

If Nothing Else, Tardy Philly Veterans Believe in Proving That They Have Well-Known Pep

EXPERTS DIFFER ON GREATEST WRESTLER

But Chain of Evidence Shows Frank Gotch Was Better Than Modern "Beef Trust"—Never Thrown as Champion

By GRANTLAND RICE.
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 4357 arguments we have lost 4356 and tied one.

Most of the 4356 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.

Wherefore 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 kind beyond all others, but with his great strength, his dizzy speed, his 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 authority of eminent renown, steps forward and picks "Strangler" Lewis as the king.

Roller had been with Gotch for many years. He had wrapped grips with them all. He is extremely intelligent and unbiased. He ought to know. It was his opinion that Lewis today could

HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT WILL GO TO SHORE, IS LOCAL REPORT

Dempsey and Carpenter to Meet in Title Tilt at Atlantic City

PHILA. SYNDICATE SAID TO BE THE PROMOTERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

For several days it has been rumored that New York has been erased as the probable battleground for the tentative Jack Dempsey-George Carpenter heavyweight world's championship tilt supposed to be held in July.

Now, according to a statement, dropped unobtrusively by a well-known sportsman of this section, the Dempsey-Carpenter contest is certain to be held in New Jersey, with Atlantic City as the scene of the fracas and to be promoted by several Philadelphians.

"Tex Rickard doesn't know what it is all about," advised our informant. "He still may think that he has the big bout, but he hasn't. Jack Kearns doesn't say anything one way or another. Dempsey's manager refuses to commit himself."

Kearns himself gave out the tip several days ago in New York that "it looks as if New York city is out of the running," following a conference with Rickard. The whole thing in a nutshell is that Kearns does not approve of the \$15 limit on championship matches in New York.

The man who says that Atlantic City is certain of getting the pugilistic extravaganza is an intimate friend of Kearns. "I suggested the seashore resort to Kearns as a place for the match several weeks ago," said the well-known sportsman, "and Jack didn't

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Notice of the dates by which all preliminary matches must be completed already has been given to the tennis associations of the twelve challenging nations. Under the rules of the Davis Cup competition the champion nation is obliged to give the competitors an intimation of the dates by which the various rounds can be completed. The committee has announced the following dates for completion of the preliminary rounds:

First round matches, if played in the United States, must be completed on or before July 30; if played elsewhere on or before July 31; second round matches, wherever played, must be completed not later than August 6; third round matches not later than August 13, and fourth round matches not later than August 20.

SEVEN VETS OUT FOR ST. JOE NINE

Johnny Barker Again Is Coaching Prep Baseballers; Has Big Squad

OSBORNE SHINES IN BOX

St. Joseph's Prep baseball candidates have been working for more than a week. Next week practice games will be played to make St. Joe fit to fight for the Catholic League crown.

Johnny Barker, ex-Mack recruit, has been retained as coach of the nine. It will be remembered that Barker worked wonders with last season's team.

Veterans are Marty Kane, catcher; Frank Dineen, pitcher; Gannon, first base; Mallon, outfield; Martin, third base; Murphy, shortstop, and Breslin, outfield.

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Scrap About Scrapers

Johnny Burns is forgetting about the boxing game for a while. He is vacationing at the shore. There will be no show at the Cambria tomorrow night.

Jack Hagan has clinched a bout between Mike Howell and Tommy Jamison for the Fuzo Club March 30. Promoter Hagan has conceived the idea of staging five four-round bouts and two six-round bouts. He thinks such matches are more interesting than youngsters who have shown a tendency to tire in smart bouts.

Joe Daler, welterweight wrestling champion of Europe, who is under the management of Spike Howard, will meet all comers after noon and evening at the Trocadero next week.

An all-Negro show has been arranged for the Auditorium March 31. Kid Patullo will box Jack Graves in the wind-up. There will be four other bouts.

A. Bell is anxious to rematch Jack Donato with Young Sheppard. "Donato is in the best of shape," says Bell.

Harry (Kid) Stewart is training daily with Al Wagner. The former is anxious to meet Martin Jones and says he will weigh in at 124 pounds for him.

Bobby Burman is another local lad who is working out diligently every day. "Any tough guy will do," says Bob, speaking of an opponent.

Tommy Howell will appear in his second contest since deciding to come back when he faces Joe Jackson at the National Monday night. The bout will be K. O. Al Wagner vs. Tommy Cleary, Freddie Brickley vs. Steve Morris, Tommy Davlin vs. George Holly and Jimmy Egan vs. Buck Kelly.

Billy Angelo's hand is in good shape again. He will meet a stiff test when he tackles George (Chubby) at the Olympia Monday. Other bouts: Eddie James vs. Danny Frank, Sam Kosberg vs. Frankie Clark, Willie Ferguson vs. Joe Lewis and Billy Davine vs. Willie Spencer.

Pete Tyrrell, Tommy Loughrey and Joe Kennedy are preparing for the open-air season. They will resume training fifteen-round bouts at West Manayunk this summer.

Peck Miller will make a comeback at Reading April 2, when he meets Eddie Hayes in a special show.

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