

Carpenier Accepts New Offer by Rickard to Box Dempsey July 2 on Percentage Basis

First Fight for Championship With Purse Not Stipulated

Title Holder to Get 36 Per Cent; Frenchman, 24; Site to Be Named Soon

By Fred Hawthorne "Call the doctor!" How do Jack Kearns, Jack Dempsey, Georges Carpenier and M. Deschamps get that way?

Yesterday afternoon Tex Rickard made the announcement that both Dempsey and Carpenier had agreed to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world on July 2 on a percentage basis, Dempsey to get 36 and Carpenier 24 per cent of the gross. Rickard expects to announce the site selected for the battle within the next few days.

This will be the first time in the history of American ring annals that a heavyweight championship bout has ever been fought on a percentage basis.

The articles of agreement accepted yesterday by both Dempsey and Carpenier supersede the original papers drawn up by the boxing commission.

And now to think that Jack and Georges have actually condescended to punch each other on the nose for a percentage of an intangible "gate," in a fight which has not yet been fought, in a place that has not yet been selected. Considerable flop!

Terms Clinched by Cable It all came about at a meeting held at Rickard's offices in Madison Square Garden yesterday, with Kearns slinging the fountain pen for Dempsey and Carpenier represented by a couple of Spencian experts who were fully conversant with the English language as "he is spoke" in the garden.

Tex had already sounded out the principals on the percentage proposition and had received encouraging intimations from both Dempsey and Carpenier, but it was not until yesterday that he received a cablegram from Deschamps, Carpenier's manager, definitely accepting the original agreement.

Wearing this cablegram in his vest pocket, Rickard called Kearns and the Carpenier financiers into his offices and they proceeded to do business. Kearns, arrayed in an entire set of new clothes, in honor of the occasion, filled his pen tank from Rickard's private ink bottle and signed his income tax signature to the new article. Carpenier, who is a representative of the same, and it was all over but the shouting, which was done by Kearns.

Champion Like Orates Rickard called a philanthropist, not like a champion, of the champion heavyweight fighter of the world, Grimy, facing an ambushed battery of cheering and stationary picture machines and assuming the pose of the famous "Napoleon Refusing a Beer," Mr. Kearns declared.

"In the past it has been the usual thing for managers to hold out for big guarantees when a championship bout was at stake, but it has been the desire of the press and the public that the boxers meet on a percentage basis, taking a fair share of what they can draw. No championship was ever fought for less than 50 per cent, and Carpenier, which we have agreed to, and Carpenier has shown the proper spirit in accepting the new agreement. Mr. Rickard has assured me that he will name the site in a few days, at which time I will send for Dempsey and start light training for the match."

Notice that Kearns says HE will start light training for the match. And these managers, a reckless lot! The chances are slightly better than even that on the day of the fight Kearns will be at the ringside in Dempsey's corner, and when Georges slaps the door himself this evening to greet the guests who will assemble to see the great boxing card that James has arranged.

The main set-to, between Pete Herman, former bantamweight champion of the world, and recent fattenner of Jimmy Wilde, of England, and George Adams, the hard punching bantam from the Middle West, is scheduled for fifteen rounds. But a whole lot of things can happen in that time, and both boys predict that some one will be saying, "You take his head and I'll take his feet" as they carry out the limp remains of either Pete or George.

Herman Boxes To-night J. Jimmy Johnson, the most famous of the Bronx bantam, bearing his name, finished last night's fight with George Adams in his boxing club at the Manhattan Casino, at Eighth Avenue and 156th Street last night, and will be at the door himself this evening to greet the guests who will assemble to see the great boxing card that James has arranged.

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Herman, who was outpointed by Joe Lynch at the Garden some months ago, using his world's championship thereby, and then went to England and knocked out Wilde in seventeen rounds, is going after the title again and intends to use Adams as the first door-mat in his path.

Augie Ratner and Jack Stone, two local middleweights, will meet in a ten-round semi-final, while Artie Pierce and Willie Morrissey, two slugging lightweights, crack together in a six-round muss. Popular prices will probably be \$2.00.

Pioneer Bouts Saturday The regular Friday night show of the Pioneer Sporting Club will be held on Saturday night this week, with three promising bouts on the program. Frankie Genaro and Phil Franchini, featherweights, will start on a twelve-round affair, and Bob Hopper and Philly Lewis will follow with a six-round muss. Popular prices will probably be \$2.00.

The Commonwealth Sporting Club will feature Jack Reeves and Johnny K. O. Smith in a twelve-round bout on Saturday night. This week, however, Joe Florio are going to set up and knock 'em down in a ten-round affair. Reeves, who hails from the Pacific Coast, is a newcomer under Billy Gibbons' management.

Rea to Lead Michigan Five ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 23.—Walter B. Rea, of Erie, Pa., to-night was elected captain of the 1921 University of Michigan basketball team. Rea is a junior and played guard during his freshman year.

Wilson Agrees to Give Mike Gibbons Chance At "Middle" Crown

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 23.—Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion, has agreed to meet Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, within ninety days, according to a telegram Gibbons said he received to-day from his representative in Boston.

The contest would be staged in Boston, according to present plans, the message said.

Mike Gibbons has not appeared in actual ring combat in more than a year. He has been devoting his time to teaching boxing by correspondence and to managing his brother Tom, who looms up as a dangerous contender for Jack Dempsey's heavyweight crown.

Sensational Tennis Forecast in Battle For Indoor Honors

Tilden, Richards, Voshell and Anderson to Compete on 7th Regiment Courts

There are certain to be at least three or four sensational matches fought out on the board floor courts of the 7th Regiment Armory next week, during the playing of the men's annual national indoor lawn tennis championship tournament, which begins Saturday morning.

Much will depend, of course, upon the luck of the draw, in both singles and doubles, as to how the players will be matched.

With Tilden, Richards, Voshell and Frank T. Anderson in the singles draw, there are certain to be struggles that will equal anything in the past history of this tournament.

Richards defeated Tilden for the championship in 1919 and was runner-up to the world title holder last year. Voshell is also a former champion indoors, while Frank Anderson has always given Richards the hardest kind of a match when they met.

Play will continue all day Saturday and Monday and begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon for the rest of the week. Entries close at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the draw for the singles will be made.

The promised visit of Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, of France, the world's champion woman player, to this country during the coming summer will undoubtedly have a great influence in arousing interest and furthering the development of the women's game in the United States.

Based on her record of achievement in her short but truly brilliant career on the courts, the French girl is one of the tennis marvels of all time.

There does not appear to be any rivalry, either in this country or abroad, to compare with her, and she is scarcely out of her teens.

I doubt not but that if Mlle. Lenglen plays in the women's national championship at the West Side Tennis Club of Forest Hills next August she will attract one of the greatest crowds through the gates of the club.

The American public is always responsive to the lure of a widely advertised article, and Mlle. Suzanne is no exception. Her name, which thrives on it, and, quite as she thrives on it, there is certain to be so much interest in the young woman's personality that hundreds will come to watch her who never saw a tennis match before.

Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, who fared so disastrously at Wimbledon last year, when she attempted to win the world's title, is going to try again this year, and she will be far better prepared for her great task.

In 1920 the national champion was far below her usual form, but this time she will have the advantage of several months of severe training and competition.

It is probable that Mlle. Lenglen will accompany Mrs. Mallory back to the United States when the latter returns to this country some time in July, and then will follow several weeks of tournament play in the big invitation tournaments that precede the women's national title event at Forest Hills.

Unless a change is made before then there is bound to be a most unfortunate clash of dates during the week that the women play at the West Side club. The official schedule also provides for the playing of the annual invitation tournament of the Meadow Brook Club of Southampton at that time and one or the other of the tournaments must inevitably suffer as a consequence, for the men who cover the tournaments for the newspapers will have to decide between the two, with the result that there will be little publicity for the neglected event. It is not possible to correct this by moving the men's August tourneys ahead one week.

W. Va. Football Coach Arrives MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 23.—Clarence W. Spears, coach of the 1921 West Virginia University football team, arrived here to-day for his first visit since being appointed. He was tendered a public reception.

The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

Gotch, Lewis and Stecher If it wasn't for a difference of opinion there wouldn't be an argument left in the universe—and think then what a drab existence it would be!

We say this, despite the fact that out of our last 4,857 arguments we have lost 4,856 and tied one.

Most of the 4,856 defeats were due to a seeming inability to keep a shrill voice pitched to a high and continuous key, which is how most arguments are won.

The argument or difference of opinion we now refer to concerns Frank Gotch, Ed Lewis and Joe Stecher.

Whereas and Such Confessing to no widespread expertness upon the subject, it had always been our opinion that Frank Gotch was the greatest wrestler that ever lived.

He not only outclassed his field beyond all others, but with his great strength, his dizzy speed, his quick working brain and his all-around ability he had about everything that a great wrestler could use.

At his height, it was almost impossible to imagine any one throwing Gotch. And after he had won the championship he was never thrown.

The Shift of Opinion Some time ago we set inquiries in motion for the purpose of tagging the greatest wrestler of them all.

George Bothner, world's lightweight champion for many years and one of the greatest referees of the game, was first interviewed.

After a careful consideration of the subject Bothner finally decided that in his opinion Stecher was the monarch of the mat. This, of course, was before Lewis beat Stecher and just after Stecher had tossed Lewis for a field goal in a great match.

Bothner certainly ought to know. He had seen them all, and there is no keener student of the ancient game.

Roller Picks Lewis At this point, or shortly thereafter, Dr. Roller, another wrestling student of eminent renown, steps forward and picks "Strangler" Lewis as the king.

Roller had been with Gotch for many years. He had swapped grips with them all. He is extremely intelligent and unbiased. He ought to know. It was his opinion that Lewis to-day could have tossed the Gotch of ten or fifteen years ago.

The Tangle In the meanwhile along comes Stanislaus Zbyszko, at the age of forty-two or forty-four, and after more than two hours of excessive labor throws Joe Stecher.

This feat certainly lifted the baldheaded Pole upon a parity with Lewis. But, as we recall the dusty facts, when Zbyszko was many years younger and at the height of his fame he once met Gotch.

We haven't the schedule at hand which tells the exact date, but it was more than ten years ago.

In this match Gotch, by a turn of sharp practice, threw the big Pole in six or seven seconds.

The second fall required only a short period. In this meeting Zbyszko seemed to be outclassed, just as all other opponents of Gotch were outclassed.

Yet here in another decade the elder Zbyszko comes along and begins tossing those who are rated above Gotch as all-time stars.

Now, if Lewis and Stecher are both better than Gotch used to be, how is the Polish entanglement to be considered?

If George Bothner is right, what marvelous improvement could have come upon Zbyszko after his thirtieth year?

It is all over our befuddled dome.

The Exchange Lewis throws Stecher. Stecher in turn throws Lewis once or twice. Lewis then counters and tosses Stecher again.

There is very little to choose between this pair with the complete menu under consideration.

The immense Pole then steps in and throws Stecher, over ten years after Gotch has beaten him with ease.

Gotch, through his long reign, was certainly exchanging no falls with any rivals.

He was never thrown after he had reached the top, and he was taking them all in turn.

With this dope passing in review, we remain puzzled as to the expert and honest belief of so many mat students of renown that Lewis and Stecher had it on the wonderful Iowan. It was difficult to get any close line on the situation until the Pole returned to reënter the smear, but now we have a pretty solid chain of evidence. And the evidence at hand certainly doesn't give Gotch any the worst of it.

Two Surprises In Squash Play For Club Titles

Coward Loses to Guernsey, and Mixsell, Princeton Champion, Bows to Harvey

By Jack Masters Two decided upsets were registered yesterday in the squash tennis championships of the Yale and Princeton clubs, both of which are being decided on the Ell courts.

The first came when Harold R. Mixsell, the title holder, was eliminated, 11-15, 15-7, 15-8, in the third round for the Princeton Club Cup by Harold R. Harvey.

The other surprise came when the Yale Class B champion, Thomas Coward, was beaten by Otis Guernsey, 18-14, 1-15, 18-14, in the second round.

The Princeton players are using the Yale courts for their annual club meet, an alterations are being made on their own grounds.

Both of the aforementioned matches were hard fought, except in the second game of the Guernsey-Coward struggle, when the latter exhibited the poorest squash he has been guilty of in the last six months.

Coward went completely to pieces, and played so poorly that his opponent, who was out of all in the last game, at 15-10, 15-7, 15-2, but the title holder managed to come through when threatened, and from all indications will retain the trophy.

The summaries: PRINCETON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (second round)—John Taylor defeated Harold Rowe, 15-11, 15-11, 15-11. Riley defeated Jarvis Cromwell, 15-11, 15-11, 15-11. Jesse Hoyt won from Basil Harris by default. In the consolation, H. R. Mixsell, 11-15, 15-7, 15-8.

YALE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (third round)—T. M. Day won from Joseph Walker by default; Lindsey Bradford defeated Fred Kooms, 15-11, 15-11, 15-11. C. J. MacGuire defeated Carol M. Cooney, 17-15, 16-11; Otis L. Guernsey defeated Thomas Coward, 18-14, 1-15, 18-14. Kenneth O'Brien defeated Yale Stevens, 15-11, 15-11; Donald McKay defeated Clyde Martin, 15-11, 15-11.

Blue and White Nimrods Triumph Over Harvard Delayed returns of the Columbia-Harvard fifth match, received on Monday inside Heights show a victory for the Blue and White gunmen by a four-point margin.

Columbia, with a score of 97 out of a possible hundred, turned in one of its best sets of targets this year. The final count was Columbia 490 to 486 for the Crimson. J. Guadella, of Columbia, and Darling, of Harvard, tied with a score of 99 for high honors.

The scores follow: Columbia. Score. Harvard. Score. J. Guadella, 99. Darling, 99. J. T. Williams, 98. Roth, 98. J. Kieninger, 98. Lund, 98. W. Schweitzer, 98. Jacobs, 98. F. Monell, 97. Stetson, 96.

19-Year-Old Horse Out for Paris Classic PARIS, March 23.—Dutour III, the nineteen-year-old racehorse owned by James Hennessy and winner of the Grand National Steeplechase at Liverpool in 1909, has been entered to run at Auteuil next Sunday in the President of the Republic Stakes.

This event is for 75,000 francs, over a distance of four and one-half kilometers. The Trainer, Atherton to-day said the old horse is in fine condition, and if the track is soft and heavy will have a great chance to win.

Lasker Meets Capablanca In Fourth Chess Game HAVANA, March 23.—Dr. Emanuel Lasker and José R. Capablanca began the fourth game of their world championship chess tournament here to-night.

There was no game Monday night and Tuesday night's play amounted to only a single move, after which the third game was declared drawn, sixty-two moves having been made Saturday and Sunday nights.

Yale-Harvard Track Teams Challenge Oxford-Cambridge

Invitation Sent by Cable to British Universities for Meet Here in July

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRIBUNE CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 23.—Harvard and Yale to-night jointly issued an invitation by cablegram to the Cambridge and Oxford track teams to visit the United States this spring and meet the combined Crimson-Blue teams at the Harvard Stadium July 18.

The Harvard athletic committee approved the challenge at a meeting to-night.

If the British universities accept, it will be the fifth engagement between the two combined organizations. The English universities won their last meet on July 11, 1911, at Queens Club, London, five events to four. They also were triumphant in the first engagement in 1899, also held in England, and by the same score. The American team won in 1901 and 1904 by six events to three, the first being the only one of the four meets held in this country.

It was held at Berkeley Oval, New York. Cambridge and Oxford had their annual dual meet last Saturday at Queens Club, and resulted in a deadlock, each team capturing five first places. The English universities won their last meet on July 11, 1911, at Queens Club, London, five events to four. They also were triumphant in the first engagement in 1899, also held in England, and by the same score. The American team won in 1901 and 1904 by six events to three, the first being the only one of the four meets held in this country.

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Five Oarsmen Lost to Penn's Varsity Crew

Candidates Are Declared Ineligible Because of Deficiencies in Their Studies

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TRIBUNE PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—There is gloom in the University of Pennsylvania varsity crews because of the announced ineligibility to-day of five prominent oarsmen on account of their scholastic standing.

They are Stroke Neil Copeland, George Singer, Bob Rugh, Phil Williams and Joe Loosen. This loss affects both crews, as Copeland and Rugh were on the heavy combination, while Singer, Williams and Loosen were seated behind Mitchell.

The result Coach Joe Wright is forced to completely switch the available material into one combination, which will, temporarily at least, be termed the varsity eight.

One Man Dropped, Two Others Shifted In Harvard Eight

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 23.—The Harvard varsity crew was shaken up to-day by Coach William Haines. Three shifts were made, Phil Kunhardt being dropped from three to the second crew.

Tom Pond, who rowed seven in the second crew, displaced Captain McCagg at the same relative position on the varsity, the latter going to No. 6, and Lawrence Terry moved to No. 3.

The varsity order now is: Stroke, Lawrence; 7, Pond; 6, McCagg; 5, Soderwick; 4, Olmsted; 3, Terry; 2, Morgan; bow, Codman; coxswain, Pierson.

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