



HOLD RICKARD NOT FAIR WITH REAL FIGHTERS

Promoter Stages Elimination Contests With One Eye on Box Office

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (UP)—Criticism of Tex Rickard's present practice of "hand-picking" contenders for the heavyweight championship through a series of elimination tournaments that are arranged with one eye on the box office and the other peeled for the possibility of the wrong entrant slipping into a challenging position, Humbert J. Fugazy today announced some of his own plans for selecting an opponent to challenge Gene Tunney.

"I am working on a match to bring George Godfrey and Knute Hansen together," he said. "Both have been ignored, but they are so dangerous that neither is included in the present scramble."

Fugazy also said that he was attempting to induce Luis Firpo or Victor Gamallo, the hard-punching South American, to come here and meet Roberto Roberti.

"It is my idea to match the winners of these two bouts and ask Tunney to defend his title against the ultimate successor," he said.

Jack Dempsey received the full fire of Fugazy's remarks, in which the promoter said "Dempsey is finished and is being held in the running solely for his crowd-pulling powers, although unable to beat the mediocre opposition now being groomed to screen the real movements of the heavyweight monopoly."

Jack Delaney Meets Heeney 1st of March

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (UP)—Jack Delaney of Bridgeport, Conn., former light heavyweight champion, and Tom Heeney of New Zealand were signed yesterday for a 15-round bout in Madison Square Garden on March 1.

Negotiations for the match were completed by John Chapman, new general manager of the Garden. Previously Tex Rickard had attempted to sign the men before he left for Florida, but Heeney's financial demands did not meet the approval of the promoter.

Under the agreement each fighter will receive 25 per cent of the receipts.

A bout is pending between Jack Sharkey and Johnny Risko in the Garden on March 12. The plan is to match the winners of the two bouts at Yankee Stadium early in May and the survivor will be matched with Gene Tunney.

VICTOR WETZEL TRACK CAPTAIN OF UNIVERSITY

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 20. (UP)—Letterman of the University of Oregon today elected Victor Wetzel captain of the 1928 track and field team. Wetzel is a weight thrower. He has been a member of the Oregon varsity football team for three years.

FROSH DEFEAT ASHLAND FIVE

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 20. (A. P.)—The University of Oregon freshman basketball team defeated the Ashland high school 37 to 21 in a game at Ashland last night. Ollinger and Archer went best for the visitors. Tonight the freshmen play the Medford high school here.

FOXY PHANN

The basketball often keeps on bouncing after it's out of bounds.



INQUISITIVE IZZY WANTS TO KNOW:

IF THE DRUGS HAD A PARADE, WOULD THE CHLOROPHYLL BE IN LINE? THANKS TO DAN SCHWAB, BOSTON, PA.

Daly, Fugate Both Winners By Knockouts

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 20. (A. P.)—Sailor Jack Woods won a rough wrestling match from Bill Thornton of Canada here last night. Thornton took the first fall, and lost the second. He was unable to return for the third fall because of the severity with which his right arm had been twisted.

Mike Daly of Klamath Falls defeated Kid Firpo of Grants Pass by a knockout in the main boxing event, after Firpo had led all the way. Johnny Fugate of Klamath Falls won from the Honolulu Kid when the referee stopped the bout. The kid was outclassed.

INDOOR LINKS WILL BE SCENE OF TOURNAMENT

Prizes will be awarded in the handicap golf tournament scheduled for Sunday in the indoor links located in the basement of the Justin & Montgomery Store. The play will be open to all members from 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A cup will be awarded for first prize; merchandise for the second and the third scores on the main score will bring three lessons as a prize from the golf pro.

JOE SHERIDAN FLATTENED BY EAST JAPANESE

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 20. (A. P.)—Joe Sheridan, as practiced by Professor T. Higami, was too much for Joe Sheridan, of San Francisco last night and Higami took two out of three falls.

The Japanese wrestler took the first fall with a jiu jitsu arm lock and Sheridan took the second with a series of headlocks. Higami fell on Sheridan and dazed him in the last fall. Lots of action marked the event.

2 MORE HEAVY JACKS TO MEET

BOSTON, Jan. 20. (AP)—Jack Delaney, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Jack Humbeck, of Belgium, are to stage an elimination all their own when they meet over the 10-round route here tonight. Delaney is a favorite but Humbeck, a 205-pound, blonde-haired protégé of Tommy Burns, has a reputation himself. In 49 bouts he has never been flattened.

HUGO BEZDECK JR. IS FOUND

HANOVER, N. H., Jan. 20. (A. P.)—Hugo Bezdeck, Jr., Dartmouth college student who has been missing, was with his mother in New York today and the two planned to leave at once for State College, Penn., where the boy's father is football coach. This information was telephoned here by E. K. Hall, head of the football rules commission and friend of the Bezdeck family.

NATIONALISTA GETS TRIMMING

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20. (U. P.)—Santiago Zorilla, of Panama, turned in a ten-round decision over Young Nationalista, Filipino bantamweight, at Culver City last night.

THE NUT CRACKER

by Joe Williams

Anybody got any shortstops and second basemen today? Mr. O'Goody is starting a collection of infielders to tide over Colonel Ruppert for a couple of hundred years.

Lary and Berse are said to have set the colonel back some 100 grand. The Yankee bench must have the very best furnishings that money can buy.

Reports have it that Colonel Ruppert is having his bleachers enlarged in the plan of letting a few of his ball players see some of the games.

It takes a lot of gray matter to run big league ball clubs, but the colonel only has to use the green.

Some of the players the Yanks are buying now may get into some of the games in 1928 if they don't get lost or misplaced before then.

Pennant: pertaining to fountain pen.

Hudkins Rules Favorite Over Vet Southpaw

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (AP)—Ace Hudkins, Nebraska welterweight, rules a 2 to 1 favorite for a victory over Lew Tendler, veteran Philadelphia southpaw, in their 10-round feature bout at Madison Square Garden tonight.

RUSH CONTRACT FOR P. UZCUDUN G. GODFREY GO

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20. (A. P.)—A contract signed by Paulino Uzcudun, Spanish welterweight, for his bout here February 23, with George Godfrey, is on its way to Los Angeles by air mail, according to a wire received by Matchmaker Wadhams for Al Myer, Paulino's representative.

Promoter Jack Doyle is trying to lease Wrigley field for the match but as yet nothing definite has been accomplished.

BERCOT, FRASER FIGHT TO DRAW

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 20. (U. P.)—Dude Bercot, Monroe welterweight, and Don Fraser, Spokane, fought a six-round draw in the main event here last night. Mickey Gill, Vancouver, B. C. bantamweight, beat Harry Ketchell, Tacoma, in the six-round semi-windup.

Hooks and Slides

"So he wouldn't take the \$50,000" was the unique situation that arose recently when Bobby Jones, king of the golfers, turned back the check that his admiring fellow citizens of Atlanta gave him to build a home.

In accepting the gift when it was offered to him at a civic function Jones said he had no thought that it was not entirely proper. The good citizens told him that it was a token to express the regard they held for him as a worthy citizen of Atlanta and, in his characteristic modesty, Bobby may have thought that if he wasn't the world's greatest golfer the city would have given him the mansion regardless.

It developed, however, that some London sport writers got the idea that the Jones gift might have inspired the good citizens to dig in their pockets and that the gift of such a house came within the restrictions of the amateur rule that prohibits even indirect returns to an amateur.

The Royal and Ancient Club kept a discreet mouth shut, however, and, intimidated diplomatically that it was up to the United States to handle its own golf affairs.

The United States Golf Association ruled unofficially that it was perfectly proper for Jones to accept the present, but they shouted loud and long when he announced that he would have to decline the gift.

It isn't everyone who has the strength of conviction to toss away a \$50,000 home, even if the upkeep of that home would have been a considerable job for a young family man just starting to practice law. It will take him a long time to earn a \$50,000 estate in the practice of law unless he is as good at the bar as he is on the links.

He has been given a good start, however. He hardly was clear of the bar exams when he was appointed to the legal staff of the Southern Railroad in Atlanta, and that is a pretty good spot for a young lawyer's first job.

MORE ADVICE COMING

The problem of what to do about that \$50,000 is the first one that Jones will have to face now that he is out in life on what might be called his own. He will have to listen to a lot more about the indirect compensations than an amateur gets.

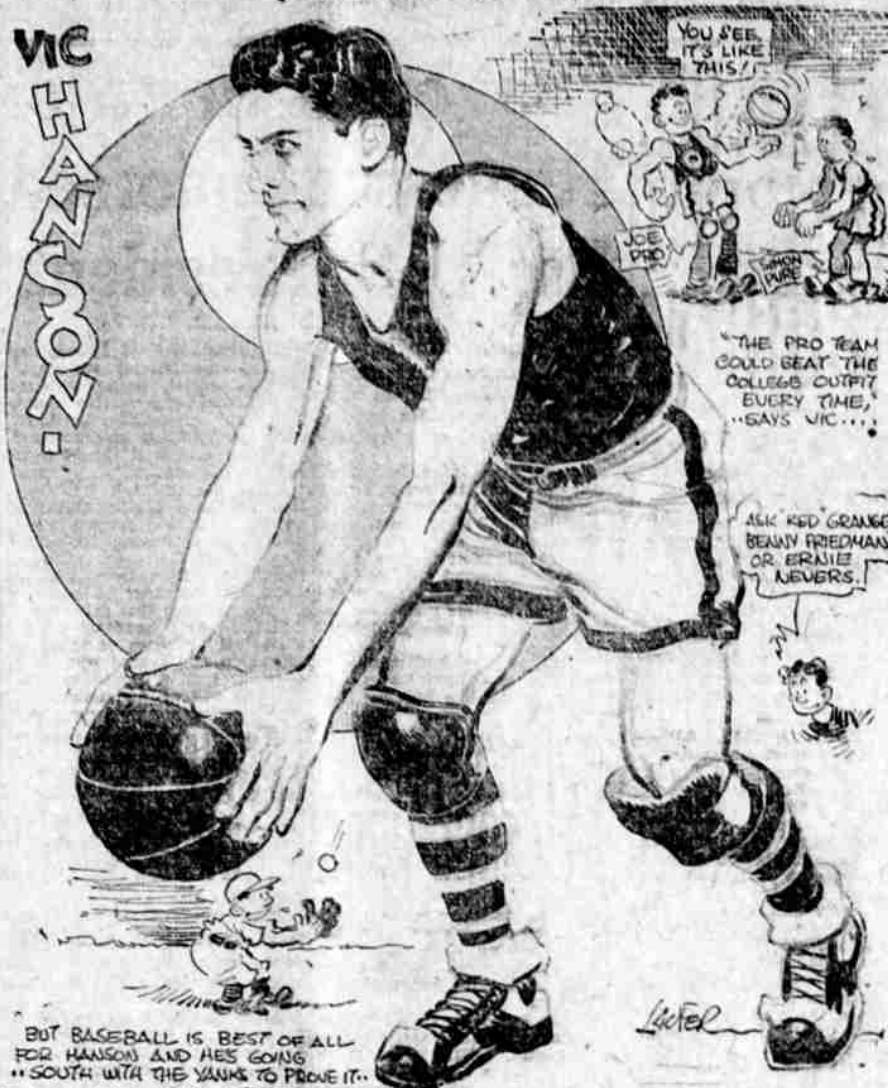
He heard some of it when he accepted a position with a Florida real estate development company. It was said of him that he had sold the name of the golf player to the advertising department and he finally got out of it.

He, no doubt, will be hearing the same thing about his railroad job and he will have to listen to it in anything that he undertakes. The golf players who have been selling bonds and insurance always have been accused of trading on their names even if they had proof they were legitimately engaged in the business of making a living.

Regardless of whether or not accepting the gift would have been perfectly legitimate, it would have been a mistake for Jones to accept the \$50,000 gift and you will have to give him credit that when he saw it he declined gracefully.

NO DOUBT ABOUT SUPERIORITY OF PRO BASKETBALL

Vic Hanson, Star of College and As Professional, Gives Paid Game the Edge



By Henry L. Farrell (NEA Sports Writer)

Comparison of the ability of professionals and amateurs in any given line of athletics is an easy way to get into a controversy, but it's not the getting in that counts as much as the getting out. Anyone can start a fight.

Two divisions of sport are out of it, however. There is no doubt that a professional baseball team could beat an amateur team with less than the number of players the rules require on a diamond, and it is equally certain that an amateur fighter would be risking his health to engage in a real fight with a first-class professional.

There are other minor sports in which the superiority of the professionals is beyond dispute, but among the popular games that do bring differing expressions of opinion are football and basketball.

Red Grange, Benny Friedman and Ernie Nevers, who graduated from the highest rank of the college stars into the professional class, insist that football played by the hired athletes is a much harder game, much more advanced in technique and much harder to play against.

These opinions, however, may be taken as a kind word from them for a business that has been pretty good to them. They hardly would take a slam at a business that has made for Grange a small fortune, for Friedman enough to start in business in Detroit without prostrating himself before a banker, and for Nevers, whose private affairs have not been so publicized, at least enough to keep him away from the more laborious classes of labor.

They do not hesitate to tell you that a first-class pro football team could beat a first-class college team because the pro players are more matured, more rugged, higher skilled and less foolish. By foolish, they mean that college boys will kill themselves on chances that are

100 to 1 against them and that when the right time comes for the break their power is spent.

Friedman, one of the smartest quarterbacks of all time, says he has found by experience that the chance for the "break" always comes eventually and when it comes you have to have the power to meet it.

When it comes to basketball, there isn't the slightest doubt of the superiority of the professional game, in the opinion of Vic Hanson, three-sport star and captain at the University of Syracuse and later one of the big stars of the American Basketball League.

"I'm certain," Hanson said, "that a professional basketball team could beat any college team in the country. For two reasons—the pro game is much more scientific and the teams are as nearly perfect as possible in each position. You will find that the best of college teams must have a weakness some place, but the pro teams have the means

of strengthening any position that may be weak.

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This opinion of Hanson's is not an expression of love from an adopted child because Hanson left the Cleveland professional club in mid-season. It was said that the other Cleveland players were jealous of him and wouldn't pass the ball to him, fearing that he would make so many goals he would get into Babe Ruth money next season.

Hanson denied the intimation flatly. "I never played with a finer bunch of fellows. My differences were with the management. I had reason to know I was not getting a fair deal and fortunately I was in a position to quit. I do not have to depend upon pro basketball for a living."

His observations about the "jealous" angle were pertinent, as it has been said that pro athletes in all sports don't like to give one player all the glory and put him in the limelight.

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Hanson is going south this spring with the New York Yankees and unlike many college stars who have played football, basketball, hockey and baseball he says he likes baseball best of all. He is an assistant football coach at Syracuse in the fall.

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