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FIRPO'S FIGHTS NOT IMPOSING

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—In the winter of 1922 Luis Angel Firpo, the Argentinian who is to fight Jack Dempsey for the world heavyweight title at the Polo Grounds September 14, came to the United States, one of the strongest and most courageous of the crudest fighters, that ever walked on a resin sprinkled floor.

Luis Angel couldn't talk American, except when money was mentioned, and it was several weeks before he gathered some of his friends about him and arranged a match in which he was to prove to some of the doubters that he could punch.

Sailor Maxted a rough heavy-weight of the slugging type, agreed to meet the South American and they squared off in the ring of the Broad Athletic club in Newark, N. J. on the night of March 20. There was lots of wild and woolly swinging and missing in that engagement, but in the seventh round the South American drove his man into a corner and pummeled him to the floor with heavy rights to the head and body.

The doubters began to believe. In the same arena on April 4 Firpo met Joe McCann, a tough youngster. After being soundly rapped on the chin in an early round and sent to his knees, Firpo came back and forced McCann to quit in the sixth a badly beaten fighter Firpo's right hand turned the trick against McCann.

A little more than a month later Firpo entered the ring in Ebbets field, Brooklyn, against Jack Herman, a light heavyweight. All the experts were out to see Firpo in action that day. Herman was faster than Firpo and danced around him in the early rounds, keeping away from his terrific punches. In the fifth round Firpo caught Herman in the body with a right and brought up the left on the inside to Herman's chin. Herman was lifted a foot off the floor and sent flat on his back for the count. Half an hour later he was revived.

Then Firpo, feeling that he had won some glory, returned to his native republic to receive the plaudits of his admiring countrymen. While in Buenos Aires he fought Jim Tracey, a tall, gangling heavyweight from Australia, knocking him out in four rounds. Tracey was a willing fighter but had little boxing skill, and carried no punch. So he was hardly a match for the Argentine strong man.

Firpo returned to the United States last March for another campaign, this time to pave the way for a title match with Dempsey. Three spectacular victories were the medium of the Argentinian's rise to fame and recognition as a dangerous championship contender. The first was over old Bill Brennan of Chicago, at Madison Square Garden in March. Brennan ripped and cut Firpo mercilessly in 11 rounds of furious fighting, but the South American absorbed the punishment without wincing, and in the twelfth beat Brennan to the floor with club-like rights.

Jack McAuliffe II of Detroit, highly touted and flashy in his gymnasium work, was Firpo's next victim. He was knocked flat in the third round of a bout at the Yankee stadium in May of the same afternoon that Jess Willard started his comeback by knocking out Floyd Johnson, young lowan.

The victors of that show, Firpo and Willard, met for the final test in the great pine bowl at Doyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, in July before one of the largest crowds in fight history. Firpo cleared the path for his match with Dempsey by knocking out Willard in the

eight round, but to many it was a disappointing conflict. They pawed at each other clumsily for a greater share of the first seven rounds. Firpo's body punches doing the most damage, while in the final round a succession of rights to the body and head floored Willard, who took the count on the first knockdown.

Firpo followed this triumph by an exhibition tour of the middle west and east, meeting a variety of opponents, two of whom managed to stay the limit with him. At Omaha Hoern Smith was floored more than a dozen times by Firpo, but was on his feet at the end while at Indianapolis, where 16-ounce gloves were used, Joe Downey stayed the limit of 10 rounds. Downey, however, absorbed so much punishment that he was taken to a hospital after the bout.

Jimmy DeForest, veteran trainer who conditioned Dempsey for his championship fight with Willard at Toledo in 1919, directed Firpo's battles with Brennan, McAuliffe and Willard but shortly afterward he was dropped by the South American in favor of Horatio Lavelle, wealthy Buenos Aires sportsman. Firpo and DeForest both denied reports of a break over financial terms, but the boxer was the target for criticism by experts who believed he had made a mistake in disposing of the veteran who was credited with developing him into championship caliber. Firpo and Lavelle, however, insisted that the change was made because of the handicap caused by DeForest's inability to speak Spanish.

AGGIE GRID MEN TO TAKE JAUNT INTO MOUNTAINS

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 13.—A new plan in pre-season football training will be worked out by Coach R. B. Rutherford when he takes his gridiron candidates into the Alsea mountain country after they report thus hardening them for the scheduled games. The jaunt will be taken because repair work on the gymnasium will not be completed when practice starts.

"The men are counting the days until the squad turns out and are raring to go," said Coach Rutherford, "but no one has a cliché on any position. Each man will have to fight hard to win on the eleven and will have plenty of good, stiff competition."

FEW BOXERS OF MERIT REMAIN

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The pugilistic sun, if it has not already set, is dipping rapidly below the horizon for the three men who made boxing popular in France. Unless France has better luck in raising a new crop of boxers than she seems to be having in making the naughty Germans be good, capable scrappers very soon will be as scarce in that dear France as bathing beauties at the North Pole.

Georges Carpentier, Eugene Criqui, Charles Ledoux—these are the mighty trio that have made French boxing history. Their names head the list wherever toasts are drunk to the pugilistic prowess of La Belle France. But the tarnish that has accrued to the illustrious cognomen of these three as the result of recent performances has almost obliterated them from current fistic consideration.

The first named, the mighty and dashing Georges, is still a factor in the European heavyweight championship, but as a contender for world honors he has been virgally defunct since the unfortuitous outcome of Tex Ricard's afternoon party at Boyle's Thirty Acres a little over two years ago. Barring what Siki did to him, Georges' reputation has survived pretty well on this side of the water and he probably is still good enough to "talk" Joe Beckett or any of the other top-notch heavies if there are any in Europe.

Carpentier, however has been in the front ranks of boxing since 1908 and only a superman can stand the pace for fifteen years and still remain formidable.

Ledoux is another veteran. Since 1909 he has fought the fight, always as befits a son of France. He has been the outstanding European bantamweight for a decade and earned the reputation of being a fighting fury and the hardest hitting little man in the Old World. But Ledoux met his Waterloo a few weeks ago when Bugler Lake, a fleet-footed, sharp-hitting Englishman, relieved him of the European bantamweight crown. It is certain that Ledoux never again will rise to real prom-

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BAKER BECOMES MISSION COACH

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Sept. 13.—Roy M. "Snowy" Baker, former University of Southern California and Santa Clara star halfback, has been appointed assistant coach of football at the University of Santa Clara. It was announced here today. Baker first earned his gridiron reputation at Long Beach high school under Coach Edgar H. Kleinholz, the new Santa Clara motor. He was mentored by Walter Camp in his 1922 all-American selections and starred for U. S. C. in its post-season tour with Penn State.

BASEBALL GROWS IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The American Legion games in London's 1923 baseball season, just terminated, were attended by over 20,000 people—95 per cent of whom were British—according to the legion's secretary.

The average attendance for each game was about 2000, and the legion is hopeful of further popularizing America's national game next year.

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Smoky Gaston, Tud Kent and Olcott Zarn, participants in the races last winter, have entered their famous dog teams for the September event, it has been announced by the round-up officials.

RECORD NOT ALLOWED M. C. Nokes, the British hammer-throwing champion recently threw the weight 172 feet 7 1/2 inches, bettering the record by 4 inches, but it will not stand as it was not accomplished in open competition.

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