TUNNEY IMPROVES AS TITLE STRUGGLE NEARS

Champion's Exhibition of Ring Stuff Surprises

HEENEY SHOWS UP WELL

Observers Think New Zealander Will Withstand Blows of Champion Tunney

SPECULATOR, N. Y., July 21.—(AP)—Gene Tunney, after a 48-hour rest, today went through the best workout of his long campaign for the defense of his world's heavy weight title against Tom Heeney in the Yankee stadium next Thursday.

Though he reduced boxing from six to four rounds today, two each with his sparring partners, he displayed more ring stuff in these 12 minutes than he has in the past 12 days.

Tunney's actions, against Harold Mays especially, indicated that he was bent on knocking out the challenger long before the 15-round title battle was half over. For the first time in the past three months, Mays was unable to land one solid punch.

Mays Is Mauled

Mays has previously had little difficulty in scoring a hard right hook to Tunney's jaw after rushing the champion against the ropes. When Harold tried this fistic trick today, Gene skillfully ducked out of danger and then left-jabbed Mays back into the center where he whaled him with hard right punches. After two rounds of this vicious punishment, Mays crawled out of the ring remarking: "It's just as well that Gene wants to go only two rounds. I don't think I could last through a third one."

Mays said that Tunney was hitting harder than ever, that he could feel an extra sting today even though the champion wore the largest gloves in the camp store room.

During the Mays bout, Gene kept his rugged sparring partner outside by constantly jabbing him on the head with lefts and then aiming a stiff body punch.

Billy Vidabeck, the other member of the sparring team, was then sent in to do some inside fighting with the champion. He had little or no success. Tunney's left prevented him from crowding, and the bite of his right caused him to take cover.

Tom Looks Good

FAIRHAVEN, N. J., July 21.—(AP)—Gene Tunney stands little or no chance of knocking out Tom Heeney in their 15-round battle for the world's heavyweight championship in the Yankee stadium next Thursday night, in the unqualified opinion of Tommy Loughran, world's light heavyweight champion, and Benny Leonard, retired undefeated lightweight title holder, after watching the rugged New Zealander in a bristling workout this afternoon.

Heeney, refreshed by a day's layoff, stepped through four rounds of boxing and four rounds of gym exercise. The weather was cool and refreshing after three days of blistering heat. The change was a welcome relief to the hardrock.

Leonard unhesitatingly picked Tunney as the winner, provided the champion elects merely to outbox the invader. He expects Tunney to win on points.

Leonard Impressed

"If Tunney thinks he can knock him out, why, he's daffy," Leonard exploded after watching Heeney trade wallops with James J. Braddock and his other spar boy, James J. Lawless. Leonard does not regard Heeney as an aggressive fighter from what he saw today. He rated him as a big slow moving boxer, wonderfully built to take a lot of punishment.

"An aggressive fighter is one who lunges at you with murder in his heart," Leonard says. "I do not think he is that kind. He plies on all the time but he is not aggressive. He may be called a pace setter, that's all. Heeney looks like he is in shape and he convinced me that Tunney will not stop him. If he tries, he may find himself in plenty of trouble."

Loughran, while declining to name the winner, voiced the opinion that Tunney would not knock out Heeney in "a thousand years."

He also gave the impression he favored Tunney, but refused to comment and say so because he is reserving that privilege for his newspaper articles.

"You know, I'm a writer now," Loughran explained. "But Heeney looks good. He seems to have improved in his boxing. He is hitting sharply and accurately."

EUGENE IS DETERMINED TO WIN FROM SALEM

Good Game Promised at Fair Grounds Today

Gripped with a determination to defeat Salem this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the fairgrounds diamond and go into a tie for the leadership of the Willamette Valley league, the Eugene team went through a hard workout last evening.

The Salem team comes here with one game won and none lost. If Eugene wins today, she will be tied for the leadership, providing Albany sets Bend back a notch at Albany.

The Salem team will line up with Beck pitching and Edwards catching. Sullivan will be on first, Heenan on second, Ridings on short, Kebar on third, and Olinger, Quinn and Grayson in the outfield.

Eugene will start Bill Baker on the mound, with Bliss receiving. Husband will be on first, Graham on second, Wirth on short, Ridings on third, and Gould, Van Duyne and Manerud or Dutton in the outfield.

Beck worked out all spring with a coast league nine, and has been hurling fairly steady ball for Salem. Edwards is a former leaguer, and is manager of the team. He is one of the scrappiest men on the Salem outfit. Billy Sullivan, Jr., at first, is rated as one of the youngsters of the league who shows signs of going on up in baseball as he gains experience. He is a neat fielding first baseman and a good hitter.

Heenan and Kebaer are also Salem boys who show signs of doing bigger time before they are through. Red Ridings at shortstop is a former Oregon State college star.

In the outfield Olinger played with the University of Oregon frosh this season, and needs no further introduction here. He was one of the best hitters on the frosh team. Quinn is a former Oregon State outfield star and is one of the fastest men on the list. He is leadoff man in the hitting order. Grayson played with Eugene for several games this season, and proved his worth as a hitter.

Gould, Eugene outfielder, hit the longest blow of the season on the home field in the game against Bend, and is rated as one of the most dangerous of hitters on the local squad. He will be facing Salem for the first time today. Harry Dutton also will face Salem for the first time this season. He and Gould both were members of the University of Oregon championship varsity this year, and have been playing hard and fast ball.

Gordon Ridings at third is another member of the Oregon varsity this season, and has been going better in valley league ball than in the college circuit.

The batting averages of all players in the valley league for the second round have been compiled, and are given below.

CHAMPION GENE READY FOR BIG TUSSLE

An important part of any fighter's training is the type of sparring partner which can give a real tussel in the camp ring. Gene Tunney, left, world's heavyweight champion, believes in having men at his camp at Speculater, N. Y., who can sock him and give him plenty of action. Billy Vidabeck, right, is nobody's set-up, but Gene likes to spar with him. The champ doesn't even wear a headgear because he believes in hardening himself thoroughly.

BATTING AVERAGES OF PLAYERS ARE COMPILED

Figures Show How Members Of Teams are Hitting

Batting averages of the players in the four remaining teams of the Willamette valley baseball league since the second half of the season began have been compiled as follows:

Eugene

	AB	H	Pct.
Dutton, lf	1	1	1.000
Fuller, p	1	1	1.000
Bliss, c	5	2	.400
Gould, rf	5	2	.400
Ridings, 3b	3	1	.333
Baker, p	3	1	.333
Graham, 2b	4	1	.250
Van Duyn, cf	5	1	.200
Wirth, ss	5	1	.200
Husband, 1b	4	0	.000
Manerud, lf	2	0	.000

Albany

	AB	H	Pct.
Patterson	1	1	1.000
McClain, rf	4	2	.500
Ross, 3b	4	2	.500
Hite, lf	3	1	.333
McReynolds, 1b	4	1	.250
Jenks, cf	4	1	.250
Smith, 2b	4	1	.250
Wilkinson, c	4	0	.000
Hecker, ss	4	0	.000
Coleman, p	3	0	.000
Fortier, p	0	0	.000

Salem

	AB	H	Pct.
Olinger, lf	4	2	.500
Ridings, ss	2	1	.500
Keber, 3b	3	1	.333
Beck, p	3	1	.333
Edwards, c	4	1	.250
Gill, lf	4	1	.250
Heenan, 2b	4	1	.250
Sullivan	4	1	.250
Quinn, cf	2	0	.000

Bend

	AB	H	Pct.
Eubanks, c	2	2	1.000
Bigbee, cf	5	4	.800
Rentfrow, 2b	3	1	.333
Allen, rf	3	1	.333
Hepting, 3b	5	1	.200
Durdan, lf	5	1	.200
Trummer, ss	3	0	.000
Wood, 1b	4	0	.000
Rose, p	1	0	.000

ELIZABETH RYAN WINS

FORMER CALIFORNIAN TAKES TWO MATCHES

DUSSELDORF, Germany, July 21.—(AP)——Elizabeth Ryan, former Californian, won two matches in the international tennis tournament here today. In the women's singles she defeated Frau Friedlebegn 6-2, 6-3. In the mixed doubles she and Ronald Boyd, of the Argentine, advanced at the expense of Mrs. Partridge, of England, and Christian Boussus, of France.

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PIRATES TAKE ROBINS DOWN FOR TWO GAMES

Cincinnati Edges Out Win Over Boston; Phillies Win

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	56	33	.629
Chicago	52	38	.578
New York	46	34	.575
Cincinnati	52	39	.571
Brooklyn	46	42	.523
Pittsburg	43	42	.506
Boston	25	58	.301
Philadelphia	21	59	.263

PITTSBURG, July 21.—(AP)—Pittsburg defeated Brooklyn in both ends of today's double-header by scores of 7 to 3 and 10 to 2. The Dodgers were forced to use three pitchers in each game.

First game	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	3	6	4
Pittsburg	7	12	1

Batteries: Ehrhardt, Koupal, Elliott and Deberry; Hill and Hargreaves.

Second game	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	8	4
Pittsburg	10	16	1

Batteries: Petty, Clark, Koupal and Gooch; Meadows and Hargreaves.

Boston Beaten

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 21.—(AP)—Cincinnati edged out a 5 to 4 victory over Boston today, gathering fifteen hits off R. Smith and Clarkson.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	4	15	0
Cincinnati	5	10	0

Batteries: Smith, Simmons, Clarkson and Taylor, Spohrer; Donohue, Kilp and Hargrave.

Phillies Win

ST. LOUIS, July 21.—(AP)—The Phillies turned back the Cardinals 8 to 3 here today by gathering 12 hits off four St. Louis pitchers.

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	8	12	2
St. Louis	3	7	1

Batteries: Sweetland, Benge and Lerian; Mitchell, Frankhouse, Reinhart, Rhem and Wilson.

Cubs Beat Giants

CHICAGO, Ill., July 21.—(AP)—The Cubs wrested two extra-inning decisions from the Giants in more than 5 1-2 hours of baseball here today. The home team eked out the first victory 2 to 1 in 15 rounds and the second by 5 to 4 in ten. The cubs came from behind to tie the score of the second clash in the ninth on a pass.

Scores:

First game:	R.	H.	E.
New York	1	12	0
Chicago	2	13	3

Batteries: Fitzsimmons and Hogan, O'Farrell, Nehf, Bush, Jones and Gonzales.

Second game:	R.	H.	E.
New York	4	8	1
Chicago	5	7	0

Batteries: Genewich, Falkner and O'Farrell, Hogan; Blake, Jones, Bush and Hartnett.

ED WALSH, JR., SCORES IN DEBUT AT NEW YORK

Cleveland and Boston Divide Double; Solons Win

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	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	66	29	.695
Philadelphia	56	35	.615
St. Louis	41	45	.477
Chicago	42	49	.462
Cleveland	40	51	.440
Washington	39	51	.433
Boston	36	51	.414
Detroit	35	54	.393

NEW YORK, July 21.—(AP)—Echoes of twenty years were sounded at the Yankee stadium today as a chunky youngster, just out of Notre Dame, curved and buzzed a fine assortment of pitching "stuff" about the ears of the Yankees. Ed Walsh, Jr., was making his Metropolitan debut as a member of the White Sox and a great crowd thundered its applause upon him as he turned the champions back with one tiny single in the first six innings. The score was 5 to 0. Chicago won the first game 2 to 1.

First game	R.	H.	E.
New York	1	12	0
Chicago	2	13	3

Batteries: Fitzsimmons and Hogan, O'Farrell, Nehf, Jones and Gonzales.

Second game	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	4	0
New York	2	5	0

Batteries: Walsh and Crouse; Pipgras and Behnough.

Double Bill Divided

BOSTON, July 21. — (AP) — Cleveland and Boston divided a double header today. The Red Sox won the first game, 5 to 2, behind the five hit pitching of Ruffing. Bayne, Cleveland left hander, won the second 5 to 1.

First game	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	2	5	0
Boston	5	12	1

Batteries: Giant, Harder and L. Sewell; Ruffing and Hofmann.

Second game	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	5	9	1
Boston	1	8	0

Batteries: Bayne and Myatt; Harriss, Russell, Clayton and Berry.

St. Louis Loses

PHILADELPHIA, July 21. — (AP)—Philadelphia made a clean sweep of today's double header, defeating St. Louis 8 to 2 and 7 to 2.

First game	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	2	8	0
Philadelphia	8	15	1

Batteries: Ogden, Beck, Witlse and Manion; Grove and Cochrane.

Second game	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	10	0
Philadelphia	7	12	1

Batteries: Stewart, Steiecki, Witlze and Schang; Quinn and Cochrane.

Solons Win

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21. —(AP) — Washington made the series count three games to one with Detroit today by a 4 to 2 victory.

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	2	5	1
Washington	4	6	0

Batteries: Whitehil, Smith and Woodal; Hadley and Ruel.

Spokane Motorist Hurt

ALBANY, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—P. J. Kelly of Spokane suffered concussion of the brain and severe head wounds here today when his automobile collided with a truck at the south end of the Albany bridge crossing the Willamette river.

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MENKE PICKS HEENEY TO WIN TITLE

Says "Will to Win" that Made Tunney Champion Over Jack Dempsey Is Now Badly Submerged

By FRANK G. MENKE

This column inclines to the belief that Tom Heeney will be the next heavyweight champion of the world.

That's guess is contrary to the general notion of this widely inhabited world. For here, there and almost everywhere else the boys and girls think that Heeney merely is a practice session for Tunney; that Tunney will spear him dizzy with his left hand, knock him wiggly with his right, feint him into forget-me-nots, run him bow-legged, tie him into pretzel formations, render him cross-eyed and anything else you might want for $40.

The general notion department may be quite right; Tunney may be the mighty champion, the invincible youth that so many believe. But this column cannot bow to any such word as "invincible" when it is applied to Tunney.

Tunney reached his peak in the 1926 fight.

He wasn't so good in 1927—not by a half-dozen hops, skips and jumps. His timing of punches in Chicago was bad, as was evidenced by the fact that Dempsey, who never had any real defense, was able to dodge about 30 of Tunney's right hand swings and kept out of the way of Tunney's left hand pokes through most of the early rounds.

Tunney was slower in Chicago than ever before.

He was not so "hot" in avoiding drives for his whisker region, nor for his body. Dempsey, a year older than he was in Philadelphia, hit Tunney about ten times as often in Chicago as he did in their first outing.

If Tunney slowed between 1926 and 1927, it naturally follows that with an added year of idleness, he has slowed considerably more between 1927 and 1928.

From September of last year until he went into training for Heeney, the champion didn't pay much attention to his fistic knitting. He was careful about his diet, he did some exercising each day, but, in the main, he made no strenuous effort to keep his muscles tuned, or his eyes in alert fighting condition. He grew a bit fat, as the out-of-training poundage of 203 demonstrated.

Beyond all that, the will-to-win does not surge so restlessly through Tunney as it did in former years. Like all challengers, he was wildly anxious to meet Dempsey and beat him. He was a fighting man that night in Philadelphia, tuned to concert pitch, with every muscle and fibre in his being, with body, mind and soul welded together in the effort for triumph.

He won — because he had the mighty urge and the will-to-win.

In Chicago he was fighting to prove his right to be called great among the greatest; he fought to win—to "kill" if a "kill" could be made — just to silence the slurrs about his first victory over Dempsey; he fought to demonstrate that he was Dempsey's master. He had within him, as still a greater force to aid him, a dislike for Dempsey—a feeling that dominates in what is known as "grudge fights."

Now it is different.

Having gained the championship in one fight, having proved his mastery in another, Tunney has satisfied his two great desires. He is at the top. The man who is there has gone as far as men can go. There is a tendency, when the pinnacle has been achieved, for men to let down; to take it easy. Ambition to conquer newer heights is gone because there are no newer heights to conquer.

A champion's task merely is to defend what he has gained. Defenders never fight as desperately, as wonderfully as do the aggressors. In any fight between a champion and a challenger, the fighting spirit, the indomitable courage stuff, the reckless daring is always more evident in the challenger than in the title holder.

Tunney himself is a perfect example.

He fought a far greater fight against Dempsey when he was trying to win the title in Philadelphia than he exhibited in Chicago when he was the defending champion. Dempsey, by the same token, was a greater fighter in Chicago as a challenger than he was as the champion in Philadelphia.

History has proven that inactivity rusts champions, kills off their effectiveness and they go suddenly bloole and are done. Sullivan, Corbett, Jeffries, Johnson, Willard, Dempsey—are the examples. Tunney is no exception. He is around 30 now—and that is reasonably ancient for a heavyweight gladiator. But the thing that counts most against him in the Heeney fight is that he will be asked to step 15 rounds and he has not stepped 15 for quite a few years.

Since the Johnny Risko fight of 1925, Tunney has fought but twice—a total of 20 rounds. Three years and only one full hour of it given over to fighting by a fighting man. That's nothing for any Tunney enthusiast to cheer about. Rather, it's quite an occasion for concern. The night of the 26th will prove it.

Out of the confines of Speculator, where Tunney is strutting his training stuff, come stories that he is perfecting a knockout punch—a whipping right cross designed to knock Heeney loose from his intellect. If that's all true—if Tunney really is concentrated upon the idea of knocking out Heeney—it enhances Heeney's opportunity for victory only so much more.

For it is extremely doubtful if Tunney can upset Heeney no matter what he hits him with. By getting his mind and his muscles all tuned up for a right hand shot at Heeney's chin, Tunney is very likely to park his most effective weapon—a left jab. If Tunney starts off specializing with a right across and keeps pegging away with it, it won't be long before he realizes the great error of his ways.

If Tunney attempts to use his left merely as an alternate weapon, instead of his main dependence, then whatever chance he has to scuttle through to victory will go out like a lighted match in a hurricane.

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(Editor's Note—The next part of this story which deals with Heeney, will appear on Tuesday.)

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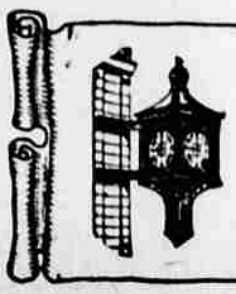

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