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JONES DENIES MATCH

Nothing to Willard-Dillon Bout—Arrangements Will be Made With Moran.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Tom Jones, manager for the heavyweight champion, Jess Willard, said tonight the report from New York that Willard and Jack Dillon had been matched there for a meeting in April was incorrect.

According to Jones, a meeting will be held tomorrow for the purpose of arranging a match between the champion and Frank Moran. Tom Andrews of Milwaukee was prepared to bid for the match, Jones said, but it was his opinion that the bout would take place in New York.

Scored 22½ Points

The Academy athletes obtained 22½ points in the dual meet with the Y. M. C. A. instead of 16½, as was stated.

Contrary to the popular conception, the United States National Lawn Tennis association will not at its annual meet, Feb. 11, revise its amateur rules. The course to be taken in regard to Maurice E. McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy, who have announced their intention of opening a sporting goods store in Los Angeles, will be merely an interpretation of existing rules.

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K. OF C. HOLDS THE LEAD

In Fraternal Duckpin Tourney—Desmond First in Individual Averages—Owls in Second Place—Fregeau Holds High Single Record.

The Knights of Columbus still retain the lead in the Fraternal Duckpin tourney being conducted at the Aetna alleys, having won five out of six games played. The Owls are a close second, having lost only 2 games.

In the individual average list Desmond at present holds the top ring, with an average of 103-2, in three games. Bruckner in his six games has attained an average of 97-5 and his a total of 587 pinfall. Sylvia is hovering in third only 7 pins below Bruckner and hopes to wrest the title.

Fregeau's 117 for high single has not yet been pulled down while Bush's three-string total remains untouched. The team standing and individual averages follow:

League Standing

	W.	L.	Pinfall	P.C.
K. of C.	5	1	2799	.833
Owls	4	2	2812	.666
Elks	2	4	2729	.333
Moose	1	5	2656	.166

High single, Fregeau 117.
High three-string, Bush, 320.

The Averages.

	G	Pinfall	Ave.
H. Desmond	3	311	103-2
Bruckner	6	587	97-5
Sylvia	6	580	96-4
Aldi	3	290	96-2
Frost	6	572	95-2
Dougherty	6	566	94-2
Stefanick	6	566	94-2
Oat	3	284	94-2
Bush	6	564	94
D. Young	6	557	92-5
Fregeau	6	556	92-4
Eliven	6	553	92-1
Combier	6	550	91-4
Parry	6	545	90-5
Roman	6	545	90-5
J. Desmond	6	530	88-2
McClafferty	3	265	88-1
Tuttle	6	529	88-1
J. Young	6	525	87-3
Harvey	6	521	86-5
Doney	6	516	86
Dunn	6	484	80-4

The matches scheduled for this evening follow:

K. of C. vs. Owls.
Elks vs. Moose.

There are three things which prevent Jr. Franklin Baker from playing with the Yankees. To begin with, Mack wants too much money for his release; second, Baker wants too much for signing, and, finally, he wants too much salary. Jut, aside from these minor difficulties, all is well.

PUTNAM ADVANCING TOWARDS PENANTVILLE

Defeats Tourtelotte in Quinebaug Valley Basketball League Game.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Putnam, Feb. 2.—Putnam High advanced one more peg towards the championship of the Quinebaug league tonight by giving Tourtelotte High a warm trimming by the tune of 49 to 23. Two of the Putnam regulars were out of the lineup which probably accounts for the closeness of the score in comparison with others league games played here this season. Putnam outclassed the visitors from the start but the team from up the river played a game that did them credit. Maynard, the big Putnam center didn't get onto the floor until the second period but when he arrived things livened up considerably.

The league season now drawing to a close, begins to look as if the championship lay between Putnam and Killingly and at present it is a toss up as to which team is best. But local followers of the sport feel confident that their favorites will at least give Killingly a good run for their money when they meet them in the future. The lineup:

PUTNAM		TOURTELOTTE
Shaw	Right Forward	Johnson
L. Giraca	Left Forward	Toby
Lowe	Center	Chase
D. Giraca	Right Guard	Ravenelle
Walsh	Left Guard	Tourtellotte

Sub—Maynard.

Goals—Putnam, Shaw 2, L. Giraca 3, Lowe 10, B. Giraca 1, Maynard 7. Tourtelotte—Johnson 2, Toby 1, Chase 4, Ravenelle 4. Fouls—Putnam, Shaw, Tourtelotte — Ravenelle 1, referee, Kent; timer, Handy, two 20-minute halves.

Braves Transaction Completed

Boston, Feb. 2.—The transfer of the Boston National League baseball club to a syndicate headed by Percy D. Haughton, the former Harvard football coach, was still further perfected today by the election of a new board of directors.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

MARKET CLOSED STRONG.

Until the Final Hour Trading Was Narrow and Contracted.

New York, Feb. 2.—For a time today the market threatened to yield a very considerable part of the ground regained in the previous day's dealings, prices evincing a strong tendency to react on comparatively small offerings.

This condition was completely readjusted later, however, when the list, almost as a whole, rose well above highest quotations of the early week.

Until the final hour, trading was moderate and more contracted, the leaders, aside from United States Steel, consisting of such mixed issues as Crucible Steel, Mexican Petroleum, U. S. Industrial Alcohol and Mercantile Marine preferred. It was the unusual character of these shares which gave early pause to the market.

Less was heard, speculatively and otherwise, of President Wilson's speech and if the Appam incident added to the complicated situation it was not discernible in the course of international shares. London was again a seller of Eries, Canadian Pacific and some of the lesser metals, but these were easily absorbed on advancing prices.

The more conspicuous shares of the munitions group were only fairly strong at first, but became more active and almost buoyant, in fact, the sole features of the final hour, when Crucible Steel, Baldwin Locomotive and Studebaker showed gains of two to six points over yesterday's final figures. Their rise was accompanied by the usual rumors of more war contracts.

Failure of the American Smelting directors to increase the common dividend was temporarily disappointing, but all metals strengthened later on indications of an increase in the future demand for copper. Oils, motors and less distinctive issues were free to seven points higher, a gain of 13 for Willys-Overland at 218. A belated demand for shares of the independent steel companies was helpful to United States Steel, which made a gain of 1 3-8 to 83 1-2.

Rails formed only a small part of the day's dealings, with an uncertain trend for some leading issues, despite the publication of additional favorable December earnings. Total sales of stocks amounted to 860,000 shares.

Bonds in general were stronger with a sudden inquiry for local traction issues. Total sales, par value, aggregated $2,730,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

STOCKS.

Sales.		High.	Low.	Close.
1400	Alaska Gold M	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛
2400	Allis Chalmers	38⅛	37⅝	38
1800	Allis Chalmers pr	88	78	80
300	Am. Ag Chem	99⅝	98⅝	99⅝
100	Am. Ag Ch pr	98⅝	98⅝	98⅝
600	Am. Beet Sugar	65⅝	65⅛	65⅛
8500	Am. Can	43⅝	41⅝	42⅝
775	Am. Can pr	111⅛	110⅝	111⅛
2500	Am. Car & F	68⅝	66	68
600	Am. Coal Prod	167	165	165
300	Am. Cotton Oil	33⅛	33	33⅛
800	Am. Ice Sec	37⅛	36⅝	36⅝
800	Am. Linseed	23⅛	22⅝	23⅛
Sales.		High.	Low.	Close.
2600	Am. Locomo	67	65	66⅝
100	Am. Loco pr	102	102	102
18500	Am. Smelt	101⅛	98	101⅛
600	Am. Steel Fy	58⅝	57	57⅝
800	Am. Tobacco	114	112	112⅝
300	Am. Tel & Tel	136⅝	136⅝	136⅝
2350	Am. Tobacco	209	204½	207⅝
1200	Am. Wool str	50⅛	49⅝	50
300	Amer Zinc	68	67⅛	68
19300	Anaconda	86⅝	84	86⅝
100	Assoc Bus Co	65	65	65
400	Atlantic Oil	66⅛	65	65⅛
500	Atchison	104⅛	103⅝	104½
100	Atchison pr	100	100	100
15500	Bald Loco	114⅛	109⅝	114⅛
1800	Balt & Ohio	89	88⅝	89
337	Balt & Ohio pr	76⅝	76½	76⅝
900	Batopilas Min	3⅝	3½	3⅝
300	Brooklyn R T	86⅝	86⅝	86⅝
100	Burns Bros	83	83	83
500	Bush Terminal	103	100	100
2400	Butte & Sup	78⅝	76⅝	78
1600	Cal Petrol	31	30½	31
600	Cal Petrol pr	63	62½	62⅝
3500	Can Pacific	170⅝	169⅛	170⅝
900	Cent Leather	52⅝	52⅛	52⅝
2900	Ches & Ohio	63⅝	63⅛	63
400	Chic Gt West	13	12⅝	13
715	Chic Gt W pr	35⅛	34⅝	35⅛
1000	Chic M & St P	97⅛	96⅝	97⅛
100	Chic A & W	129½	129½	129½
6100	Ch. R I & P Ry	18⅝	17	17⅝
100	C C C & St. L pr	70	70	70
1100	Chile Copper	23	22	22
1600	Chino Con Cop	53⅝	52⅝	52⅝
8800	Col Fuel & Iron	45⅝	43½	45⅝
200	Col & Hock Coal & I	28⅛	28½	28½
100	Comput Tab	48	48	48
700	Consol Gas	138⅝	138⅝	138⅝
100	Contin Can	77	76	76
100	Con Can pr	107	107	107
1800	Corn Products	22⅝	22⅛	22⅛
500	Corn Prod pr	96⅝	96⅝	96⅝
700	Cripple Creek	43	42	42
20600	Crucible Steel	78⅝	74⅝	77⅝
500	Crucible steel pr	113½	113	113½
100	Cuba Am Sugar	109	108	109
200	Cuba Am S pr	106	105⅝	106
100	Del. Lack & W	224	224	225
100	Den & Rio G pr	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
1400	Dome Mines	28⅝	28	28⅛
100	Distil Match	105⅝	105⅝	105⅝
300	Dru Unit R R	79	76	76
2100	Dist Securities	46	45	45⅝
23200	Erie	38⅝	37½	38⅝
1120	Erie 1st pr	53⅝	53⅛	53⅝
100	Erie 2d pr	48	48	48
100	F W & R G	81	81	81
700	F M & S pr	53⅝	52⅝	53⅝
1200	Gen Electric	171	169	170
100	Gen Motors pr	111½	111½	111½
8000	Goodrich B F	75⅝	68⅝	73
100	Goodrich pr	113	113	113
900	Granby Min	94½	92	94
1700	Gt. North pr	123	121⅝	121⅝
7400	Gt. N Ore Subs	44½	43⅝	45½
400	Greene C Cop	47⅝	47	47⅝
200	Guggen Expl	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛
100	Illinois Cent	106	106	106
300	Int Agricul	22½	21⅝	22½
300	Int Agricul pr	61	60	61
4900	Int Mer Mar	18⅝	17⅝	17⅝
13900	Int Merc M pr	81⅛	79⅝	80
9800	Int Copper	45½	44⅛	45½
3100	Inter Con	18	17⅛	17⅝
300	Inter Con pr	75	74⅝	75
200	Int Har of N J	111	110½	111
600	Int. Paper	16⅝	15⅝	16⅛
500	Int Nickel	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝
1200	Kan City So	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝
300	Kan C S pr	61	60⅝	61
3100	Lack Steel	92⅛	91⅝	92⅛
100	Lake E & W pr	35	35	35
800	Lehigh Valley	77	76½	77
100	Lorillard P pr	185	185	185
11200	Maxwell M Co	73⅝	68⅛	73
500	Maxwell M 1 pr	88	87	88
800	Maxwell M 2 pr	54	51⅝	54
23100	Mex Petrol	106½	104½	106
3700	Miami Copper	37	35⅝	36⅝
400	Minn & St L	6	5⅝	6
200	M St P & S S M	121⅛	121⅛	121⅛
100	Min & St L pr	14⅛	13⅛	13⅛
700	Mo., Kansas T	6	5⅝	6
400	Mo., K & T pr	14⅛	14	14⅛
900	Mo Pacific	5⅝	5⅛	5⅛
1800	Mo Pacific ctfs	5⅝	5⅝	5⅛
100	Mont Power	74⅛	74⅛	74⅛
400	Nat Cloak & S	76	75⅛	75⅛
1900	Nat Enam & S	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛
100	Nat E & S pr	94	94	94
100	Nev C Copper	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
1200	N Y Air Brake	147⅛	145⅝	146
100	Nev C Copper	15½	15⅛	15⅛
1200	N Y Air Brake	147⅛	145⅝	146
6700	N Y Central	106⅛	105⅝	106
3000	N Y N H & H	68⅝	67	68⅛
400	N Y O & West	27⅝	26⅝	27⅝
200	Norf & W pr	86⅝	86	86
140	North Amer	70	70	70
1200	North Pacific	113⅝	113⅝	113½
2075	Ontario Silver	8⅝	8⅝	8½
100	Pacific Mail	13⅝	13⅛	13⅛
2050	Penn R R	57⅛	56⅝	57
600	Peoples G & C	107⅝	107	107⅝
100	Pull Co	43⅛	43⅛	43⅛
1400	Pitts Coal	33	31⅝	32⅝
100	Pitts C&I pr	107	107	107
150	Pitts Steel pr	95⅛	95⅛	95⅛
1600	Press Steel Car	57	55⅛	57
1400	Pull Pal Car	167⅛	166	166
200	Quicksilver	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
100	Quicksilver pr	8	8	8
100	Ry Steel Sp	49	38⅝	40
2200	Rep Iron & Steel	24⅝	23⅝	24⅛
2400	Reading	78⅛	77	78⅛
20500	Rep. I & Steel	54	51	53⅝
400	Rep. I & S pr	109	108	108⅝
100	Rock Island	⅝	⅝	⅝
180	St L & S W	19	19	19
100	Sanbornt A L	17⅛	17	17
200	Seab A L pr	38⅛	38	38⅛
900	Sears Roebuck	182	180	182
1100	Shess S S & I	58⅛	57⅝	58⅛
4800	South. Pacific	100⅝	99⅝	100⅝
100	So P S Sug pr	100	100	95
2500	Southern Ry	21⅝	21	21⅝
38	South Ry pr	59⅛	58	59⅛
200	South Ry pr	59⅛	59	59⅛
15700	Studebaker	150⅝	143⅝	150
9100	Tenn Copper	56⅛	55	56⅝
3000	Texas & Pacific	8⅛	7⅛	7⅛
2500	Texas Co	200	197½	200
100	Third Ave	68	68	68
600	Union Bag & P	7⅝	7⅛	7⅛
100	Union B & P pr	30	30	30
6100	Union Pacific	134	133⅝	134
400	Union Pac pr	83⅝	83	83⅛
500	U C & A	9⅝	9⅛	9⅛
900	United Fruit	139	137⅛	138
200	United Ry Inv	17	17	17
300	U Ry Inv pr	33	30	33
800	U S C I P & P	18⅛	17⅛	17⅛
100	U S C I P & P pr	59	59	59
100	U S Express	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝
38100	U S I Alcohol	163⅝	152⅛	155⅛
300	U S Red & Ref	3⅛	3	3⅛
800	U S R & R pr	2⅛	2	2⅛
8800	U S Rubber	55	50⅝	52⅝
210	U S Rubber 1 pr	107	107	107
81300	U S Steel	83⅝	81⅛	83⅛
700	U S Steel	118	115⅝	116
5300	Utah Copper	79⅛	77⅝	79⅛
7500	Utah Sec Corp	20⅝	19⅝	20⅛
1200	Va Car Chem	48⅛	47	48
200	Va Car C pr	116⅛	116	110
1700	Wabash	15⅛	14⅝	15⅛
1600	Wabash pr A	45⅝	45	45⅛
1300	Wabash pr B	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝
1100	West Mary	27⅝	26	27⅝
400	West Un Tel	88⅝	88	88
14700	Westinghouse	67	65⅛	66⅝
3000	Woolworth	123	121	122
810	Willys Overland	218	209	218

Total sales 612,900 shares.

MONEY.

New York, Feb. 2. — Call money steady; high 2; low 1 3-4; ruling rate 1 3-4; last loan 2; closing bid 1 3-4; offered at 2.

COTTON.

New York, Feb. 2.—Cotton futures closed steady. March 11.88, May 12.07, July 12.18, October 12.21, December 12.25. Spot quiet; middling 11.90.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT				
May	134⅝	136	132⅝	133
July	134⅝	135⅝	134	134⅝
CORN:				
May	69⅝	69 11-16	70⅛	70 1-16
July	80	80⅝	79⅝	79 9-16
OATS:				
May	51⅝	52⅝	50⅝	51⅝
July	48⅝	48⅝	47⅛	47⅝

RED SMITH STILL OUTSIDE OF BRAVE FOLD

Manager Stallings Has Sent Contract to Third Base Guardian.

Another of the few Braves hitherto outside the fold by reason of their failure to sign up with the club has come through. He is Red Smith, guardian of the third base corner, to whom he has sent a contract, following word received from Manager George Stallings that Smith had signified his willingness to accept the terms presented him.

Red has been spending a few days at the Stallings plantation at Haddock, Ga., talking over matters. It is announced that as is common to all the contracts sent out to ball players these days, the document contains the ten-day clause around which waged so much legal controversy in the days of warfare in baseball.

A few more exhibition games for the training season have been arranged by the management of the Braves. They are three in number and all the three are with the Philadelphia Athletics, the latter team being the only major league club to display any willingness to journey to the camp of the Braves or thereabouts and give the natives a glimpse of major league ball.

According to the new arrangement of exhibition game dates, the Braves will entertain the Athletics at Miami, March 24 and 25.

Previously, on March 21, the Athletics will engage with the Braves at Palm Beach. The Boston management expresses its deep gratitude to the Athletics for their attitude in being willing to travel much farther than the majority of other major league clubs in southern climes for the purpose of playing the games.

President Haughton has made it known that Rabbit Maranville will not play basketball at any place for the remainder of the season. Mr. Haughton is insistent on this point, as he has understood conclusively from Maranville that the latter would abide by the letter of his contract, which absolutely forbids playing basketball in the off season.

HARVARD ATHLETES WEIGHING IN THE BALANCE

Crimson Stars Must Make Good in Their Studies.

Harvard students who have more aptitude for athletics than for textbooks are being weighed in the balance by the college authorities this week. On the direction in which the scales drop will depend the eligibility of a large number of athletes whose services are needed for the varsity crew, track and baseball teams, as well as for the minor sport teams.

Near Danger Line.

Mid-year examinations, which test severely the information accumulated by the students for the whole half year, have in the past tended to weed out some of the most prominent athletes who have been unable to hurdle them with satisfactory scholastic grades. Numerous stars on the various teams that will represent Harvard in sports this spring are said to be near the danger line, and those who fail to hit the mid-years hard will be sentenced to a term of non-participation in athletics.

Baseball, crew and track men who do not succeed in meeting the usual academic requirements at Harvard will be thrust in the background and their services will be lost to their teams until the next chance to make good in studies is presented to them late in April. Students who are on probation are now denied the privilege of practicing with their fellow players in anticipation of improving their scholarship, however, and failure to make good at the mid-year exams means a serious setback to an athlete.

Gridiron Men Being Prodded.

A baseball player who cannot practice with the rest of the team until late in April or a track man or oarsman who cannot join his squad until that time loses all the valuable preliminary training. This obstacle has proved to be too great for good athletes to surmount in previous years, so failure in mid-year exams actually means the elimination of some men.

Football players who are counted on for next fall's high marks in their exams, even though they are not counted on to take part in spring athletics. Once a student falls below par in his studies, the task of regaining a safe position on the office rank list is increased. The football directors have enough troubles in bringing good material to Soldiers' field in the fall without losing star men through bad preparation for the exams.

BALTIC BASKETBALL FIVE DEFEATS JEWETT CITY

Game Fast and Exciting—Score 19½ to 14½.

(Special to The Bulletin)

Baltic, Feb. 2.—In a fast and exciting game Baltic basketball five defeated the re-organized Jewett City team by the score of 19½ to 14½. The winners sunk the basket at the start and held it throughout and clearly outplayed their opponents in all departments of the game.

Higgins and Daley proved to be towes of strength in the winning combination while Blake and Murphy played strong for the losing contingent. The lineup:

BALTIC		JEWETT CITY
Barnett	Right Forward	W. Benjamin
Higgins	Left Forward	Blake
Daley	Center	Murphy
Connell	Right Guard	Thatcher
Dreacher	Left Guard	L'Hereaux

Sub.—Jewett City, McLean.

Goals—altic, Barnett 3, Higgins 10, Daley 5, Connell 1. Jewett City, W. Benjamin 2, Blake 6, Murphy 4, McLean 1, L'Hereaux 1. Fouls, JeJwett City, L'Hereaux 1; Baltic, Higgins 1. referee, Love; timer, Fountain, scorer, L. P. Drescher.

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SPORTING NOTES.

It's the number of accepted chances that frame the yarn, not the list of errors.

Preparedness? The Cincinnati Reds have gone south and prepared to win pennants for 41 years. The result being nit.

More than three million automobiles are registered in 71 countries of the world. Over two-thirds are used within the United States.

The mystery of whether or not Eddie Rousch has been signed by the Giants is not yet cleared up. Foster says that no contract signed by Rousch has been received. McGraw is quoted as saying that the deal has been closed and also that it has not been closed. The same holds for Pat Powers.

Earl C. Hegel, football captain last fall at Willamette university, Oregon, played every second of every game of a hard schedule, in spite of several injuries. Hegel holds the unique record of having won seven letters in various branches of athletics. A junior, he was recently unanimously re-elected captain of the eleven.

Harvard's hockey management is trying to seal a compact with the St. Nicholas hockey team for a game to be played at the Boston arena on Feb. 19. If the present plans come through, the game will be played after the B. A. A.-Crescent A. C. clash that same evening. Harvard beat the St. Nicks last year, 4 to 3, and was one of the few teams to win over the New York seven.

Dartmouth's hockey players have left Hanover for Boston, to put in two days of hard work in preparation for the game with Harvard Friday night. Warm weather, combined with 10 days of final examinations, has left the Green seven in no kind of condition for the stiff battle they are sure to get from the Crimson team, and prospects for repeating last year's victory are anything but bright.

The fire that destroyed the workshop and caddy house of the Pinehurst Country club cost Donald Ross, the professional, about $500 worth of golf balls and clubs. Ross groaned aloud as a series of explosions sounded the swan song of several dozen rubber-cored guttys. The guests were more fortunate and only a few stray articles were burned, allowing the starting of the qualifying round of the St. Valentine's golf tournament on schedule time.

Word has been received from Worcester that Hiram T. Brewer, secretary of the Federal league, was going to jump right into organized baseball as a club owner. According to a well defined rumor, Hiram is going to purchase the franchise of the Worcester club of the New England league. Brewer disappeared from his haunts at the Federal league offices the other day, and when he returned surrounded himself with an air of mystery. But now it comes out!

Time trials held for the Harvard long distance relay runners resulted in the temporary selection of five men for the 780 team. These men were Captain Bingham, Henry Minot, Alex Biddle, Rollo Campbell and J. Goggeshall. The probable lineup for the race against Yale Saturday night in the B. A. A. will be Bingham, Minot, Campbell and Biddle. This means that Prooch Donovan is planning to run Captain Bingham as last year in both the short and long distance relays.

The crack field of sprinters that will start in the 100 yard special dash at the Fordham university games at the 22d regiment on Feb. 11 will have a chance to smash two records. Timers will be stationed at the century point and at the 105 yard mark in an effort to break the record for the latter distance of 10 2-5 seconds which was made by N. H. Hargrave of Yale at Berkeley oval in 1901. The starters include Joe Loomis, Howard P. Drew and Roy F. Morse, and as each is capable of sprinting the hundred around "evens," it is probable that the record for the odd distance will be broken.

Tom Cowler believes in omens, signs, premonitions and all the various means by which a kindly fate warns a man of impending disaster. When Tom stood up to begin the second round of his fight against Jack Dillon at the Broadway Sporting club of Brooklyn Tuesday night one of his seconds dropped a sponge in the ring. Cowler's handler meant no harm. He was merely anxious to get out of the way, so that Tom might continue to jab his opponent to distraction, as he had done in the first round. In fact, the sponge lay on the floor of the ring for only a second or so before somebody reached through the ropes and picked it up. But Cowler saw the grim emblem of defeat.

RISKING LAURELS A BUSINESS PROPOSITION

Expensive Operation to Bring Champions Out of Retirement.

To bring out of retirement a champion in any line of sport, who has held the titular honors for some years, in order that he may test his strength and skill against a younger and really formidable opponent is an expensive operation. A champion with the lust for battle dulled by years of competition and secretly doubtful of his ability to hold his own with a more youthful challenger considers such a match a business proposition in which he risks his hard earned laurels for so much money and the sum is usually so high that it is an excellent balm in case the title passes from his possession.

The promotors who are planning to bid for the Gotch-Stecher wrestling contest are going to discover this fact when the time comes for the making of bids for the match. While the Iowa champion and the Nebraskan challenger are far from being matched at this time, there is no question that they will meet on the mat for the world's catch-as-catch-can championship within the next year. Gotch has already begun training and will soon start upon a country wide tour meeting all comers in short time bouts. Stecher is rapidly increasing his reputation and popularity by meeting opponents in various big cities in accordance with a lengthy schedule prepared before he left his home in Dodge, Neb.

It cost Tex Rickard $101,000 in addition to bonuses, to bring Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson together at Reno, Nev., and while wrestlers have never received as much as pugilists in the general run of championship matches, it is certain that a new record in wrestling purses will be made when Gotch finally signs for his grapple with Stecher. Whether the match will prove as disappointing to those that witness it as the Johnson-Jeffries battle did to the spectators who gathered at the Nevada ringside on July 4, 1910, only time can tell.

As a general rule wrestlers hold their grappling ability for a number of years beyond the point where fighters begin to slip back. Jeffries was thirty-five when Johnson at the age of thirty-two wrested his title from him. Gotch is thirty-eight and Stecher is twenty-three and while the latter has had a remarkable record to date many think that Gotch's long mat career and wrestling experience will offset the advantage of Stecher's youth. In fact some wrestling experts figure that the Nebraska grappler is too young to tackle Gotch. Certain it is that a study of the latter's mat record impresses one with the formidable performances of the man when taken in connection with the well known fact that he has always been moderate and methodical in his habits and training.

Gotch, who is 5 feet 11 1-2 inches tall and weighs about 210 pounds, in condition, has won more than 150 of the 172 time handicap or finish bouts in addition to throwing more than 200 opponents in fifteen minute exhibition or invitation bouts in this country and Canada. During his foreign tour he met and conquered about half that number. Stecher measures six feet, one inch in height and stips at about 200 pounds. He has wrestled more than fifty matches and has never lost a decision alohough held to a no-fall match by Strangler Lewis and George Turner.

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