

Gene Tunney vs. Jack Dempsey

Question of Jack's Courage Provokes Verbal Battle Between Old Rivals. Jack Has Answers For All of Tunney's Blows.

By JOE PIGNEY
Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, one actively retired and the other just retired, have changed over their styles of fighting from gloves to words.



This new Dempsey-Tunney skirmish—can it be called a "Battle of the Books?"—has developed out of the serial biography of the retired and defeated "champion of the world" winding week by week through the pages of one of America's popular weekly magazines.

Gene almost floored Jack—the Jack who thought his best ring manner was above question—when he led off this week's yarn with words to this effect: "For one possessing such sheer fighting ability Dempsey had an extraordinary lack of confidence in himself."

But Tunney didn't let his case rest on a discussion of Dempsey's courage. He scribbled on and on, and poor Jack was in a bluster when his conqueror recorded the following paragraphs: "Through the majority of boxing's best judges believed Dempsey could easily whip Harry Wills, his persistent negro challenger, Jack evidently did not. He failed to accept a seven-year challenge. Four days before our first match, Dempsey called Herman Taylor, a Philadelphia boxing promoter, into the privacy of his dressing room after a workout and asked: "Don't let me Herman. Do you honestly think I will win from Tunney?" Taylor was so impressed by Dempsey's lack of confidence in himself that he hedged his bets."

All this gave Dempsey a lot of work and worry in Cleveland, and he had to let the world in on his secrets. "I was anxious to fight Harry Wills," said Jack. "Tex Rickard, however, did not believe such a match between mixed races could be held. Finally, I went against Herman Taylor, a Philadelphia boxing promoter, into the privacy of his dressing room after a workout and asked: "Don't let me Herman. Do you honestly think I will win from Tunney?" Taylor was so impressed by Dempsey's lack of confidence in himself that he hedged his bets."

A sly newspaperman in the midwest asked Dempsey if he ever doubted his ability while he was champion or whether or not he had any fears. Dempsey was unhesitating in his answer: "I did not. And I don't now. Even today I think I have a chance to beat any one I meet because I'm a puncher. I may get socked all over the ring for 20 rounds, but if I can get over one real shot that's all I'd ever need."

Old "Jerry the Greek," Dempsey's trainer through the peak of his fighting career, sat fidgeting in a corner while Jack told the boys what was what. At last Jerry could keep silent no longer and finally broke out in indignation. "Tell him the right answer, champ. — Jerry never gets over calling Jack the champion — tell him the right answer. The champ has more right here—(he tapped his heart)—than that other fellow—(meaning Mr. Tunney)—will ever have."

Chihuahua, Mexico, has boosted business by reducing the divorce process to one day. With that tip, some enterprising American city ought to grant a man a divorce the instant the rolling pin glances off his head. Business is so scarce that if a man falls asleep in a barber's chair he's likely to wake up bankrupt.

Pelican Lineup Shrouded in Mystery

SHEETS, ALLEN MAY NOT PLAY ASHLAND GAMES

A disturbing frown on the brow of Dwight French, Klamath basketball coach, portends grief for the Pelicans tonight when they open a two-game series with Ashland at the high school gymnasium, 7:30 o'clock. Just what the fearful frown of sorrow may be hasn't been announced, but most likely Messrs. Richard Sheets and Ray Allen, regular forward and center, could interpret the forebodings.

It may be that Dwight French, worrying over the shadow of disloyalty cast by two members of the team who broke away from the strictness of the Klamath drive toward a position in the state interscholastic tournament at Salem to play a little basketball on the side with a town team, has considered maneuvering a lineup heretofore built up to meet Jack Bliss' fast-traveling Lithians led by the indomitable Captain Howell, center.

A Significant "Or"
It may be that Coach French has grown uncertain about the sagacity of his two regulars, Sheets and French, to put their faith in the Klamath team. Undoubtedly the Klamath mentor is the sort of coach who demands "strict attention to business, or—"

Just what that "or" might be will remain a thorough mystery until the Pelicans enter the game with Ashland. It may mean that Allen and Sheets, two very important cogs in the question of Pelican victory or defeat, may rest uneasily on the bench while a patched up combination of players "who tend strictly to business" try to carry on the string of two victories over Ashland.

Question of Loyalty
To say that French was merely disappointed over the behavior of Sheets and Allen when they jumped the Pelican team for a little workout with the Klamath All-Stars against Bonanza, would be to minimize the coach's concern. Not only is he disappointed, but he has passed to ponder the sporting code of loyalty blasted by a pair of his outstanding players.

Too much basketball has a peculiar resemblance to too much eating. Staleness follows from surreptitious over-play, and what is more, bad habits can be formed in games "on the side" sufficient to wreck the well-laid plans of basketball offense and defense as played under Dwight French.

Won For Stars
French's problem of loyalty to his players arose this week when the Bonanza basketball team revealed a Klamath All-Star lineup which included the names of both Sheets and Allen. To give the high boys their bit of credit—the All-Stars won the game through the scoring of their "visiting members." Allen was high point man with 11 and Sheets followed with 10.

If French's frown continues up to game time tonight, there may be a gigantic shift in the Pelican lineup. Estes, Mayhew and Howard Pernell may be the first selections for forwards, while the misbehaving Sheets watches the action from the sidelines. Dick Knevel may be moved up to center to replace Allen, and Allen is the only lad who can successfully stop Howells. Triplette, Knight and McAninch will be the leaders for the two guard jobs.

A lesson in loyalty—even if the price is the loss of victory—may come with the opening game of the Ashland series tonight.

Whisky is said to be gaining popularity as a toothache cure. Which shows that dentists aren't pulling for prohibition.

Tough Sledding!



The Olympic runway at Lake Placid, N. Y., was an upsetting experience for Hugo Wenzelsteg and Count Johann Gudenus, pilots of the Austrian two-man bobsled. This unusual action picture shows the two Austrians thrown helter-skelter down the track after their swift-flying sled (at right) had turned over and struck a stone wall on Whiteface turn. The men were not seriously injured.

Governor Meier May Attend Ski Club Carnival

SKI CLUB HEADQUARTERS, Fort Klamath, Ore., Feb. 12.—(Special)—P. O. "Pete" Hedberg of Lamm Lumber company, entrant in the 32-mile Crater Lake and return race, has established quarters in the ski cabin at Anna Springs, in order to complete his training over the race course.

Barbee started out as a pitcher with Oglethorpe college. His first professional engagement was with Greensboro, Tenn., in 1926. He was sold to the Philadelphia Athletics that year, but was sent to Reading. In 1928 he was with Portland of the Coast league. Still later he was with Seattle, and finally with Hollywood. He hit .333 for Hollywood last season, clouting 47 home runs and 42 doubles.

He was born in Greensboro in 1905, is six feet tall, and weighs 190 pounds. He bats right-handed.
Cougars To Play Oregon Tonight On Eugene Court
PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 12. (P)—Washington State's basketball team entrained last night for the coast needing five more victories to clinch the northern division title.

Everett Billiard Player Wins Over Portland Artist

EVERETT, Feb. 12. (P)—Mon Wallgren, Everett cue artist, topped off a brilliant three-night match with Cecil Olagner, of Portland, last night, to win the 300-point block and the north-west 18.2 ballline billiard championship. The match score was 980 to 815.

The score for the night's play was 300 to 179, in 29 innings, with Wallgren's high run for the evening, 54. Wallgren's grand average for the match was 10.35 and he also made the high run, 104 points in the second block. Olagner's grand average was 8. With the victory went the right to represent the northwest at the national tournament at French Lick, Ind., opening on Feb. 25.

WHITMAN VICTOR

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Feb. 12. (P)—In a northwest conference basketball game here last night, Whitman college, one of two undefeated leaders for conference honors, defeated Pacific University, 47 to 24, in a contest full of action. Three players—Hove of Whitman and McKee and Douglas of Pacific, were put out of the game for personal fouls. Whitman led 27 to 22 at the half.

Yet, industrial leaders say business has scraped bottom and now is ready for a rise. Of course it may dig in a little.

HEDBERG IS AT SKI CAMP FOR TRAINING

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For the benefit of racers, training and winter visitors to Crater Lake, the park service has allowed the use of a cabin at Anna Springs. Keys to the cabin are in possession of the Crater Lake Ski club, and visitors or ski racers desiring to use the cabin should consult the club guide-master, at Fort Klamath.

Contestants in the 16-mile Trail Breakers' race from the lodge down will stay in this cabin Saturday night, making the trip to Crater Lake lodge early Sunday morning to get set on the line before 9 a. m., ready for the race to the carnival grounds. This event, sponsored by Baldwin Hardware company, with first prize of the "Baldwin" trophy cup, was originally designed to insure a broken trail for the racers on this main event, but has always had an entry of keen competition for first place. Ole Amoth, Bend Skyliner, took the event last year, and will compete in the 32-mile race this year.

MONMOUTH WINS

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 12. (P)—Monmouth Normal made a clean sweep of its basketball series with the East Oregon Normal, defeating the home team 42 to 22 here last night. The visitors piled up an 11 point lead in the first half and although the mountaineers matched them in the second, they could not out down their lead.

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(By the Associated Press)
BOSTON—Ed Don George, 218, North Java, N. Y., defeated George Zahrow, 220, Baltimore, two out of three falls (Zahrow first, 25:21; George second, 5:07, and third, 7:17.) George McLeod, 212, Iowa, threw Pat McKay, 215, Memphis, 21:45.

WATERBURY, Conn.—Gus Sonnenberg, 212, Boston, defeated Stanley Pinto, 208, Boston, two out of three falls (Sonnenberg first, 24:55 and third, 1:51; Pinto second, 16:52.) Jack Ganson, 212, California, defeated Boris Demetrot, 203, Bulgaria, decision, 30:00.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Herb Freeman, 238, New York, threw George Hagen, 212, New York, 42:00; Sander Sabo, 206, Hungary, threw Ben Preber, 208, New York, 2:08; Leo Pusteki, 216, Poland, threw Don Delatan, 210, Canada, 10:05.

CHICAGO—Jim London, 202, Green, defeated Rudy Dusk, 220, Omaha, straight falls (52:32 and 3:40); Hans Kempfer, 228, Germany, defeated Frank Bronowicz, 218, Poland, decision, 20:00.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—Dutch Hedner, 215, Sherman, Tex., defeated Red Smith, Flint, Mich., two out of three falls; Jack Koenecke, 195, Kansas City, threw Eddie Worth, 195, Portland, Ore., 6:45.

Washington Loses Services of Star

SEATTLE, Feb. 12. (P)—The University of Washington basketball team will end its season without the services of Kline Swayard, star forward and member of the championship quintet of last year. Dr. H. J. Green, team physician, ordered Swayard to give up the game today, declaring the player's health was in jeopardy. The Huskies meet Idaho Friday and Saturday nights here.

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MACMARR HOLDS LEAD IN LEAGUE

MacMarr continued its drive for the championship of the second half of the city basketball league by winning from the Sons of Italy, 37 to 27, at the Mills school gymnasium Thursday night. Doracha led the winners with a high point score of 19. Beno Giovannini scored 10 points for the Italians.

Henley rose out of the lower bracket of the league standings to defeat Meera, 33 to 27, in one of the major upsets of the season.

Title Track Meet Will be July 1-2

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (AP)—Advancement of the date for the I. C. A. A. outdoor track and field championship meets was announced today by the executive committee of the association. The contests will be held on July 1 and 2 instead of a week later, as originally planned.

The change was made at the request of the three California colleges which are hosts for the event this year, the University of California, Stanford, and the University of Southern California.

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