

Dempsey Named Top Ring Figure of Century

Louis Second In AP Ballot

Murderous Manassa Mauler Gets Big Vote

By Jack Hand
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey, the scowling Manassa Mauler with the cruel fists of a stalking killer, today was named the greatest fighter of the past 50 years.

Not boxer but fighter was the word for this restless man with the cracked-in nose and the brine-soaked fists.

Always a merciless stalker with only hate for his opponent inside the ropes, Dempsey parlayed a punch and a dream into over \$5,000,000 earnings after a hungry start in the jungle camp of the far west.

Now comparatively sleek and comfortable but once raw as life itself, Dempsey outdistanced all opposition in the opinion of sportswriters and broadcasters in the Associated Press mid-century poll.

It was strictly a two-man race between Dempsey and Joe Louis, the retired heavyweight champ, with Dempsey a runaway winner. Of the 393 votes, Dempsey 251 and Louis 104.

Henry Armstrong, a great triple champion, polled 16 votes. Gene Tunney, who dethroned Dempsey, drew only six votes for fourth place.

The Dempsey of the broiling July 4th afternoon, 1919, at Toledo has been called the perfect fighting machine of all time. Certainly there have been few to compare with the weaving, crouching terror who cut ponderous Jess Willard to ribbons that sizzling day and won the heavyweight championship.

After flooring the massive Willard seven times in the first round, Dempsey climbed out of the ring and started for his dressing room. He didn't know the bell had rung when the referee was counting out Willard. Hustling back to the ring, he went two more rounds before Jess threw in the towel.

Long before Jack (the Doc) Kearns ever saw him, Dempsey came to New York. Nobody returned out a push cart. He rolled to the west and was knocked out by Fireman Jim Flynn, his only knockout loss at Murray, Utah, in 1917. Shortly after that Kearns came into the picture.

The team of Dempsey and Kearns, the old ballyhoo merchant, rocketed to the top. They hit the jackpot at Toledo. From that time on, they were in the money. George Carpentier, Luis Angel Firpo and the two Gene Tunney fights were ahead but before the Tunney bouts, Dempsey and Kearns split.

With the help of Promoter Tex Rickard, the Dempsey - Kearns team made boxing's first million dollar gate in 1921. Carpentier, an underdog French war hero, was the bait. The crowd paid \$1,789,238 to see Dempsey win easily on a knockout in four rounds.

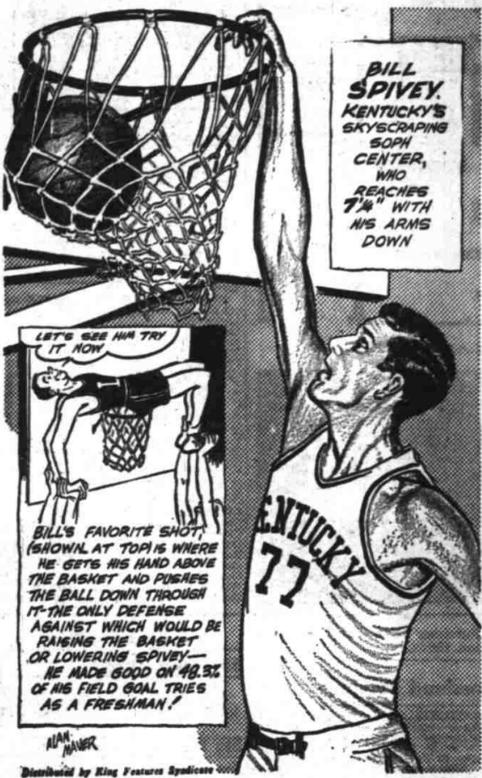
The wild battle with Firpo grossed \$1,189,603.

The largest crowd ever to see a fight, 120,757, turned out when Dempsey lost his crown to Tunney at Philadelphia in 1926. Dempsey received \$718,868, his biggest purse, out of the \$1,895,753 house.

Discounting exhibitions and an ill-fated comeback, Dempsey wound up his active career in a second bout with Tunney. In keeping with his character, it was a tumultuous ending.

Dempsey lost again but not until he had floored Tunney for the famous "long count" of 14 by Referee Dave Barry in the seventh round. While Barry tried to persuade Jack to retreat to a neutral corner the seconds flitted away and Tunney came around.

REACHES NEW HIGH . . . By Alan Maver



Crucial Jaunts with Leaders

Bevos Eye Huskies

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, in the initial Cougar game and showed so well that he started the other three road contests and will be hard to keep off the starting five from here on out. He collected 17 points in the Idaho series.

SPORTSLIGHTNER

Wolves were undefeated and the Badgers dropped only one game last time, if you'll recall.

Took Long Time to Get to 'Name' Stars

Just what significance could this bear, if any? When the football pros held their draft recently, Charlie (Choo) Justice, North Carolina's highly publicized back, was not selected by Washington until the 16th round, and Arnold Galiffs, Army's All-America quarterback, was not chosen by Green Bay Packers until the 18th round.

Girl Wins Right To Keep Python

PARIS (INS)—Jacqueline Valsieres is again a happy little French girl — she has received full legal authority to play with her 4½ foot pink python.

As a result she was back at her old Montmartre stand today, happily fondling her 34-pound playmate in her father's travelling sideshow.

A startled group of spectators had protested that she was endangering the public safety — as well as her own — by publicly coaxing the animal into her mouth.

Riley, Bauer In Golf Finals

Marlene Tops Kirk In Miami Tourney

By James F. Fowler
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Veteran campaigner Polly Riley and newcomer Marlene Bauer breezed into the finals of the 18th annual Helen Lee Doherty women's amateur golf tournament today with 3 and 2 victories.

Marlene, the teenaged adopted daughter of Texas who won medalist honors with a 71, defeated Peggy Kirk of Findlay, Ohio, Miss Riley, who last week won the Tampa women's open golf tournament, turned back Edean Anderson of Helena, Mont., in the semi-finals.

Both finalists grabbed an early lead and held it throughout today's matches.

Playing in her fourth Doherty tournament, Miss Riley carded the best nine hole score thus far in the tourney with her blistering even men's par 36 on the front nine. Her opponent carded a 39.

Miss Riley won the first three holes in quick succession. She canned a 10-footer to take the first, birdied the second with a three and a half foot putt and went 3 up on the third when Miss Anderson three-putted.

They halved the next three holes with 4's. Then Polly went 4 up when Miss Anderson three-putted the 7th. Miss Riley was trapped on her second shot on the long par 5 ninth to hole out in par as Miss Anderson approached to within three feet of the pin to hole out in one under par 4.

Miss Riley went 4 up on the 10th as Miss Anderson three-putted. They halved the 11th with par 3's and Miss Anderson won the 12th as Miss Riley three-putted.

Polly lost the 13th and 14th with bad approach shots, narrowing her margin to 2 up. She closed out the match on the 16th green when Miss Anderson's second shot went into a ditch and she failed to hit the green with her approach.

The finalists meet in a grueling 36-hole duel tomorrow over the 6,347-yard Miami Country club course.

2nd Half Play For City Loop

Second half play for both divisions of the City Basketball league commences this week, with American divisioners going on Monday and the Nationals on Wednesday.

CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Page Woollens	3	1	.750
Capital Post No. 9	2	2	.500
12th St. Market	2	2	.500
Knights of Columbus	2	2	.500
Epping Lumber	2	2	.500
Warner Motors	2	2	.500
West Salem Merchants	2	2	.500

Team	W	L	Pct.
Naval Reserve	4	0	1.000
Burroughs Inn	3	1	.750
City Transit Lines	3	1	.750
National Guard	3	1	.750
Marine Reserves	3	1	.750
Post Office	3	1	.750
Cap. Bus. College	3	1	.750

Wednesday games: Marine Reserves vs. Post Office, Burroughs Inn vs. City Transit Lines.

Racial Issue Causes Bowlers to Withdraw

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Because of Pacific Bowling association objects to a Chinese-American bowler, the Bonneville Bowling league is withdrawing from the association. Fred Skina, secretary of the Bonneville league, disclosed the withdrawal, asserting the league would not consider dropping the Chinese-American simply because of his race.

Skina said the bowler in question was Frank Dine, a veteran of World War I, who bowls for the sub-station design team in the Bonneville league. The Bowling association is a member of the American Bowling congress, which elsewhere in the country has met opposition for its stand against non-Caucasians.

Eclipses of the moon are due in 1950 on April 2 and Sept. 26.

Tony's Toe



This is "Gorgeous Gus", 400 pounds of Canadian black bear who will Tuesday night rattle Tough Tony Ross in the feature attraction at the armory. Three other matches, without bears, also are on the card.

Waltons Meet Monday Night

Salem's chapter of the Isaak Walton league will meet Monday night at eight o'clock in the Mayflower Dairy Co-op building on Fairgrounds road. The meeting was originally scheduled for the chapter's clubhouse, but since bad weather has kept additional work on the house from being done, it was decided to shift Monday's session to the Mayflower building.

An interesting program has been arranged by Pat Crossland for both the chapter and the auxiliary. Bob Holloway and Ted Howell, state game commission, will be featured and will show a moving picture entitled "Back Country Lakes."

Don Harger will lead a discussion on fishways and allied problems. President Rex Sanford will be in charge of the meeting, his first as president.

AUMSVILLE WINS

AUMSVILLE, Jan. 28.—(Special)—Aumsville defeated Detroit 44 to 30 in a county B league basketball game here last night.

Aumsville (44) (30) Detroit
Dalke (4) — F (2) Lady
Russell (8) — F (7) Budlong
Worley (14) — C (2) White
Speer (7) — G (6) Shortin
D. Dalke — G (6) Morgan

Reserves scoring: Aumsville—Cox 4, Ling 2, Briles 5; Detroit—Daumely 5, Denton 2, Lisle 2. The Aumsville B team defeated Detroit 29 to 21.

Some of the best Christmas trees are the tops of larger trees cut for timber.

'Gorgeous Gus', Tough Tony Vie in Special Mix

Stojack, Wallick in Top Mat Tiff Tuesday

Even though the 400 - pound Canadian black bear "Gorgeous Gus" will lure his share of the mat customers Tuesday night at the armory in his special joint with Tough Tony Ross, Match-maker Elton Owen has supplied supporting card enough to hold its own at the gate despite the appearance of the leaping bear. Owen announced the completed Saturday.

Frank (Whirlwind) Stojack, he of the gigantic airplane spins and flying tackles, and Leo Wallick, the topnotcher with the punishing left driver hold, will clash in the main event match. Wallick wanted another crack at The Great Atlas, his tormenter of last week, and has some 600

mat fans who saw that scrap willing to argue that he deserves it. Wallick was not licked legally by the cheery coltist, the fans will voice. But Atlas has refused to wrestle Wallick again, and is now in line (he says) for a chance at Al Szaer's coast junior heavy title belt.

At any rate, Atlas will appear in a prelim assignment Tuesday against the grizzled roughian Barry Buckle Davidson. Buckle has proved in the past to be considerable of a stumbling block for the so-called topnotcher. Tuesday's opener at 8:30 o'clock puts George Strickland against Billy Fox, the latter the remembered marine war hero who has been very popular as a gladiator

here in his matches of some months ago. Fox owns and trains "Gus" also. Both before and after the mix with Ross, "Gus" will be put through his paces in the ring by Fox. Owen has seen the bear in action and reports it is by far the best wrestler bear in the business, "much better than was Ginger, who we had here a few months ago." Gus is given a large tub of water following his match and proceeds to perform with it in the ring. He is two years old and has had neither teeth or claws removed. Ross is the only grappler Owen could get to face the bear.

Harry Elliott will referee the card and there will be no hike in admission tariffs.

Jake Out to Show Critics

LaMotta, Wagner Square-off Friday

DETROIT, Jan. 28.—(AP)—World's Middleweight Champion Jake LaMotta will climb into a Detroit ring Friday night for the first of a couple of tuneup fights before he puts his title on the line probably in June.

LaMotta is due to go 10 rounds or less—and the betting is on the less—with Dick Wagner, a lightweight from Portland, Ore. LaMotta has been under fire by the New York Boxing commission for failure to defend the world championship he won in Briggs stadium here last June when he dethroned the late Marcel Cerdan of France.

He has had only one fight since that, a 10-rounder in which he lost to Robert Villemain of France. Boxing Commissioner Eddie Egan of New York has been prodigal LaMotta to make a title defense, but Jake has been delaying on grounds that he wants the fight to be an outdoor affair this June.

If LaMotta is unable to settle on that fight in New York, it may be held in Briggs stadium. LaMotta's immediate worry, however, is to silence the critics who claimed he was lucky to beat Cerdan. They pointed out that Jake has done little in a flat way since then.

That is one reason why Wagner is expected to have a rough night Friday. Jake is unhappy about the harsh words said about his fighting ability.

Wagner has lost his last three fights, two of them to Nick Barone of Syracuse, N. Y. One of these was at Olympia last year. He is expected to come in at about 172 pounds and will have about a nine pound edge on LaMotta.

Zimmerman, Portland 73-69-68—210, and Stan Leonard, Vancouver, B.C., 71-72-67—210.

Hal Accepts 3rd Pact 'Saltz', Tribe Finally Agree

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Pitcher Hal Saltzman reported today he had signed his contract with the Cleveland Indians of the American league and will report to spring baseball camp next month.

Saltzman said it was the third contract offered for his consideration that got his signature. He had rejected two sent here earlier. He did not disclose the salary.

He will report to the Indians' Tucson camp Feb. 15 when the club management checks over the younger players.

Hal pitched 22 victories for Portland last year and lost 13 games.

Dallas Trounces Redmond Quintet

DALLAS, Jan. 28.—(Special)—Dallas high's hoopers, sparked by Wes Ediger's 21 points, scored to a 53-41 win over a travelling Redmond crew tonight in a non-league game. Dallas led at the half, 24-18.

Dallas (53) (41) Redmond
Wes Ediger (21) — F (10) McGill
Fisher (3) — F (10) Johnston
Olson (10) — C (10) Krieger
Clark (4) — G (6) Hersey
Cook (8) — G (7) Griffin

Reserves scoring: Dallas — Jensen 1, Reed 3, Shoptell 1, McCarty 2, Schout 3. Redmond score: Dallas 24, Redmond 18. Officials: Howell and Johnson.

STONE DROPS ALDRICH

NEW YORK (AP)—Because his age doesn't permit him to look the part, although his voice fits, Ezra Stone did not take the lead role when his Henry Aldrich radio program was switched to television.

Robert Casey, a younger actor, got the camera assignment as Ezra continued his radio series.

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DOG NURSES PIG

MONMOUTH, Ill. (AP)—Porky, the pig; Babe, the kitten, and Patsy, the Collie dog, are a happy family on the Leroy Carlson farm near here.

Patsy adopted Babe and Porky as her own. She lets them nurse whenever they are hungry. The ten-week old Duroc - Chester pig