

# DEMPSEY CHAMPION OF MONEY FIGHTERS

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NEW YORK, July 21.—Here are the "gates" for Jack Dempsey's seven championship fights and his approximate share of the purses in each:

Opponent	Receipts	Dempsey's Share
Willard, 1919	\$ 452,522	\$100,000
Brennan, 1920	250,000	100,000
Miska, 1920	150,000	50,000
Carpenter, 1921	1,525,580	300,000
Hibbons, 1923	231,485	250,000
Firpo, 1923	1,188,822	475,000
Tunney, 1926	1,895,723	750,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,765,132</b>	<b>2,025,000</b>

NEW YORK, July 21.—Jack Dempsey is the biggest "money-fighter" the ring has ever known. He has drawn down the largest purses in fistie history. He has attracted the largest crowds and "gates" on record.

Only three battles in pugilistic annals have gone over the million-dollar mark in receipts and Dempsey has figured in all of them—his fights with Georges Carpentier, Luis Angel Firpo and Gene Tunney. Two of these drew over \$1,500,000.

The erstwhile Manassa Mauler will figure in at least one more million-dollar attraction, his comeback bout with Jack Sharkey at the Yankee Stadium, July 21, and will get his share of another lucrative "gate" if he defeats the Boston sailor and thus gains the right to a return battle with Tunney.

From Willard to Tunney, Dempsey fought seven times, collecting more than \$2,000,000 as his share of "gates" that approximated over \$5,750,000.

"Color," the indefinable something in athletic prowess that acts as a magnet to the fans, has made Dempsey the greatest drawing card in ring history, in the opinion of Tex Rickard, who knows better than anyone else how profitable Dempsey's fistie appearances have been. It is the sort of "color" that has made Babe Ruth the biggest attraction in baseball.

Fandom prefers the "sock", whether it is with the fist or the baseball bat. Dempsey has always been a "socker." The possibility of a knockout or a knock-down-and-drag-out battle always has seemed to be a greater lure than a scientific exhibition of the manly art of boxing.

When Dempsey and Firpo staged their famous cave-man struggle at the Polo Grounds, more than 85,000 spectators became hysterical, wildly-cheering fanatics, stirred by as primitive a battle of fists as the ring has ever seen.

Great drawing card as Dempsey was during the seven years he held the heavyweight title, he did not enjoy the popularity with the mass of fandom that he seems to have acquired as an ex-champion trying a comeback. It is one of the queer turns of the sport, but nevertheless a fact, that the crowd cheered Dempsey more lustily for "taking his beating" and offering no alibis than it ever did when he was the conqueror.

## BARNARD EXPECTED TO SUCCEED "BAN"

(By Norman E. Brown.)  
While no definite step has been made as yet to name a successor to Ban Johnson as president of the American League, I have it on almost unimpeachable authority that the way is prepared for the elevation of Ernest S. Barnard, new president of the Cleveland club.

Most far-minded baseball men view his selection as a logical one. Rightly so. He is probably better fitted in every way, including temperament and knowledge of the game, than any other man. It can be stated with some cer-

## ROOKIE COMES BACK AS STAR



T. Francis Hogan, youthful catcher of the Boston National league team, is the Hub's new hero. Going west with the Braves as a rookie, he came back the team's best catcher. In a recent game with the Giants, he picked Eddie Roush off second, something that Eddie hadn't experienced in years of base stealing.

tainly, also, that the long rumored sale of the Cleveland baseball club will not take place until Barnard's future as possible president of the league has been definitely settled. There is a logical reason.

Barnard has no holding of importance in the club—merely enough to give him a place on the board of directors.

Mrs. James Dunn, majority owner of the stock, depends entirely on Barnard's judgment in all matters pertaining to the club. It is to be presumed that she will lean much on that judgment in disposing of her holdings.

In his present position Barnard can act only in an advisory capacity. His actions might necessarily be hampered by consideration of his own future with the club.

As president of the league it is to be presumed that Barnard could and would exercise the same privileges Johnson did in putting his o. k. on parties to and financial arrangements attending the change of ownership of any of the

clubs. This would give Barnard a freer hand in protecting the interests of Mrs. Dunn and indirectly the other club owners.

Ban Johnson was criticized openly at times for "intruding" in such matters but Big Ban's only reply was that he was doing it to protect baseball from undesirable associates—men who wanted only to bleed the game instead of conducting the clubs on a sportsmanlike basis.

Barnard fully realizes the value of continuing this policy.

A New York pastor advises folks to take their religion with them on their vacation. That's fine. But what are we to do when the sun is hot, the fish won't bite and we run a fishhook into our thumb?

After a prize contest for a new national anthem is over it is customarily discovered that the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph still waves.—Detroit News.

## MONTE DEFEATS MUSKIE BY K. O.

YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 21.—(AP)—The first preliminary to the Dempsey-Sharkey heavyweight battle tonight ended quickly when Joe Monte of Brockton, Mass., knocked out Frank Muskie of St. Paul, Minn., a sparring partner of Champion Gene Tunney, in the second round of a six round match.

Muskie outboxed Monte with a show of cleverness in the first round but took the long count, flat on his back, toward the end of the second round after being topped by a right hook to the jaw. There were only 23 seconds left in the round when Monte, a 23 year old former amateur, landed the crusher. It was a victory for the Sharkey camp as Monte is under the wing of Johnny Buckley, Sharkey's manager.

Muskie weighed 173; Monte 174 pounds. Jimmy Byrne, hard hitting southpaw from Louisville, Ky., won a six round decision from Tom Sayers of Detroit, in the second preliminary. The southerner had Sayers out on the canvas from a left smash to the stomach when the final bell ended the bout.

The preliminary card marked the introduction of the New York state athletic commission's edict as to what the best dressed boxers should wear, the combatants wearing the official trunks of the commission, red and black on one boxer, and purple and black on the other.

Lou Fink, Gene Tunney's trainer, was in the corner of one of the battles in the first preliminary. Lou's boy, Frank Muskie, was knocked out. The champion did NOT put in an appearance for the warm-up bouts.

Tunney came in during the second preliminary and took a seat in the first row. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gimbel. The champion was not recognized by the crowd at large, but was given a hearty greeting by his neighbors as he took a seat on the first row.

Tunney seemed in rare good humor, smiling broadly at a remark of his companions and finally laughing out loud. The third preliminary was over before he could get settled, but he watched the maneuvers of Sandy Seifert and Wyoming Warner with interest. "Big Bill" Edwards added his great size to tell the attendance of famous football personages.

Grapevine tidings, always strong at big events, were that the odds had undergone a sudden shift, by which Dempsey was made a favorite. With a show of authority the announcement was

made at the ringside that Dempsey had become an 11 to 10 favorite, where Sharkey up to this afternoon had ruled a favorite of 7 to 5 or higher odds.

As the preliminary ended the rush of spectators gained in impetus, and it was evident that there would be quite a crowd on hand before the evening was over. The main fight will go on at 9:30 or 9:35 o'clock eastern daylight time, according to present indications.

## Jack Dempsey's Mother Had Confidence in Son

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 21.—(AP)—Outwardly calm, but admittedly "nervous" Mrs. Cecille Dempsey, mother of Jack Dempsey, heard the verdict of the referee award her son another victory over the radio back stage of a local theater tonight.

"I thought he would win, but then I was awful nervous," she said. "I couldn't help but be nervous because even though I thought he would win, it was a hard test. Oh yes, I think Sharkey is a better fighter than Tunney, and although I felt that Jack was in better shape than in his last fight I couldn't help being a little afraid."

Anyhow, it's a lot more satisfactory to see the names Lindbergh and Chamberlain in the headlines than it was Gray and Snyder.

## CHANGES OBSERVED IN TRAINING CAMP

By EDWARD J. NEIL

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Saratoga Lake, N. Y., July 21.—(AP)—A new order of things prevailed in the training camp of Jack Dempsey, once the mauler of Manassa, but now just another former champion attempting to shatter ring precedent by fighting his way back to the heavyweight throne.

Jack lived in complete seclusion in a tiny bungalow hidden in a deep wood more than a mile from Tom Luther's hotel, the headquarters of newspapermen and scribes of the daily training sessions. Rarely did he come from the hills except for the workouts.

Visitors and even close personal friends were barred from the cottage and except for Jack's cherry "Hello, fellows" as he climbed the bag-punching platform at the start of the workout and another joking "So long, girls, see you tomorrow" as he left when the day's grind was over, the scribes rarely encountered the former titleholder. None but newspapermen were admitted to the daily workouts.

In the past, the site of Dempsey's training rounds always was noted for the ease and availability of the big good-natured champion, until lawsuits and process servers

forced a new regime before the losing battle with Gene Tunney last fall. This time Jack was in even deeper seclusion but for another reason.

Knowing that the fight with Jack Sharkey in the Yankee Stadium on the night of July 21 must be a swan song in the game he loved if the tide of battle turns toward the Boston Lithuanian, Dempsey threw himself into the conditioning effort with a grim, fierce determination that never marked his previous conditioning periods.

For the first time in his career, Jack has been constantly coached as he worked by Leo P. Flynn, veteran manager of boxers, who took over Dempsey's affairs for the duration of the comeback. Flynn dictated what Jack should eat, when he should work and lay off, and during the boxing sessions named every punch the former champion or his sparring mate threw before the blow was even started. Through it all, Flynn was greatly aided by Dempsey's almost fanatical desire to regain the title.

Flynn, too, dictated the greatest change ever tried in Dempsey's fighting style. In training for Tunney, Jack boxed on his toes in the belief that such a manner of attack brought the greatest speed and leverage into punches. Yet Gene stabbed Dempsey off balance with straight left hand punches and crossed his right with enough effect to win the championship of the world.

The Dempsey today is boxing on the balls of his feet, reducing the old hobbling weave to a mere swaying of the body as he ploughs into close quarters. Coming in, Jack catches the left hand jabs he expects in plenty from Sharkey—sometimes with a protecting right hand but more often with his chin. Once inside, Jack crashes both hands to the body in short punches that appear to have almost a paralyzing effect on his opponent.

Lindbergh gets 50,000 letters of congratulations, and he hasn't even a secretary.

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