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Kilbane Explains "Shift"

Says Dempsey Is Hard to Hit; Champ Leads With Either Hand

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ATLANTIC CITY, June 15.—I am in sparring with Jack Dempsey at the champion is a mighty difficult man to hit.

His shift is largely responsible for it.

I knew that he was a two-handed fighter, and I had seen him shift against Willard and several of the other boys he fought, but I never knew how really elusive the big fellow was until I got the gloves on with him.

Jack is just as much at home leading with his right as with his left. He's been working on the art of ducking and side-stepping until he's far more clever at it than the last time I saw him in action.

The ability to renew the offensive with either flat or foot enables the champ to use his feet in side-steps that are barred to the one-handed fighter. For side-stepping will accomplish little if the man who is ducking is not set to deliver a blow when his opponent's weight has been avoided.

And the one-handed fighter can side-step in only a few ways if he is to still keep his fist handy. Dempsey, on the other hand, can hit from almost anywhere.

It is this that has given Jack his original style of fighting. Unlike other heavy champions, Dempsey lays over blows when from the ring-side the feet look absolutely impossible. And when openings occur, the champ is just as likely as not to pass them up, waiting a chance for one of his surprise punches.

DEMPSEY MOVES QUICKLY. It is surprising to see how easily Dempsey can twist his big frame away from a punch and how quickly he can regain position to deliver one himself.

That's the trap he'll seek to invite the Frenchman into—try to make the flashing Georges miss on one of his chain-lightning jabs, and then, when Carpenter's arm has shot over the champ's shoulder and Georges, who always fights on his toes, is temporarily off his feet, Jack will slip in and try to slip over the "swivel swing" that he expects will end things.

Dempsey is taking his work seriously. In the ring there's never a day when he has his full of 'em, when he poses for the photographers afterward. But inside the ropes he's working all the time, searching for holes, trying out new methods and planning attacks in his own slow, methodical and painstaking way. And when he has his plans all worked out and decides to hit, he hits. And when he hits, well—

HE DIDN'T MENTION GEORGES. For the benefit of those fans who think that the secrecy tactics of Carpenter and wily Deschamps, his manager, may tend to worry the champ, let me say that I talked with Dempsey for more than an hour, and that in all that time not once did Jack mention the Frenchman's name.

Worried? Not Dempsey. He's just the same big, overgrown boy that he always has been, and he goes into the ring that way. But he'll be a serious-minded boy. For Jack is taking his fight with the Frenchman in earnest.

BY HENRY L. FARRELL ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 15.—Champion Jack Dempsey today shook off some of the chains which have shackled him to idleness all week.

Manager Kearns permitted him to take part in training camp ball game, which was followed by the announcement that the regular training program will be resumed tomorrow.

Thursday promised to be a big day for the champion. Aching to get back into the ring with the pillows on the flats, the announcement made Jack supremely happy. Kearns further informed him that the official training pictures, which will be part of the fight film will be clicked off Thursday.

Promoter Tex Rickard also will show up for a conference on the matter of a referee.

Kearns denied that he had talked with anyone on his choice for referee. He has a favorite candidate, he said, but declined to name him.

Bob Eitzen was believed by some to be the champion's choice for referee, but others close to Jack and his manager, asserted Jim Dougherty, Philadelphia, third man in the Dempsey-Miske fight last fall, was their choice. Both Eitzen and Dougherty were named in the articles as acceptable officials.

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THE BOSS OF THE SEALS



Introducing Charley Graham, the general manager of the San Francisco Seals, who is leading his corps of ball tossers against the Seattle team this week. Charley has gathered unto himself a pretty classy baseball family and his bunch are out in the lead in the pennant race at the present writing.

Bill Cunningham Plays Great Ball for Locals

Seattle Flychaser Is Hitting Around .370; Seattle-San Francisco Series Opens Today at Ball Park; Other Ball News

BEFORE the 1921 Coast league season opened Bill Cunningham, Seattle outfielder, looked like one of the local tossers due to walk the plank when Manager Kenworthy began to cut down his roster. But right now William is one of the real stars of the Coast league and has been ever since the starting gong.

Last season Cunningham was one of the poorest hitters in the league when it came to hitting with men on bases. Right now Bill is clicking the stitched apple for a mark around .370 and most of his blows are coming when they count for runs.

The reason Cunningham is playing better ball is because he is taking the game more seriously and he's keeping his "head up" all the time, which means that he is using his bean for something besides a hatrack.

Williams always was a sweet fly-chaser and now that his hitting has perked up he looks like one of the best bets in the league to graduate to the big show this year.

Manager Kenworthy says that Cunningham is the most improved ball player of the year and that nothing will keep him out of the big time if he keeps up his present gait.

Competition has had a lot to do with Bill's kicking thru, too. With Roy Middleton, Billy Lane, Brick Eldred and Rube Oldring in uniform it behooved Willie to play some real ball, and he certainly is playing it.

SEAL SERIES OPENS TODAY The important series of the season so far on the home lot, was scheduled to open this afternoon with the San Francisco Seals furnishing the opposition for the Indians for the first time here this year. The league leaders are but five and a half games in the van of the locals and every game Seattle wins this week puts them just that much closer to the top.

SEATTLE HAS STRONG RESERVES No team is stronger than its substitutes and, like San Francisco, Seattle has a strong reserve corps. A player of the caliber of Ray Bates is a mighty handy man to have around, as he can fill in at first base, and Red Murphy can be shifted to any infield berth to make room for Ray at first. Both Bates and Murphy can also fill in at the outfield, if necessary. And then there's Rube Oldring and Bill Lane ready to jump into the outfield, too, and Lane can also take care of an infield berth if called upon.

With such hitters as Bates and Spencer Seattle has a good corps of pinch hitters to line up against the enemy.

MILTON PICKED TO WIN TACOMA AUTO CLASSIC

BY TOM OLSEN Tommy Milton, winner of the Tacoma Speedway races last year and winner of the 500-mile Indianapolis sweepstakes Memorial Day, enters the Tacoma race to be staged July Fourth, this year, a favorite to repeat with a win for first honors. Milton covered the 223 miles at Tacoma last year in two hours, 23 minutes and 23 seconds.

The fact that Milton is entered in a Frontenac this year, instead of the Dusenbergs that he won in last year, may change the "dope" some. Milton won the Indianapolis races this year in a Frontenac, however.

Roscoe Saries, who finished four minutes behind Milton in the Indianapolis races, will drive a Dusenberg at the Tacoma Speedway, and is figured to be one of the strong contenders for the honors.

The Eddie are all entered in the races. Eddie Hearne will drive a Revere Special. Eddie Pullen will be driving in a Dusenbergs, as will Ed Miller.

Poplar Joe Thomas, a Seattle boy, is entered in a Dusenberg. Howard Wilcox will race in a Peugeot, Jules Ellingboe and Ralph Mulford are entered in Frontenacs. Ira Vall, in a Leach Special, is entered.

To qualify for the races, each driver must make at least 90 miles an hour in the trials.

The Tacoma track is in ideal condition, according to reports from the Speedway, and fast time is expected when this cream of the world's drivers clash there on the big National holiday.

Louis Chevrolet, one of the famous Chevrolet brothers, is slated to pace the race for the first lap. Chevrolet is a prominent figure in the auto world, and was a famous racer himself until a short time ago when his brother Gaston was killed in the Grand Prix race at Los Angeles.

Eddie Rickenbacker, America's ace of aces, and former speed king, is expected to referee the races.

A crowd, between 30 and 40 thousand, is expected to turn out for the annual classic.

H. PELSINGER WINS IN LOS LOS ANGELES, June 15.—Harry Pelsinger won a decision over Young Papska at the Vernon Arena last night, when he scientifically out-boxed the more aggressive youngster.

Bobby Erdle was given a draw with Frankie Monroe.

MANAGER TY COBB IS HAMMERING BALL FAR AND OFTEN NOW

BY DEAN SNYDER Ty Cobb is swinging from the handle this year. That's a total of 146 bases. If he keeps up that pace for the other two-thirds of the season he'll have hit for a total of 438 bases, which would be a new record in major league baseball.

George Sider's 1920 record of 539 bases is the present record. Ty's batting spree, coming in his 17th year in the big show, is all the more remarkable since the Georgian showed signs of slowing up

which 17 were doubles, 10 were triples and eight were homers.

His playing in other departments has also been speeded up. He's doing all his old stuff on the bases and taking advantage of every flaw in the opposing team's defense.

Ty is heavier now than when he used to run the bases like an antelope. But what he lacks in lithe-ness of limb he makes up for by his baseball smartness.

His case is almost similar to that of Tris Speaker, who had his best year in 1920, when he became the playing manager of the Cleveland Indians.

Speaker pulled off greater catches in center field than he had ever done in his career. He also had his best batting year. And Speaker led Cleveland under its first pennant win.

Ty's playing, like Speaker's, has shown a big improvement. Instead of being weighed down by managerial burdens he has become a faster clicking player.

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