify to this.

Marek also defeated Bob Pastor, who recently knocked out Ray Impeitierre.

These two victories serve to establish Marek as one of the leading heavyweights. Marek scoffs at the idea that McCoy is a hard hitter. He writes: "I'll swap punch for punch with McCoy and bet my end of the purse it will be him that will hit the deck."

HOOP MEET FOR CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 21—A nation-wide interscholastic basketball tournament will be staged at Loyola University here March 17 to 21. The meet is expected to be the biggest of the year.

Local Clubs Enter in N. B. Bonspiel

**Entries Come From
Local Clubs For Both
Singles and Doubles.**

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 21—More than a score of entries have been received for the New Brunswick curling bonspiel, which is to be held at the St. Andrews, Thistle and Carleton rinks on January 26, 27 and 28; and several more are expected before the deadline for entry is reached this evening, it was learned last night.

St. Andrews, Thistle, Carleton, St. Stephen and Hampton clubs have already submitted the maximum number of entries for the Ganong Trophy in the singles rinks competition. Each has entered three. The three local clubs have each filed one for the Blair Cup in doubles competition.

Moncton and Campbellton have filed two entries for the singles, and Moncton is also in the Blair Cup contests with a doubles entry. Entries are expected from Fredericton for both competitions, from Bathurst and Newcastle in the Ganong competition and possibly from Chatham and Dalhousie in at least one event. There is also a strong possibility of a Bathurst duet performing in the Blair competition.

The curling classic is being conducted by the three local clubs under the sponsorship of the New Brunswick branch of the Caledonia Curling Club, and all local curling rinks will be in use. Up to three entries will be accepted for singles rink competition and one entry from each club in the province for doubles competition.

Teams engaged in the first day's play for the Ganong Cup will play a round robin of three matches, and the winners of two or more contests will be drawn to play a knockout on the following day. Play will be interrupted on Tuesday evening when the visiting curlers will be guests of the Saint John clubs at a dinner at the Admiral Beatty hotel.

It is expected that about twenty-five rinks will be in play, and if the unsuitable weather conditions of the past week prevail, arrangements will have to be made with the managers of the local skating rinks to use their ice surfaces.

Moncton Increases Lead in Hockey Race

MONCTON, Jan. 20—Moncton Maroons widened the gap between the St. Croix club, second place team, and themselves at the top of the Southern Hockey League here tonight by virtue of a smart 6-3 win over the border town collection. As in previous contest here this year the Yellow and Black-clad team played keen hockey for two periods but wilted badly in the final 20 minutes of play and Maroons cut loose to notch four tallies and mark up a decisive victory.

Maroons were hitting in championship form in the first and third periods tonight but took time out in the middle session to turn out an exceptionally poor display. They possessed the punch to jam home goals in the last canto and romped off with the affair.

George Bell, long-legged right-winger of the homesters, one of the fastest skaters in the Maritimes was one of the stars for the home crew. He scored a pair of goals in the last 20 minutes and gave an all-round smart performance.

Former Champion Beaten by Hoodlums

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—Michael Francis (Mike) McGigue, former light heavyweight boxing champion of the world, who in his time had gone through more than 360 scraps with not a mark on his face to show for it, was painfully beaten early today by a hoodlum gang of six or seven men on an elevated train.

He suffered a possible skull fracture and severe lacerations of the head and mouth. Tonight he was under care of a physician.

McGigue, 44, was leaving the train when one of a group of quarrelling men turned upon him and said: "You called me a Nazi."

"I called no one a Nazi," said Mike firmly, heading for the door. He was knocked on the floor, stamped upon and kicked in the face. Two suspects arrested on a charge of felonious assault denied guilt. McGigue has been fond of pointing out that his "pan," as he calls it, "has no scars" and that he has "just one curly ear."

Draw is Completed For Bonspiel Friday

H. W. Stubbs, co-secretary with D. R. Smith of the New Brunswick bonspiel committee, announced last night that the draw for the first day's play of the provincial curling classic would be made Friday night. The bonspiel opens Tuesday, Jan. 26.

He also announced that today was the closing date for entries and that he expected Fredericton, Bathurst, Campbellton and Dalhousie and possibly Newcastle and Chatham entries before closing time tonight at six o'clock.

Famous Pitcher In Hospital

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 21—Grover Cleveland Alexander, one-time star pitcher in the major baseball leagues, was in Springfield hospital today in serious condition and, authorities said, practically penniless.

The old ball player was hurt recently in an automobile accident. Complications and a fall which reopened an old leg injury left Alexander with a serious infection, according to Dr. Paul Levis.

PERRY DEFEATS VINES IN SEVENTH PRO MATCH

Cardinal Manager Worries Over Players

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20—Manager Frankie Frisch of the Cardinals brought his troubles to St. Louis today to the man who always sees silver linings in the clouds—owner Sam Breadon—and the man who usually straightens out all difficulties—Vice-President Branch Rickey.

"Pepper" Martin wasn't among Frisch's trials and tribulations. And with good reason. The "Wild Horse of the Osage" drove into town in a truck, galloped into the Cardinal office and speedily signed his 1937 contract. He said he was "tip-top and ready to go."

But, all in all, it was "worry and double trouble" with the Fordham flash. He fairly barked:

"What if Paul Dean doesn't come back. What if Jim Winford doesn't come through? What if we don't get any help from our young pitchers? What if—you fellows don't know what worrying is in this world."

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 20—Fred Perry of England, stopped Ellsworth Vines' winning streak in the seventh match of their professional series tonight by taking two sets out of three, 6-4, 6-8, 6-2.

Perry thereby took the lead in the series. He has won four matches and Vines three.

Perry has won 29 sets and Vines 24. Vines, who recently came out of a hospital after an attack of influenza to win three straight matches, did not appear to be in his best form.

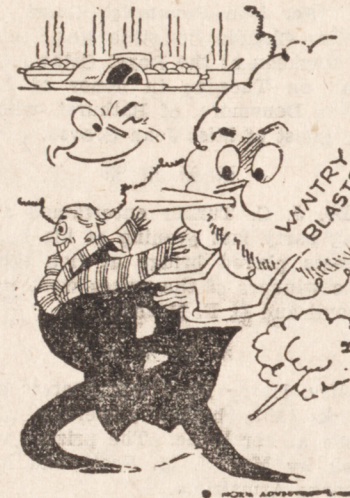
The Californian had not trouble and had difficulty getting his first serves in. Using a smash serve he aced Perry five times and was aced himself twice. Vines and Barnes defeated Perry and Lott in the doubles 6-4, 6-3.

BASKETBALL

Last night at the Brunswick Street Baptist gymnasium the Terraplanes defeated the Aberdeen Street team by a score of 31 to 18. The Terraplanes had the edge of play all through the game. The game was refereed by Egbert Cass and Lawrence Hashey.

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