

SPORTS

NEW RING CHAMP GOT EARLY START IN FIGHTING GAME

Family From Ireland — Two Older Brothers Fighters — Was Amateur at 16 — Has Seen Hard Times

By EDWARD J. NEIL, Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, June 19.—(AP) James J. Braddock was named to the prize ring from birth.

Early in the morning of June 7, 1906, in the heart of Hell's Kitchen on West 48th street, he was born to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Toole Braddock, and the proud father, Joe, now 70 and a watchman on the Hoboken docks, promptly named the lusty infant James Jay in honor of James J. Jeffries, then heavyweight champion of the world.

The parent Braddocks, both mother and father, came from County Galway, Ireland, 45 years ago. One of Jim's uncles was a famed rough and tumble fighter, another a prominent foot runner. Two of Jim's three older brothers, Ralph and Joe, were fighters for a time. He has four brothers, in all, and two sisters.

Started Fighting Early

The family moved to New Jersey, where Father Joe set up in the trucking business when Jim was nine months old. He went to school in West New York, N. J., and his fighting career started early. He was 10 when he flattened his first schoolmate, Elmer Furlong, with a single right. He fought Johnny Morris, another pal, 30 times for the fun of it, splitting the decisions about even.

At 12 he was a messenger boy, and one job he liked was carrying the round-by-round description to a newspaper office of Jack Dempsey's conquest of Jess Willard at Toledo in 1918. At 14 he was an apprenticed helper in a print shop, and after hours he'd sneak over the fence of Jersey ball parks to watch fights. At 16 he was in the amateurs, weighing 158 pounds. He scored 40 knockouts before he turned professional.

Blessed by Good Luck

One day in 1925, in a Union City, N. J., gymnasium, a New York manager, Joe Gould, was supervising the training of a middleweight, Harry Goldund. Joe spotted a big skinny kid standing by the ring posts, looking eagerly on. Joe needed a sparring partner.

"You a fighter?" he demanded.
 "Yes, sir," said the youngster.
 "What's your name? What do you weigh?"
 "Braddock, 162."
 "Wanna box with Goldund?"
 "Sure."

Braddock almost knocked out Goldund, a seasoned fighter, whereupon Gould sent the old warrior home and took over the new. They never signed a contract. As the years rolled by, and they went up, and back, climbed again to the heavyweight championship, they've never had a contract covering the situation. They've earned nearly \$250,000 together, and they spent, or lost, it in bad investments, together. Gould never lost faith in the Irish kid he came on by accident.

Seen Hard Times

In the extreme "low" of their experiences, when only a year ago Jimmy had to go to the relief rolls for aid, when Joe was selling automobile radios trying to get by, Jimmy needed \$37 to pay the milk bill. A kind landlord had let him move his family from their apartment to the basement, where Jim took care of the janitoring, rent free. Gould had a tough time borrowing \$37, but the milk bill was paid.

Today Gould is considering \$100,000 offers for fights, accepting and rejecting the hundreds of other chances to make money that come a champion's way. Braddock pays no attention to that part of it.

"I do the fighting; Joe does the managing."

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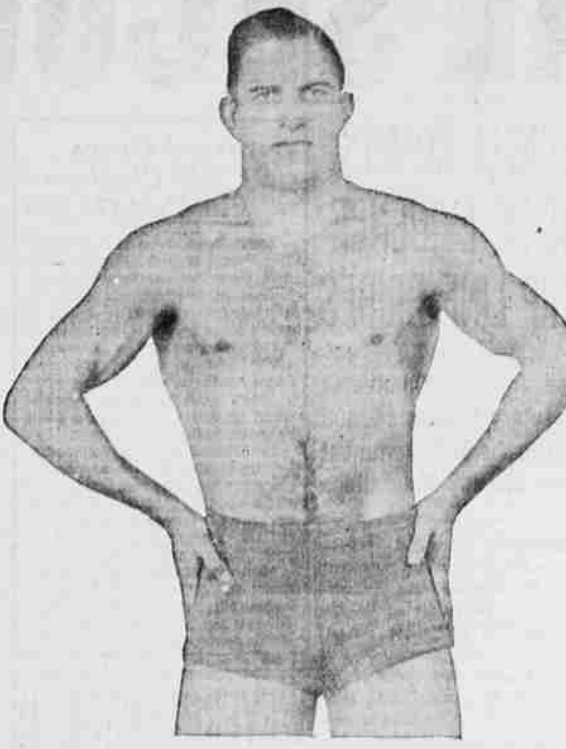
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Favorite Matman Returns



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FISHING INTEREST CENTERS IN LAKES OF LOCAL REGION

Now that the fish nets are out of the mouth of the Rogue river, the salmon run which has been in progress for over a month has increased slightly over what it was a week or so ago, but is still no where near what it was in the early part of the run. The fish that are getting this far up-stream are black and soft, valueless for food, and not much better for sport.

By mid-summer, however, the steelhead will start, and will continue to run in the river until late in the fall. Silversides will begin to move in the fall. Of course, there will be a few chinooks in the river all summer, but their number will be so small as to make little difference to the trout anglers.

Diamond Lake is the popular fishing spot, and will undoubtedly remain so far the rest of the summer. It has been rather cold there during the last week, and not as many fishermen as usual have been there, but those who tried their luck report good catches.

It has also been cold at Fish lake, Four-mile lake and at the Lake of the Woods, but the case is the same there as at Diamond Lake—those who have tried have had good luck. Bass fishing at the Lake of the Woods is said to be better than in years.

The roads to these popular resorts are said to be in excellent condition, and the coming of warmer weather will send hundreds out on the streams.

Trout fishing in streams of this vicinity is improving rapidly, with the waters falling to somewhere near a normal level, and much of the murkiness of the spring thaw and snow run-off now gone. Fishing from Bybee bridge to Dodge bridge is said to

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CALIFORNIA CREW WINS BY INCHES IN REGATTA CLASSIC

Cornell Battles Western Sweepsters to Bitter End — Washingtonians Take Other Events With Ease

By EDWARD J. NEIL, Associated Press Sports Writer
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 19.—(AP)—Over the roistering Hudson today there came a calm, the let-down after as fierce a rowing duel as the river ever has seen—California's split second triumph over Cornell in the four mile varsity climax of the 37th intercollegiate Poughkeepsie regatta.

The scant crowd that braved driving rains and chilling northeast winds was well dried out, but still it tingled, from neither the cold nor the wet.

It shivered again as it will shiver many another time in memory of those two great eights, battling down the river on the breast of a rolling tide, hammering across the finish line in the purple murk of the evening so close that only the officials far out in the river, after many minutes of debate, were able to give them their places.

California Favorite

While California, mighty machine stroked by young Gene Kerkenkamp, had been the pre-race favorite, riding a steadily mounting tradition of conquering championship that goes back through victory in the last two Olympic games, Cornell was something of an underdog.

There was nothing in the two preliminary races, held under fair weather conditions but in weather so nasty that it robbed all the usual color from a crowd of scarcely 20,000, to indicate that the east had any chance to stop the western invader that gets stronger and stronger each year.

The Huskies of Washington, for the second successive year, made a show of the five crew freshman field, walloping California by a length and a half, with Navy third by another length. They distanced Columbia and Syracuse, fourth and fifth, respectively, winning in 10 minutes 29 seconds.

It was even more pronounced in the four crew junior varsity dash through three miles, where the same Washington crew that won as freshmen in 1934 trounced Navy by three lengths, with Cornell and Syracuse in that order several more lengths behind. The Huskies' time was 14:58 4-5.

Cornell Always Close

For the three miles the classic was anybody's contest, with Syracuse out-tling with California and the great Washington eight. Cornell always was close. Navy wasn't to be shaken off.

From the shore, far up on a hill in a line with the finish, it looked as if the big red shell from Ithaca had made it by perhaps half a length. It looked as if the lion heart in that Cornell shell had nipped California by a little less than the margin that separated Washington in third place and Navy in fourth.

The crowd on the shore thought so, howling in glee. The Cornell crew slapped each other on the back.

But the crowd on the observation train thought California won, and the judges came out of a huddle to announce their decision. Once more California was lord of the river with

CUNNING ELLIOTT PINS 'DISFACE' OPPONENT

SALEM, June 18.—(AP)—The cunning of Harry Elliott proved enough to offset the rough and tumble tactics of "Disface" Powers, face-contorting wrestler from Vancouver, B. C., here last night and the popular Eugene matman disposed of Powers in two out of three falls in the main event of the wrestling card.

Del Kunkle, Salt Lake City, smashed a right to the jaw to gain a one-fall decision from Ray Lamphers, Sacramento. Rob Roy took one fall from Young Tarzan in the opening bee bridge to Dodge bridge is said to

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PITTS CONFIDENT CAN MAKE GOOD IN BASEBALL LINEUP

ALBANY, N. Y., June 19.—(AP)—Edwin C. "Alabama" Pitts, one-time Ring Sing prison athlete, today faced the job of making good for the friends whose faith caused Kenesaw Mountain Landis to unbar the doors of professional baseball.

Landis, baseball's high commissioner, in Chicago overruled a decision banning Pitts from baseball but made it clear that his action resulted from the numerous appeals in behalf of the ex-convict.

He ruled the 24-year-old parotie might play with the Albany club of the International league, but insisted his activities be limited to regular games of the schedule.

The young southerner who served five years of an 8-to-16 year term for an armed robbery in New York city was quick to express his appreciation.

"Judge Landis will never regret having made that decision," he said. "He praised the two men who led the fight to win him a baseball position. General Manager Johnny Evers of the Albany club and Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing prison."

"They have been great. They stuck with me from the start of this thing and I'm glad so have a chance to show them they were right."

Evers, who twice threatened to sever all connection with the game if the minor league ruling was upheld, declared the decision "gives me the greatest thrill in my 33 years of baseball."

"The decision speaks for itself—it shows intelligence," said Warden Lawes. "Nothing can add to it. Naturally I am pleased."

Officials of the Albany club plan to start Pitts in the outfield next Sunday when the Senators oppose Syracuse.

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season. Sometimes a slow starter, he is a hard man to hit when warmed up.

The game will start a half hour earlier than usual, with the opening salvo set for 7 o'clock. Saturday afternoon has been set as the best time because that is believed the best time for the "tired business man." A good crowd is anticipated.

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Los Angeles	0	1	0.000
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Portland	0	1	0.000

Also featured will be Big Bill Smith, who penetrates the atmosphere six feet four and a half inches. He moves about in center field. The club, the only one that tours from coast to coast and from the Gulf of Mexico to the tip of northern Canada each year, has three pitchers who have been fanning opposition like machine guns all year. They are "Dizzy Dean" Thomas, "Red" Knuckle and Richard Walden. Thomas and Knuckles are credited with no-hit, no-run games.

The Negro's catcher, Albert Morehead, is said to be the funniest little receiver in baseball. Manager Hoffard of the Rogues says things won't look so funny to him when he knocks a homer or two right out of the humorous one's dukes.

With a pained look on his face, Hoffard announced today that he isn't going to pitch against the Giants if he can help it. In order to help it, he has sent to Kelso, Wash., to try to get Chesterfield, the pitcher who has pitched that club to nine straight wins this year. The Kelso club breaks up in a short time, and Chesterfield will be free to go where he chooses.

The rest of the Rogues team will remain as usual, with Hoffard back in the outfield. Heas may be used on the mound. So far this year, Heas has a fine record, having done some beautiful work in and out all

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