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Dixon Defeated Gardner In Great Fistic Encounter

Famous Colored Featherweight Champion Was Awarded Decision At End of Twenty-Fifth Round —Met All Comers in His Class.

By RAY HANSEN

AMONG the former great exponents of boxing was George Dixon, a famous colored featherweight champion, who in his day met all comers in his class. He was exceptionally fast and clever and could hit from any angle. For many years he ranked as the premier boxer in his division. One of his memorable battles was with Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," which was staged in the Lenox A.C. in New York City. The bout went 25 rounds and Dixon was awarded a decision. Details of this great fistic battle follow:

In the first round Dixon started right in, shooting his left to Gardner's neck. He again whipped it into the wind as Gardner countered to the body. Dixon kept on rushing and leading, his opponent sending back hard body blows with his left. In the infighting Dixon had an edge, using his right like a trip-hammer on Gardner's ribs.

The second round opened the same as the first. Dixon shooting his left to the neck and followed with a hard left to the wind. He then shot a right to the head. Gardner kept countering with hard lefts to the body.

In the third round Gardner landed a hard right over Dixon's heart. Dixon let loose with his famous double punch, a left to the wind and a right to the head. Gardner duplicated this with a left to the wind and a very hard right to the head, which provoked prolonged applause from the large audience. Both were exchanging blows at the bell.

Three lefts on the head and neck by Dixon opened the fourth round. They then clinched and broke clean. Throughout the round Dixon was shooting lefts to the head and Gardner was countering with lefts and rights to the body.

As the fifth round got under way Gardner was the aggressor. He shot a left to the face and took a similar blow on the head. Gardner countered with a hard right to the head and landed

heavily on the body. Dixon sent back stiff lefts on the head and neck. Both were fighting very fast and some clever boxing was witnessed during this round.

Dixon again started the sixth with a left to the neck. Gardner countered with a left to the body. Then Dixon rushed, planting a left swing over the kidneys. Gardner in going back fell to the floor with Dixon on top of him. Dixon helped him to his feet and as they shook hands the crowd cheered. When the bout continued Gardner planted two lefts on Dixon's face, sending the latter's head back. Gardner led several times with his left but Dixon forced him to miss.

During the seventh round Gardner sent his left to the face three times. Dixon drove a hard right to the wind and took in exchange a hard left to the face. A rapid exchange brought the men close to the ropes and they were fighting hard at the bell.

In the following round Gardner sent a straight left to the face and Dixon got to the body with his left. At close range they exchanged a number of stiff blows with both hands on wind and ribs. Dixon in a rush hooked his left twice to Gardner's stomach sending him to the ropes doubled up. They were mixing it in the middle of the ring at the bell.

The tenth round was a whirlwind both fighting hard and fast and landing repeatedly on body and head. In the eleventh Dixon forced the pace, landing his left on Oscar's jaw after the latter had shot his left to the head. Another of Dixon's rushes was met by Gardner with a left counter, but he was driven back to the ropes after absorbing a hard right on the wind. Gardner clinched and bent very low fighting for time to recover from the effects of the blow. They were fighting hard at the bell.

The bout continued from that until the eighteenth fairly even. In that round they started off with a fast exchange. At close

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New Babe?



HELEN STEPHENS, seventeen years old, of Fultons, Mo., who equalled the world's record for the 100 meters at the U. S. A. women's track and field championships at New York City (where finish of her race is seen), is hailed as new "Babe" Didrickson. She cracked a U. S. A. mark for the 200 meters and placed second in disrus throw.

Rugby Players Are Getting Ready For A Season Of Work

School Teams Are Already At Practice; U. N. B. Prepares For Play.

The season for English rugby is about here. In many parts of the Maritimes teams are in training. In Saint John the school boys are getting into trim and prospects for the season are bright. Already the school leagues are practically organized and the openings will be held just as soon as the boys are ready.

At the University of New Brunswick it is said 28 candidates for the team are at practice but the material for the scrum is scarce. The U. N. B. team expects to open the season with the Saint John Trojans in home and home games. This has been the custom for several seasons.

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SPOTS of Sport

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IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING TO FIND a big change in the local baseball situation when the 1936 season rolls around. There is every likelihood that a league of some kind will be organized embodying such towns as St. Stephen, possibly a team from Maine, one from Fredericton or Devon, and possibly Minto. In event that this materializes the league will retain its amateur status. Should obstacles be encountered in the organization of such a circuit there is every reason to believe that Saint John will have a professional team in class C organized baseball and will be given a franchise in a league comprising teams from Worcester, New Haven, Hartford, Springfield, Lowell, Portland, Lewiston and Saint John. Nothing definite has been decided to date, but those in charge of Shamrock Park are quietly working along these lines and expect to have something definite when they go more thoroughly into the matter with interested parties in the States. That Saint John is a great baseball city is known to fans and magnates in the eastern States as well as throughout the Maritimes and the time seems opportune to go ahead and place the city in some circuit, producing a brand of ball which will satisfy and retain the interest of lovers of this great summer pastime. In event of a professional team being organized here there are a number of local players who are considered fast enough to make the grade under proper coaching. Local players on such a team would prove very popular with fans and particularly so if some fast outside talent and a good competent manager were added to the roster. Fans will naturally be interested to learn from time to time just what success is attending the efforts of the Shamrock Park moguls. It also has been suggested that at least two teams of local players be organized to play a series throughout the summer, with the idea of having players in training who might eventually develop into material good enough to work into positions on the big-time team, should at any time players be needed.

CLOSE FOLLOWERS OF BASEBALL MUST ADMIT THAT the St. Louis Cardinals, world's baseball champions, who are making a great fight to win a play-off position in the National League, are getting their money's worth from the services of the Dean brothers. Figuring from the time of writing back twenty games the brothers appeared in the box on seventeen occasions, either as starting pitchers or in relief roles. This is certainly an unique record and one which has never been equalled in the annals of baseball. It is rare that brothers appear in the major leagues as star pitchers and far more so that they should be performing on the same team. "Dizzy" may be temperamental and hard to manage, but nevertheless both he and his milder-natured brother are the mainstay of the Cardinals' pitching staff and if they should win their way through to another pennant it will be largely as a result of their combined efforts. That they are willing to go in there whenever they are asked and, in fact, at other times when they should be resting, is known to all. This spirit is highly commendable and no matter what faults "Dizzy" may possess from the great "ego" standpoint it cannot detract from their great performance and willingness to give their best. Many fans think they will shorten their lives as pitchers by working so often, but this is not true. So long as they take good care of themselves and do not strain their arms by working under adverse conditions, such as on cold days when the muscles are stiff, there is no reason why they should not continue to be effective for many more years.

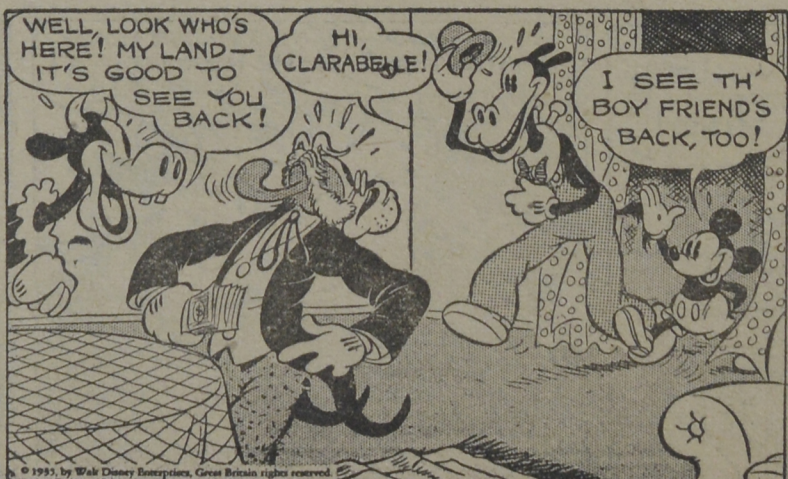
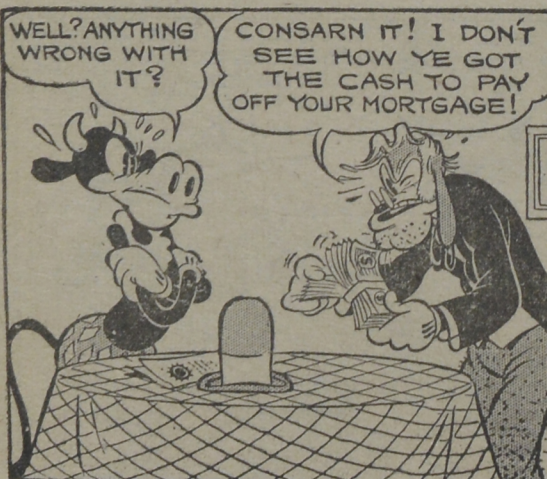
AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE U. S. NATIONAL BOXING Association held in Louisville, Kentucky, a proposal to appoint a "czar" to rule over this sport was tabled until the 1936 convention scheduled to be held in Houston, Texas. The idea of having a dictator, similar to that of Judge Landis in baseball, was proposed by Joseph Maloney of Perth Amboy, N. J., but met with opposition and action was deferred. It is questionable if a dictator would be advisable in boxing. The fact that Judge Landis has proven his worth to organized baseball would not necessarily mean that an individual with similar power would be able to iron out the troubles that arise in connection with the manly art. There is no comparison between the two sports from a standpoint of control and what might prove beneficial to the promotion of one might prove directly opposite to the other. There is no doubt the matter will be thoroughly thrashed out at the convention next year and in the meanwhile those interested will be able to give all phases of the proposition careful study.



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