

# Britton-Delaney Match Is Pending

## WOMEN HOPE CLOSE SOON FOR STAR BOUT

Anticipation Between Light Heavyweights Is Tentative Attraction for Jan. 12.

Newsport post, American League, is hot on the trail of a sensational headline bout for its Jan. 12 show at the Coliseum. It was announced today that negotiations for a 10-round contest between Britton of Kansas City and Delaney of St. Paul have reached the windup stage and contracts shortly are expected to be forwarded to league headquarters.

The only barrier there far in the way of getting agreements is the weight question. Britton is holding out for 167 pounds at 3 o'clock. Delaney, who is growing rapidly these days, would like to come in a few pounds above this notch. However, it is believed the St. Paul whizzer will not let a matter like this prevent him from displaying his class to another crowd of tricity fans.

Delaney made an impressive showing before a tri-city crowd some time ago when he knocked out Harry Krohn of Cleveland at the Coliseum. It was Delaney's first appearance here, and the manner in which he went after his opponent of his veteran opponent elicited signs of admiration from the assembled multitude. The average boxing fan is always eager to glimpse a prospective comer in the game. Delaney is every bit a prospective champion, and then some.

True, Krohn is aged and not the Harry of old, but it was the mastery way in which Jimmy subdued him that won the approval of the fans.

Delaney is rapidly rising to fame on the pugilistic ladder. His name is breaking prominently into print all over the country. He is billed to box Gene Tunney, former light heavyweight champion, at Oklahoma City, Jan. 8. Tunney is taking the place of Champion Harry Greb, who twice has canceled scheduled bouts with the St. Paul youth.

Delaney soon is to break in at Madison Square garden in New York. He has the prestige of Mike Gibson and Mike Collins, his managers, to gain him the necessary recognition by promoters.

As to this man Billy Britton. The southwest is solidly behind him by reason of his great ring showing in the last year or two. Like Delaney, Britton is a mere youngster.

## MOTOR BOATS TO BE ON DISPLAY

Progress of 1922 to Be Revealed at Grand Exhibition of Various Types.

Marking the conclusion of the most successful year in the history of motor boating and the beginning of what promises to be even a more successful year, the national motor boat show will be opened in the Grand Central palace in New York city on Feb. 21, to continue to March.

The progress of the past year will be revealed in a display of motor boats, motor boat hulls and motor boat engines which will show that speed has been increased; that economy in operation has been advanced; that greater comfort and more conveniences for the pleasure seeker have been obtained and power plants have become lighter, more efficient and more economical. Every type of boat previously known and many that will make their initial appearance will be on exhibition. Their scope will range from tiny models of modern types to magnificent cruisers and runabouts incorporating the latest word of utility, comfort and elegance. There will be the electric boat, the ice boat, the row boat and the sailing boat; the boat with gasoline power, with kerosene power, with crude oil power and the boat with combined power plant and sail area.

The show committee, named by the executives of the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, under which auspices the motor boat show will be presented, is headed by John J. Amory as chairman, with James Craig and Charles A. Crigt as aides. The management of the show will be in the hands of Executive Secretary Ira Hand, who has successfully staged a majority of the 17 shows which have preceded the exposition now being arranged.

## VILLA TO MEET TERRY MARTIN

New York, Dec. 29.—Pancho Villa, Filipino holder of the American lightweight boxing title, will meet Terry Martin, Providence (R. I.) heavyweight, tonight in a 15-round contest at Madison Square Garden. Villa's title will not be at stake, as articles of agreement call for the principals to weigh in at 116 four pounds over the flyweight limit.

## JOHNNY DUNDEE TO BOX O'BRIEN

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—Johnny Dundee, junior lightweight boxer, champion, and Tommy O'Brien, California, meet tonight in a 10-round contest.

## OUT OUR WAY—By Williams



## ILLINOIS CAGE TEAM HAS MANY ILLINOIS BOYS

Emil Schultz of Geneseo Is Making Good as a Guard on Squad of 15.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 29.—Illinois boys naturally predominate on the varsity basketball squad of 15, but three other states are represented. Evans Hellstrom, captain, played his first basketball for Evanston high school. Hellstrom as a sophomore earned varsity letters in the football, basketball and track and would probably have kept going at this game but his leg was broken during a summer vacation. This is his first basketball since 1921.

Walter Roettger, champion forward to Hellstrom, is a St. Louis boy, who has also earned his spurs as a baseball pitcher and infielder. G. E. Potter, who alternates at forward with Roettger, came all the way from Orange, Calif. L. M. T. Stillwell, tall center, who is much improved over his 1922 form, used to cage 'em for Olney high school, but his family ties here now. R. H. Walker, Ruby's stocky little guard, is a product of Oak Park high school and Cord Lipe, just now leading candidate for his running mate, comes from Decatur.

These six men have done most of the playing in the preliminary games, but they must keep delivering or there will be an aggressive young substitute grabbing their suits.

J. A. Van Doorn of Quincy and C. F. Hoppeler of Fort Wayne, Ind., are two guards who are hot on Lipe's heels for his guard job. They both had a chance against Notre Dame and acquitted themselves pretty well. Hoppeler deserves much credit because he was dropped from the freshman squad last season. Undaunted, he stuck to the game and is receiving his reward.

J. W. Hansen of Brookston, Ind., is another Hoosier. Hansen, a reserve guard last season, has been shifted to forward by Coach Ruby and has made excellent progress at a position new to him.

C. M. White of Chicago, who is a product of the floor at Bowen high school, J. D. Karnes of Fairbury, Ill., E. Wessman of Rockford and G. A. Walker of Danville are candidates for forward who earned places on the permanent varsity squad. This is White's second year as a squadman. Wessman, a junior, is on the squad for the first time and considering the handicap of poor eyes, is doing well. Walker played the game first for Huntington high school, Indiana.

R. Wayne, Ind., has another representative in C. R. Parker, a sophomore forward, small but fast, who learned his basketball at New Trier high school, Kenilworth, Ill.

Schultz of Geneseo, fullback on the varsity football eleven, was at a disadvantage because of a late start for basketball, but is improving as a guard. He's a willing worker.

## GALVA WRESTLER MEETS HARD FOE

Kewanee, Ill., Dec. 29.—Joe Risberg of Galva, middleweight wrestler, encountered one of the toughest foes of his day in Axel Christensen of Princeton, in their match at Princeton. It required 39 minutes, 45 seconds for Risberg to pin his opponent's shoulders to the mat, using a double arm bar. Christensen threw Risberg in 25 minutes, 30 seconds in the second fall, but was unable to continue the match, awarding it to Risberg. Best of society turned out strong for the match, about 600 fans being present. Agnes Giesbrecht of Princeton was the referee.

## BRESNAHAN ON COACH FACULTY AT IOWA SCHOOL

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 29.—During the summer of 1922 the Iowa university will sponsor a coaches' school. George Bresnahan of Sterling will have charge of field and track classes. Jones, Devine, Locke, Barry, Flesler and others will be on the staff.

Sterling will be represented on the varsity team of the University of Iowa this year in basketball. Clarence "Shag" Duhm of this city is on the squad of 16 who will represent the school. He is playing at guard.

## TO PREPARE FOR NATIONAL ATHLETICS

New York, Dec. 29.—Plans for launching a nation-wide athletic preparedness program were expected to take definite form today at the first annual session of the newly formed National Amateur Athletic Federation. The 16th annual meeting of the Athletic Research society will be held in conjunction with the N. A. A. F.

## AUSTIN DEFEATS DECATUR SCHOOL

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 29.—Austin High, heavyweight champion of Chicago last season, won a hard-fought game from Decatur here last night at basketball, 45-21. The ability of Price to hit free throws proved to be the determining factor of the contest, each quarter ending with field baskets. Manager Agnes Giesbrecht of Decatur was the offensive star.

### BOWLING

League Standing.

W.	L.	Pct.	
R. I. Elks	20	10	666
Mueller Lumber Co.	17	13	566
Martins	18	15	545
Driffill Ptg. Co.	15	18	455
Capitol	16	20	443
Black Hawk	14	22	387

R. I. Elks vs. Mueller Lumber Co., postponed.

### CAPITOLS

Asmus	162	191	222	575
Wessel	191	167	161	519
Bleuer	194	178	211	583
H. Schlueter	209	247	210	680
Carlson	168	184	172	524

Totals . . . . .918 967 976 2861

### MOLINE MARTINS

Gieskie	235	214	257	706
Hartzman	193	189	208	590
Carlson	191	195	171	557
Churchill	204	232	211	647
Erckson	195	171	195	589

Totals . . . . .1018 1001 1042 3059

### DRIFFILL PTC. CO.

J. Wich	169	193	155	517
H. Wich	169	163	214	546
R. Sundine	168	154	208	530
C. Wich	160	204	211	575
J. H. Wich	143	190	173	511

Totals . . . . .809 914 966 2678

### BLACK HAWKS

Holm	212	178	179	569
Krabenhoef	132	166	225	523
C. Schlueter	185	158	183	526
Mishler	146	172	158	476
Vinial	203	211	211	625

Totals . . . . .878 885 956 2719

### SILVIS DEFEATS ISLANDER TEAM

The Silvis Independents defeated the Maple Woods of Rock Island on the Silvis floor last night, 25 to 13. The feature of the game was the basket shooting of Griffin for the winners. The Silvis team would like to schedule games with tricity quintets. Call Griffin at East Moline 35W. Next week the Silvis team will meet the Davenport Bearcats.

## RING GAME NOT VARSITY SPORT

Slight Chance of It Being Made a Matter of Inter-School Competition.

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Possibility of inter-school boxing contests between teams in the western part of the state is slight. Ernest G. Schroeder, physical director at the University of Iowa, declared here. The general attitude of the schools of the conference is against boxing on any kind of varsity scale, and there is little likelihood of having the ring sport placed on the list of inter-school sports for several seasons.

"The subject of boxing was not even mentioned at the last meetings of the conference board," Schroeder said.

Fans Spill Game. "As a matter of fact, the big ten heads never have approved much of the sport," he explained. "The disapproval voiced by the conference officials is not because of the nature of the sport itself, but rather on account of the attitude of the spectators."

"Boxing at the present time is in the same situation that wrestling was in a few years ago. At that time there was the same attitude towards the mat sport directors and officials of the conference voting it down. Eventually the objection was overcome."

Iowa Teaches Sport. Boxing has been a part of the curriculum of the physical department at Iowa for several years. Doner, a well known Iowa lightweight boxer, is in charge of the ring men.

## MILAN WINS OVER LARNELLS, 36-21

The Milan Independents defeated the Lamells of Rock Island at the Franklin school gymnasium Wednesday night by a score of 36 to 21. The Rock Island quintet outplayed the visitors in the final quarter, but the lead obtained by the winners in the first three quarters could not be overcome. The Milan quintet showed up in fine form, their team work being superior to that of the Lamella.

## FOOTBALL HURT BY INFLUENCES FROM OUTSIDE

Grid Rules Committee Warns of Danger in Report to Athletic Association.

New York, Dec. 29.—Warning that "outside influences" were threatening the "prosperity and good name" of football, which the mere framing of rules could not avert, was contained in the annual report of the American inter-collegiate football rules committee for 1922, filed with the national collegiate athletic association yesterday.

"Interest in the contests is so widespread and so acute, that both the players and the athletic authorities in the various colleges are under a tremendous pressure to win," the report said. "Under these circumstances the temptations are very great, both on the field and off, to adopt practices or policies which are directly hostile to the best ideals of the game and amateur sports as a whole. It is indulged in generally, would speedily bring the game into disrepute."

## TY COBB ONLY REAL BATTING KING OF GAME

His Grand Average Over Period of 15 Years Shows Percentage of 57.

New York, Dec. 29.—As a lifetime hitter, Ty Cobb stands alone in the American League. Figures compiled today for the first time show that he better well enough in 1922 to raise his average for 15 years in big league baseball to 57. The Georgia Peach, with the blush of the sunset still on his cheeks, has outbatted them all through the years, although he has lost his crown as batting king of the American league for only one single season.

Sisler, as we know, now is the champion batsman so far as the highest percentage for a single season is concerned, but Ty has played 18 hard years in the American league and during almost all of that time he has been the Jupiter of the league's batting system.

After delving through a mass of box scores large enough to fill a freight elevator it was discovered today that big Ed Delahanty, the old Cleveland boy who walked the whole length of his state to join his first team over in West Virginia in the days when minor leagues were too poor to advance money to players, is the daddy of them all in the National league as a lifetime hitter for 15 or more years.

This title has trembled in the balance for a long time. First it was given to Anson, then to Billy Hamilton and to Hans Wagner, but it belongs without question to Delahanty. Cleveland was the birthplace of this old-timer who could hit the ball at his knee or over his shoulder and smash it into the next state. His percentage for 16 years, 13 in the National, one in the Players' league and two in the American was 346. Cobb, of course, has it on him but in a rival league. Delahanty is credited to the National for he began there and his record is that of a National league player.

Wherever Delahanty played he left a record, but Philadelphia saw him at his best.

With the completion of 1922 Cobb was 857 times at bat, not counting bases on balls or the times he was hit by a pitched ball. By the conclusion of another year Cobb undoubtedly will have faced the pitcher at least 10,000 times and he probably is near that figure now. It is safe to say he has had at least 20,000 strikes. There is not a pitcher in the American league who would not give his shirt right now to string three of those strikes on Cobb in a row with the winning run on third base.

## SPILLING 'EM

This is Terrible, M. True. Dear Spiller: I can't keep it to myself any longer! I'm going to let you in on a tournament we attended recently. I don't recall just how many teams were entered in this affair, but that matters little. Anybody who thinks he has bowled on "good" alleys has another think coming, 'cause the drives we shot on (or attempted to shoot on) at the tournament in question, couldn't have been in worse condition had they been used for chopping blocks. Several times the ball would get into one of the many groves and would all but disappear from sight. However, the climax was reached when on one occasion the ball was started down the alley, but after recovering half the distance to the pins, hit a bump—halted momentarily—and then started back toward the foul line!

In the doubles event two of the best bowlers in this vicinity had a total of 559 pins at the end of the second game, or an average of about 189 apiece for each game. In closing, I might state that a pocket-hit was good for anything from a strike to four pins—usually the latter.

Aristophanically yours, "PEECH"

## WILLIAMS

THE REAL HERO

## RUBE BENTON SURE HE CAN GO TO CINCY

Former Giant Pitcher Confers With Landis Relative to His Standing.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Rube Benton, former Giant pitcher, today was without fear that K. M. Landis, commissioner of baseball, would move to prevent his return to the National league this spring with the Cincinnati Reds after a visit yesterday with the commissioner.

"In view of the publicity caused by the announcement of Benton's signing with the Cincinnati club, and the connection of his name with the 1919 world's series scandal," Commissioner Landis said last night, "Benton came to me to get a line on his status in organized baseball."

"So far as the records in my office show," the commissioner concluded, "there is no reason to keep Benton out of the majors."

Benton was released by the Giants in July, 1921, and went to the St. Paul club of the American Association.

## TENNIS CHAMP AT GAME AGAIN

Tilden Shortly to Play in Public After Operation to One of Hands.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—William T. Tilden, national tennis champion, in a series of matches here, Jan. 5 and 6, will make his first public appearance since he underwent an operation that cost him part of a finger on his serving hand.

## MATTY FITZ, DEAN OF MINOR LEAGUE UMPIRES TO QUIT

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Matty Fitzpatrick, for years an umpire in the minor leagues, plans to lay aside his mask and chest protector next season to enter business here. Fitzpatrick has officiated in the Western league for the last three seasons.

## FORMER COLLEGE STARS TO PLAY UNMARRIED MEN

Hill top basketball fans will be treated to a lively tussle tonight at the Washington school gymnasium when John Schneider's "Pill Rollers" clash with the unmarried men of the Fifteenth Avenue Sunday school. The game will start at 8 o'clock. The "Pill Rollers" are an aggregation of former college players. The lineups are announced as follows:

"Pill Rollers"—Conrad, c; Levin, rg; Graham, lf; Strock, lg; Wood, rf.

Unmarried men—Mejerle, c; Hurst, rf; Timmerman, lf; Kvs, rg; Duffin, lg.

## KANSAS SIGNS TO MEET WHITE AT THE GARDEN

Rocky Says He Is on Way to Come-back.

New York, Dec. 29.—When Rocky Kansas and Charley White today scrawled their John Hancock along the dotted line of the formal contract to swap socks at Madison Square Garden on the evening of Jan. 29, they assured the fight fans of one of the most sensational scraps of the season.

The White-Mitchell cyclone of a week or two back should be excelled if both Rocky and Charley are in tiptop shape, for the winner of the coming fray will be in direct line for meetings with Lou Tendler and Benny Leonard.

Rocky says he fell below par early last fall and has been coming back slowly, trying himself out against second and third raters. But now he believes he is himself again and expects to prove it to the assembled multitude the last of next month. In the meantime he will take on one or two bouts he says.

As a matter of fact the fight menu which is just coming from the oven to be served in the next month or so contains many delectable dishes. Take the go that is coming in the shape of the Martin-Bernstein fight one week from today.

Martin is all that his name could signify when he gets into the ring, and Bernstein has shown in the past few weeks that he soon will be graduated to the toppest of top-notch ranks if he heads up the way he has been fighting.

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