

CANTONWINE WINS OVER WILD BILL

Donovan Takes First Fall But Iowan Comes Back With Effective Slams.

For four rounds it was anybody's match, but in the fifth Howard Cantonwine, Iowan, wore down Wild Bill Donovan, Los Angeles heavyweight wrestler, with a tremendous amount of roughness and scored two falls in rapid succession, the first with a slam in the first and the second with a series of flying headlocks early in the sixth. Donovan took the first fall in the third round with a double wristlock and arm scissors, follow-

ing some weakening rabbit punches. The match was full of fireworks, with the two behemoths tossing each other around the ring with utter abandon at times, and at other times resorting to hair twisting, kicking, etc., to aid in extrication from some punishing hold.

Wild Bill started off strong and had Howard in hot water at least half of the time during the first three rounds, his aggressiveness culminating with the first fall, which came a minute and 55 seconds after the round started.

Rough Finish
Bill started off the fourth round with a series of rabbit punches, but Cantonwine rallied and let Bill have a varied and punishing assortment of elbows, shoulders, etc., until the southerner was somewhat groggy for awhile. He returned, however, to get a vacuous hold on Cantonwine that finally sent the Iowan clambering toward the edge of the mat. Cantonwine then assumed the of-

CARDS' STRONG MEN OPEN 1931 PENNANT DRIVE



Baseball sharps are picking St. Louis' champion Cardinals to finish 1-2-3 this season in the National League pennant race. Here are some of the reasons: Burleigh Grimes, vet. r.p. hurler, will be with the club all season; Charley Gelbert, shortstop, developed into a full fledged star in the big leagues; Mike Gonzales (shown at the camp with Ray Blades, outfielder coach) is on hand to steady the hurler.

ensive and as the bell rang, had Donovan on his shoulders spinning for a slam.

From then on it was all Cantonwine, the end coming quickly.

Both men exhibited a wide variety of holds, ranging from leg splits and stoppers to headlocks and flying tackles. The first round opened with Bill opening up with rabbit punches, and Howard coming back like a mad bull, only to run into a short arm scissors that worried him for awhile. Cantonwine resorted to a flying tackle, but missed a fall, and Donovan clamped on a leg split. From then on until the first fall, it was nip and tuck.

McCarroll Wins
In a three-round preliminary, Ray McCarroll won a one-fall decision, pinning Jack O'Bryan, of Philadelphia, in the second round with a punishing toehold. The third and final round failed to produce any further falls.

J. L. Noregaard refereed the first match and two rounds of the second, McCarroll continuing in the main event with the third round.

Today Noregaard was at the Observer office and issued a challenge to McCarroll to meet him on the mat at some future time.

The match was the first staged this season in Eagles hall, which was well filled for the event. A new mat has been installed, also benches sufficient to accommodate a large crowd.

Pitchers Not Ready To Talk About The New Ball—May Shorten Hits

By William Braucher
(NEA Service Sports Writer)

It is still too early to form an opinion of the new baseball to be put into operation this year in the big leagues. Many of the teams in the southern camps have not received it. Pitchers on teams that have been using it for more than a week as yet refuse to say much about it.

Rube Walberg, the A's southpaw who is said to have more natural "stuff" than the mine-run of big league pitchers, says he has noticed no difference as yet, though he admits he has not "cut loose" this early in the training season.

Eddie Kimmel, whose knuckleball should be particularly affected by a ball with a heavier seam, will admit nothing, though it was commented upon by newspaper men watching the A's at practice the other day that Kimmel seemed to be throwing some pretty wicked shoots during batting practice.

Good For Knuckler
"Effective knuckle-ball pitching," Rommel said, "depends upon imperfections in the ball. Any little rough or uneven spot will curve it because the ball is a sailer without much spin. Of course the heavier thread ought to make the ball curve faster and sharper, but I haven't given it a thorough trial yet. It will take quite a while to tell."

President E. S. Barnard of the American league said he thinks a lot of fish stories have been put into circulation about the nature of the raised-seam ball. He thinks the difference is in the style of play will not be noticed until the regular season is well under way.

Training Camp News Of Today

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 17 (AP)—The Hamburger is all set for a trip to Havana and there hangs a drama entitled "The Ball Players' Generosity."

Babe is the clubhouse boy for the Brooklyn Robins and a few days ago he was told he could not be taken on Thebebins' forthcoming trip to Cuba. Word got around the camp that the Babe was to be left behind and the players—although money is scarce in training camps—dug up enough to pay his fare.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla., March 17 (AP)—John A. Heydler, president of the National league, making a tour of the training camps, remarked that the Phillies despite their reverses in practice hits.

"The league proxy thinks the strengthening of the Boston Braves' outfield—the added batting punch—will make them a factor in the pennant race. He also had praise for the up-and-at-'em attitude of the Cincinnati infield. The Cardinals are starting in where they left off last fall," and in his opinion are real contenders. The Cubs, Pirates and Giants, which he hasn't seen, are also regarded as possibilities.

Will Shorten the Hits

"I think one feature that may be brought out is in the hitting," he said. "The ball with the raised seam may not travel quite as far when batted. The seam is calculated to irritate an eyelash which will cut down the length of long flies perhaps 20 or 25 feet. In some parks, of course, this will make an appreciable difference. "Would the new ball make much difference with pitchers like Grove or Barnshaw?" was asked of Connie Mack.

"I don't think so," Mack replied. "But the psychological effect of all this 'new ball' talk may have a remarkable effect. Pitchers may get the idea they have more stuff than they really have, and the confidence they put into their work actually may help them to be more effective."

Bluff the Batters
"Likewise batters may be affected by the stories of the sharp curves they may expect this year. If a batter gets the idea that a pitcher is going to throw something dreadful at him, he is not so cocksure in his stance at the plate, and is more apt to be nervous."

"I don't think so," Mack replied. "Well, well—I guess we'll have to wait for the averages to find out what it's really all about!"

Lyman Completes Successful Season

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 17—"Mose" Lyman of La Grande, Oregon State forward, has just completed a very successful season of basketball and is recommended by Coach "Slats" Gill to the board of control for his second varsity sweater.

During the 1931 season, Lyman alternated at center and guard. He scored 94 points as well as turning in a wonderful offensive and defensive game. He was third point man in few games. His ability to take the ball from the backboard is remarkable.

Lyman is also a member of the track team. He tied the college pole vault record last year.

While at La Grande High school, Lyman set up an enviable athletic record. He played football, basketball and was a member of the track team. He was a member of the La Grande basketball team that played in the state tournament at Salem in 1928.

Typifying Evils of War

The "Four Hockemmen of the Apocalypse" are Conquest, Slaughter, Famine and Death, who appeared in Revelation on white, red, black and pale horses respectively. They typify the evils of war.

Urges Changed Type Faces

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Night Fights

By the Associated Press

New York—Ted Sandow, Sioux City, Ia., outpointed Pietro Covari, New York (10).

Philadelphia—Lew Massey, Philadelphia, stopped Bud Taylor, Turf Hatter, Ind. (8). Taylor disqualified for "not trying." Joe Anderson, Covington, Ky., outpointed Matt Adgie, Philadelphia (10).

Rochester, N. Y.—Busby Graham, Utica, N. Y., stopped Yumnie Katz, Buffalo (8).

Davenport, Ia.—Roy "Tiger" Williams, stopped Del Fontaine, Winnipeg, Man. (8); Angus McDonald, Winnipeg, knocked out Knute Dane, Chicago, (4).

Pittsburgh—Cowboy Eddie Anderson, Wyoming, outpointed Eddie Brannon, Pittsburgh (10); Benny Gerche, Cleveland, outpointed Joe Morciana, Brooklyn (8).

Wichita, Kan.—Babe Hunt, Ponca City, Okla., technically knocked out K. O. Christian, Akron, O. (8).

Cleveland, O.—Henry Firpo, Cleveland, O., outpointed Tony Tedesco, Chattanooga (8).

As Balboa Saw Pacific

When Balboa discovered the Pacific ocean, he called it the South sea because at the point where he stood the shore line faced the south.

Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

The experts who glimpsed the comparative fistie ability of Young Stribling and Max Schmeling in the ring at Miami are by no means in agreement on what to expect when these two agile young men trade wallops for the world's heavyweight championship in June, probably at Chicago.

The south is solid for Stribling, whether or not it is still solidly Democratic. The pride of Georgia is as big a hero to the kids and most of the older fans in Dixie as Jack Dempsey ever was in other parts, but the critics like Schmeling too.

This department's feeling is that the Stribling-Schmeling is as good a match as the heavyweight division has had since the days of the Dempsey-Tunney rivalry, that Stribling should be the favorite inside ten rounds and Schmeling's chances improved over a longer route.

No Beer for Max

Schmeling is an earnest young man of 25 who has developed himself with much seriousness (coupled with some breaks) as a first-rate heavyweight.

The German has great confidence in his endurance as well as his punching powers and ability to adapt himself successfully to the varying styles of opponents. He studied and copied Dempsey's stuff. He keeps himself constantly in good condition.

He doesn't drink beer, even when in his own country. He prefers milk for a beverage, the movies for amusement. Golf has an attraction for him, but he admits he isn't so good and broke 100 only once—in Germany.

Max thinks Carnera "soft" by comparison with Stribling. The German saw ponderous Primo knocked out in Leipzig by an obscure heavyweight and doesn't think Carnera can take it.

Stribling Files Scribbles

Stribling likewise is a somewhat serious youth, although he has been in the heavyweight fistie business long enough to seem a veteran.

"W. L." is a more nervous type than Schmeling. He expends energy in various ways outside the prize ring. He is particularly keen about aviation, a licensed pilot and a good one.

After some persuasion he took Ed Danforth of the Atlanta Consti-

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