

# World's Heavyweight Fistic Championship at Stake in Chicago Tonight

## Louis Favored to Win Crown From Braddock

Crowd of 60,000 to Attend the Fight—15-Round Battle

CHICAGO, June 21—The world heavyweight championship prize fight moved tonight toward a climax for Jimmy Braddock, the under-dog champion, and Joe Louis, the challenging Negro favorite. And Chicago's first big title match since the halcyon days of Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey took shape as the most profitable championship undertaking in seven years.

If the rain-clouds hold off tomorrow and the final 24 hours of box-office business develops an impulsive rush, co-promoter Mike Jacobs expects upwards of 60,000 to pay nearly \$800,000 to see whether Braddock's first title defence can stave off the challenging power of Louis for 15 rounds.

There's small prospect that Comiskey Park, scaled to handle 75,000 fans and a \$1,000,000 "house," will be sold out. If Jacobs' forecast is fulfilled, however, the fight will top any heavyweight show of the post-depression period except the non-title bout in which Louis knocked out Max Baer two years ago in Yankee Stadium.

The Baer-Louis fight touched the magic \$1,000,000 mark.

If the wary betting men and the warier majority of experts has figured things out correctly, Louis will win, probably by a knockout.

Until his knockout by Schmeling, just a year ago in New York, the youthful, hard-hitting Louis was considered a "sure thing" to become champion, any time he could get Braddock into the ring. He's still a hot choice, but he's no longer invincible.

An Associated Press checkup today in some of the country's main centres of wagering activity indicated Louis will be no better than a two to one favorite by the time he climbs into the ring at the White Sox ball park tomorrow night.

**Little Braddock Money**  
Commissioners in Chicago's famed loop offered five to two, with little Braddock money in sight. New York's Jack Doyle quoted one to three on Louis, two to one against Braddock. Broadway "professionals" were reported putting their money on Louis.

Braddock sped to Chicago today after breaking camp at Grand Beach, Mich.

In fine spirits and finer condition, in the judgment of his handlers, Braddock said: "I'll have no excuses if I don't whip Louis tomorrow night. I've never been in better shape."

Braddock expects to scale 197 or 198 pounds at the official weighing-in business, scheduled for tomorrow noon.

Louis, closer to 200 pounds, remained at his Kenosha, Wis., camp and will motor to Chicago tomorrow morning.

The champion's case rests largely upon his left hand, his experience, and all-around ability to nullify the big guns that Louis carries in either fist. Braddock's right hasn't the power of Schmeling's but it may well be the old convincer, if the title-holder finds the necessary openings.

## SIMPLER IF JIM BRADDOCK WINS SAYS FIGHT SCRIBE

(By L. H. S.)

EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, June 20—It's all a little confusing to one who has led a very sheltered life and hung around the penny arcades or anything, but there seems to be something in the theory that a man can be too close to his subject. For instance, I've just got back from the Garden Bowl at Long Island City where I've been waiting all this time for Schmeling and Braddock to show up.

But it seems to me that must be all off now, because I find that Schmeling is going back to Germany, where he says he won't fight the heavyweight champion owing to the fact that he is now the heavyweight champion. And his manager, Joe Jacobs, has gone to Chicago in order to attend the world's heavyweight championship fight on Tuesday night between Braddock and Louis. In other words, we've had nothing but disorder so far; let's now have chaos.

That, briefly, might ensue unless Braddock wins the Chicago fight tonight. If Louis wins, Schmeling can and probably will say that Braddock took an opiate or powder on their fight and that he has already knocked Louis stiffer than a straw hat.

The next step would be to go over to London for Tiffin and a bit of skillful sparring with Tommy Farr, the British champion; then what ho, for retirement to a life of ease and refinement.

That doesn't exactly fit in with Schmeling's tacit acceptance of Louis for a fall showing in New York. But in the meantime, he has reached Germany and that may and probably does make a lot of difference. They're so tough over there, that they can even tell you in advance what you've decided not to do.

Possible that observation is no more accurate than many other made from this distance, but I do happen to know that the German government is urgently interested in having Schmeling retire with the championship, in perpetuity, as an example to the youth of the land. I'm sure Tommy Farr will prove an ideal mate.

If Louis wins and Schmeling retires undefeated, we'd then be in a fair position to have one champion for the record books and another for Germany—and, possibly, for popular sympathy and opinion. But, of course, a retired champion, especially a self-appointed one, doesn't figure after the first two weeks he's out of circulation, since the idea is that the line of succession must be maintained.

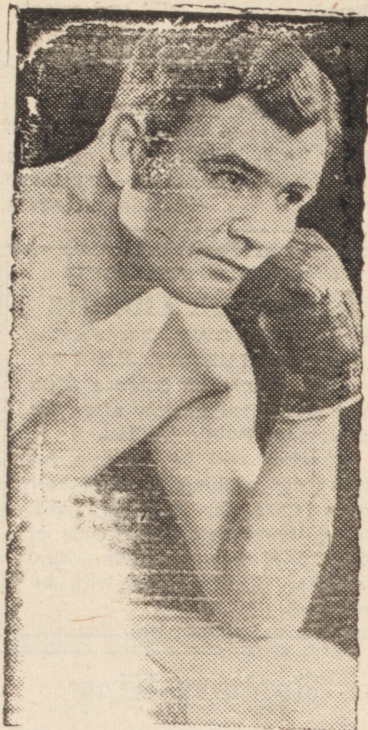
Therefore, with the heavyweight situation being what it is, or rather what it isn't, and in order to keep Louis from fighting W. C. Fields, I think it would be simpler if James J. Braddock won the Chicago fight tonight.

Simpler...and very splendid.

Only the fight itself can determine the effect of Braddock's two-year lay-off, or answer the chief questions raised by the loss of prestige Louis sustained in his bouts against Schmeling and Bob Pastor.

Experts, in the main, think the first few rounds will tell the story.

## THE CHAMP.....THE CHALLENGER



JIM BRADDOCK



JOE LOUIS

— BY —  
Timmy Green

TONIGHT is the night of the big scrap; the night on which the futures of two men depend. One man goes up the ladder of the peoples' estimation, the other goes down in scorn to the "Isles of Oblivion," forgotten by his idolists of yesterday. Will Louis regain some of his nitrous fistic notoriety and again become the Brown Bomber that was acclaimed by the fight fans as the cold blooded terror of the roped square—or will he be the one who is forgotten, remembered only as a man who was made by the press, who was a mere balloon, inflated by the gas of ballyhoo, which came to earth not half its former size?

Will Jimmy again come through, upset the dope and get the bone the under-dog deserves? With the people always against him, the dark horse of the ring, he in the past has paid when the odds were greatest, always the long shot which made money for the bettors.

Who does not love the man who strives against adversity, and, giving everything, attains the pinnacle of success? Who does not love the man who will give his every ounce of strength to the object toward which his course is set?

This is the man who meets Louis tonight; the "Anthony Adverse" of the boxing game, as well as the game of life. Win, lose or draw, Jimmy will be game to the last drop. If he goes down, he will go down fighting; if he retains the crown, he will grace it with the honor it deserves. No one knows what will happen, but we all know we will never be sorry we knew Jimmy Braddock, and those who back him will never know the thought that they have been let down.

## WANER DISCUSSES BASEBALL STARS

NEW YORK, June 20—Paul Waner—the Little Man with the Big Bat—was discussing pitchers and hitters, and on those rare occasions when the older of the famous Waner brothers talks shop, everybody listens.

Anybody who can lead the National League in hitting three times in 11 years—as has P. Waner, c.f., Pittsburgh—and can make more than 200 hits in each of seven of those years and roll up a life-time average of .348 may be presumed to know something about pitching and hitting.

Wherefore, when he quietly remarked that Lee Grissom of the Reds and Russ Bauers of the Pirates had more stuff than Carl Hubbell of the Giants, his listeners almost fell off the Pirate bench.

Paul waited a minute to let the remark sink in, then added with a grin: "Yes, they have more stuff than Hub, but as pitchers right now they're not good enough to carry his glove."

That was better and the crowd sat back in relief. "Grissom and Bauers have all the natural equipment they need to make great pitchers," said Paul, "but whether they become great or not depends on themselves. "You see, it takes more than speed and curves and control to make a great pitcher. There's the little matter of brains and the competitive spirit. I think a competitive spirit is the most important asset any ball player, or any athlete for that matter, has to start with. You can teach him a lot but you can't put a fighting heart in him if he hasn't got it to start with."

The average fan might not look to the Phillies to find greatness but Paul assures you that Claude Passeau of those same Phillies has every thing it takes to make a star. "Nothing should stop that fellow," Paul explained. "He has speed and curves and control. He's smart and he knows how to pitch and he'll give you a battle any time he starts."

Strangely enough, the toughest pitcher for Waner to hit is not Hubbell or Van Mungo of the Dodgers or Dizzy Dean of the Cardinals—all though he admits they are not soft touches. The toughest for Paul is Cliff Melton of the Giants.

### Sneaks Up

"That left hander's ball seems to sneak up on me somehow," he explains, "and it breaks in pretty good. I have more trouble with him than anybody but, shucks, if a fellow's hitting it really doesn't matter much

## DOW SETTLEMENT

DOW SETTLEMENT, June 21—Worship service was largely attended Sunday afternoon. The pastor Rev. G. M. Wilson conducted the service.

Sabbath school was held Sunday morning with a good number present.

Mrs. Jennie MacDonald of Johnson Settlement has for the past week been employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cummings.

An interesting service was held by the B.Y.P.U. Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dick Moody and daughter and son Leona and Ray, also Leona's two little daughters were calling on Mrs. Sandy Moody Sunday afternoon. Kathleen Grant visited her uncle Garvey Grant of Temple, last week.

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who is pitching and if he's not hitting, then anybody can get him out." Paul thinks his teammate, Arky Vaughan is the greatest hitter in the League close up. But does it surprise you to know that Arky Vaughan says Paul Waner is the greatest hitter in the league?

Both Waner and Vaughan disapprove of the suggestion made recently that hitters should wear some sort of head guard. They believe it would be uncomfortable to wear, would interfere with the vision, and would make both hitters and pitchers careless. "And," says Paul, "don't forget you can get hurt by being hit elsewhere than on the head."

## FIGHT FACTS

Principals—James J. Braddock, world's heavyweight champion, and Joe Louis, Negro challenger.

Place—White Sox Baseball Park, Chicago.

Time—Tuesday night, June 22, between 11:30 and 12 midnight, Atlantic Daylight Time, unless weather conditions prompt a change; preliminaries begin at 9:30; if a postponement is necessary, the bout will be held Wednesday night.

Conditions—Fifteen rounds to a decision by referee and two judges, with 'no foul' rule in force; referee to be named at moment principals enter ring.

Weather forecast—Partly cloudy with not much change in temperature which ranged low 70's today.

Estimated attendance and receipts—60,000 to 65,000 and \$750,000 to \$800,000 at prices ranging from \$3 to \$27.50; seating capacity of park, 75,000.

Fighters' shares—Braddock to receive 50 per cent. of receipts, Louis 17½ per cent., including radio and picture rights after deduction of federal and state taxes.

Radio—Ringside broadcast on National (NBC) hookup and Dominion-wide hookup in Canada.

## Both Men Confident as Zero Hour Approaches

### Champion Expects to Kayo Louis Within Eight Rounds

CHICAGO, June 21—Here is what heavyweight champion James J. Braddock and challenger Joe Louis had to say in prebattle statements:

The champion: "I will retain my title by a knockout within eight rounds. Joe Louis is a great fighter and I expect the hardest fight of my career, but I am confident I will still be heavyweight champion after tomorrow night."

"I am in the greatest condition of my career. My legs are strong, and, as for my ability to punch, I'll let my performance against Louis speak for itself. There are some who say I may be rusty because I haven't fought officially since winning the title. As a matter of fact I've boxed considerably in regulation length bouts with purses up, in gymnasiums against good, tough fighters. I am ready for the best Joe Louis can offer."

The challenger: "I am fit, ready and confident for Braddock and will win the heavyweight championship of the world. I intend to fight as I

always have, moving in and taking charge of the battle.

"Many experts say I haven't looked so good during my training, but I am satisfied that my style and drilling has conditioned me perfectly to meet a fighter's of Braddock's style."

"This time I do not care to name the round. It may be anywhere from the first to the 15th and I hope it's the first. After the fight I am going to take a brief rest and then go to Pompton Lakes to get ready for a return bout against Max Schmeling."

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"How's that?" asked his friend, Mr. H. B. "Pete" Christie, bank manager and financial counsel.

"I saw about it in the paper and showed it to Mrs. Picobac, and I said it might be a good time to put in one of these improved inglenooks they have nowadays to smoke in. You know—with a brick fire-place and seats at each side for a pal or two."

"And what did Mrs. Picobac say?"

"She thought it was just the time to modernize the kitchen like the magazine pictures," chuckled Mr. Picobac. "So we had to compromise . . . we compromised on the kitchen, and I'm here applying for a Home Improvement loan for \$300."

"I think you are wise," said the manager. "That kitchen will give her a lot of pleasure—and you don't need any special place to smoke Picobac in."

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