



Ex-Champ Lets Partners Whale Away at Chin to Test Ability To Take 'em; Comes Back Strong

SARATOGA LAKE, N. Y., July 15. (A.P.)—Dempsey is undergoing the final test of his ability, whether he can take a husky punch on the chin and still bore in fighting with senses undimmed.

The former title holder is certain that his physical condition is sound, that his punching power is as great as ever and his footwork fast enough to carry the high-powered artillery into close range for heavy work on Jack Sharkey's body, but he realizes that on the way in he will be hit hard and often and he is anxious to discover his reaction when fists are drumming on his chin, lights popping before his eyes and the drone of a million bees in his head.

Jack has fought only 12 rounds in two fights in almost four years. When Louis Angel Firpo smashed Dempsey from the ring in September, 1923, Jack came back in a fury to sink the Argentinian a half dozen times. Defending the world championship against Gene Tunney, last fall, Jack was not knocked

down from his feet, but steady punishment about the head slowed him to a walk.

Jack Takes 'Em

Yesterday was the first Jack spent stopping punches with his chin when he could have avoided the punishment. In the first 3 minutes of boxing against Johnny Saxon, Jack stuck out his head and let it stay there while Johnny whaled him solidly. Then Dempsey drew back, whipped a dozen short punches to the body, and had to "carry" the little welterweight the remainder of the round.

Against Chief Metoquah, rangy Oklahoman Indian, Dempsey submitted to four right crosses to the head which carried every ounce of the chief's 204 pounds behind them. Once more Jack pulled himself together and nearly crushed the Indian with body bending attacks. Italian Jack Herman and Marty Gallagher both took their shots at the former title holder and were repaid in heavy punishment.

SHARKEY NOT SO GOOD IN FIGHT WITH PARTNERS

Weather Calls Halt to Jack's Training Program; Flashes of Speed

NEW YORK, July 15. (A.P.)—The weather has called a halt in Jack Sharkey's training program for the fight with Jack Dempsey here next Thursday night. Sharkey, after a rather spotty showing yesterday, decided that humidity was harder to cope with than his staff of sparring partners, and he announced he would do no boxing today.

The Boston heavyweight weighed close to 200 pounds when he began his New York training at Madison Square Garden, but the last two sweltering days brought him down fast, and in fear he would reach the peak several days before the fight, it was decided to give him human shock absorbers a day off.

Sharkey exhibited flashes of speed yesterday but it was impossible to sustain the action. He boxed six rounds in all and skipped rope and punched the light bag to conclude the day. He looked good against Marco Polo, but Johnny Urban, made him miss frequently and got a hand from the small crowd that braved the weather for a peek at the training.

Leaving For California—

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hardenbrook and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitman plan to leave the early part of this coming week for California, where they will spend the coming two weeks on a tour of the southern state.

To Baseball Meeting—

W. C. MacRae of Shaw-MacRae, Fred Glover of Glover's Jewelry store and "Red" Saunders plan to leave late this afternoon for Ashland to attend a meeting of the baseball league in the valley city tonight.

To Visit Here—

Prof. G. R. Hyslop, crop specialist of O. A. C., will spend several days in Klamath county, arriving here on July 22.

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The average man isn't half so anxious to bet on a sure thing as those behind the game are to have his acquaintances to rate him as inferior.

You'd be Surprised

Babe Ruth holds two batting records, yet great proficiency in one was directly responsible for the other.

Ruth with 59 home runs tops the major leagues in the matter of circuit drives for a season, and his 170 passes to first is the most any player has ever received in one year.

As a rule, bases on balls are the result of a discriminating eye on the part of the batsman. However, Ruth' record in receiving 170 franks to first base during the 1923 season was forced upon him, often most unwillingly.

Let me explain: Ruth, in 1920, had made 54 home runs, almost doubling the former record of 29, made the year previous by himself. In 1921, he reached his peak with 59, the all-time record, while in 1922 he dropped to 35.

A total of 167 home runs over a period of four years caused rival managers to decide it was the better part of valor to pass Ruth to first when danger threatened.

During the 1923 season, Ruth became the "big parade" of the majors with 170 passes. Despite the unwillingness of pitchers to take any chances with him, he came through with 41 circuit trips.

Instead of making a fool of a man, a woman furnishes the opportunity—and lets him do the rest.



BRIEF NEWS —OF— KLAMATH

To Visit North—

Mrs. Nate Otterbein has left for Portland to visit for a time with friends.

Mrs. J. L. Edwards' Jewelry Auction starts at 7 p. m. Friday, July 15th, 210 Main street. See display ad on page 7.

At American National—John Merritt, formerly of Merrill, has accepted a position with the American National bank.

M. O. Wilkins, well known attorney, has taken offices in the Williams building. Wilkins will specialize in criminal practice.

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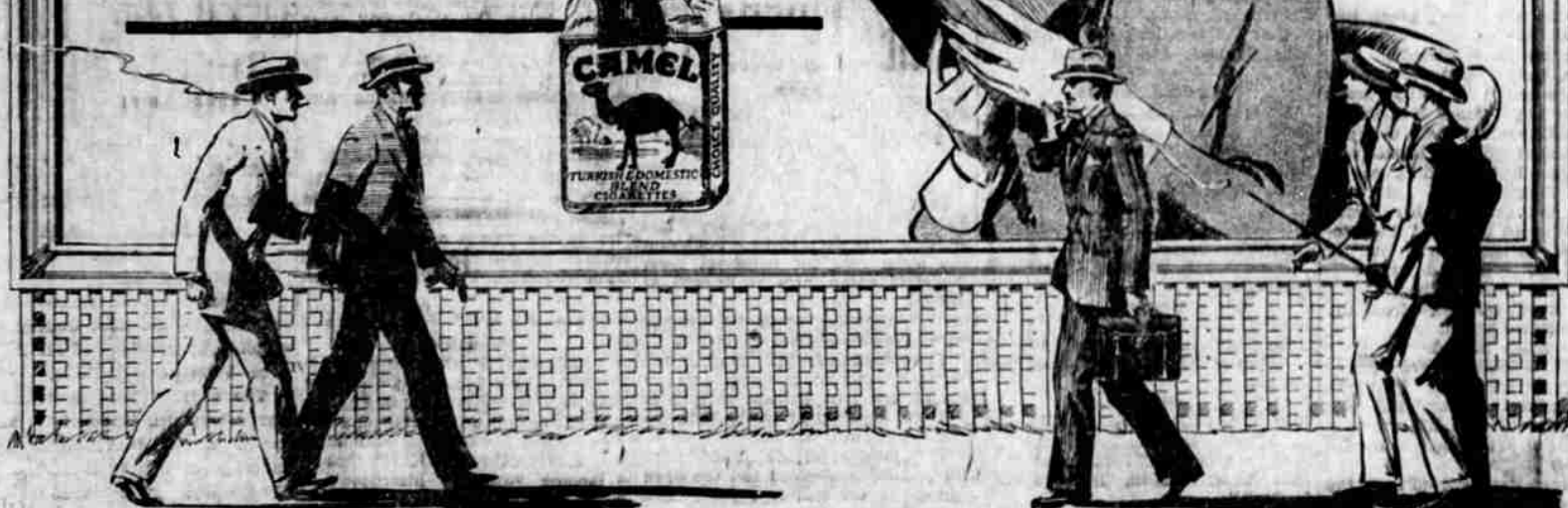
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Portland	6 5 0
Oakland	R. H. E.
San Francisco	7 14 2
Portland	8 8 2

The Cyclo-Stomograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered a two point drop in the past 12 hours. Forecast for next 24 hours: Generally fair and warmer with brisk winds. The Tyco recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures as follows: High 77; low 48.

Many a man who declares his opinion has none.