

Very Little Chance of Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey Meeting Again

OUT BETWEEN JACK AND JESS, STEAMED UP NOW, WILL COOL OFF

Another Dempsey-Willard Match Not Likely Despite Talk of Promoters—Heavyweight Champion Himself Would Prevent Contest

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THIS Dempsey-Willard match is getting all steamed up again. Tex Rickard, having nothing to do, broke out with an announcement the other day that former champion is training hard and wants to have just one more shot at conqueror. Much conversation was spilled, cables were sent to Dempsey, no sightseeing in Europe, and the promoters were rushing about frantically to find out if it was possible to hold the bout on the night of September 15.

No one knows why there was so much heat, as a month or so means nothing when this match is concerned. It would be time enough to wait until the champion came home and had a chance to think it over. However, they do business in their own original way in boxing circles. Somebody had an idea and told the world about it before it got cold.

Willard and Dempsey would attract an enormous gate. It is the only big-money match in the heavyweight division with the exception of a Dempsey-Harry Wills affair, and this never will put on. The promoter would experience too many setbacks if it were attempted. With Willard, however, it is different. There are many who believe Jess has a chance to flatten Dempsey, despite the fact he has been out of the ring since the Toledo disaster three years ago.

Jess was mentioned as a contender a year ago, and when everything was set for the match a limit was placed on the price of seats for championship contests in New York. Willard, not being in the business for his health, pulled a new stunt when he called off the bout. He was reported to have struck \$2,000,000 worth of debts on his farm, and a guy with as much money as that couldn't lower his dignity to fight an ordinary boxer.

But the oil strike evidently was a small and Jess is back again. He can get over \$50,000 for boxing Dempsey, and he might need the money, part of which would be used for hospital expenses.

THE only thing which will prevent the match is Dempsey himself. Jack has said he will not fight any more, and the chances are he still sticks to his word. Kearns would like to see him in action every other week, but he is only the manager.

Several Big League Clubs Could Use Whitted

GEORGE WHITTED is out of major league baseball. He was let out by Pittsburgh early in the season and claimed by Brooklyn at the waiver price. None of the other clubs wanted him, and then the Dodgers turned him loose. The announcement yesterday that he had been purchased by the Kansas City club in the American Association came as a big surprise.

Strange things are done in the fast set. Whitted not only was waived out of the National League, but also the American. Funny how clubs like the Athletics, Boston, New York, Detroit and Chicago would allow a man like George to slide into the minors unless there was a reason.

Whitted is a great ball player. He is an asset to any club, for he can play in the outfield or first or third base. He hits well and has a lot of baseball brains.

But George's playing is not the cause of his downfall, according to reports. He is said to have had a habit of talking too much at the wrong time and criticizing the actions of his managers. Whitted wants to manage a big league team and no doubt would be successful. However, he could not wait until the job was offered him. He tried to force himself in front, and that forced him out of the league.

JUST the same, it is hard to explain how George was waived out of the American League.

A's and Cubs Surprise Clubs

BASEBALL is a popular game because of the thrills and surprises that come when least expected. Here in Philadelphia we have the Athletics playing a wonderful game and stacking up as well as any club in the East, and in the West the Chicago Cubs have upset all of the dope. Those two teams are getting talked about because of their victories. The Boston Braves, Washington, Cincinnati and Detroit have received publicity because of their reverses.

The Athletics were unbeatable on Wednesday when they took the first game from the Yankees. Their hits were timely and the defensive work could not be improved upon. Instead of tail-enders for seven years, they looked like a gang of champions. All of which goes to prove that Connie Mack evidently has discovered a winning combination. Dykes belongs on third base and Galloway is as good as any shortstop in the league. Pepe Young is playing a whale of a game at second and Doc Johnson is taking care of first base. The new deal has helped considerably. It is doubtful if the A's will be in last place this year.

Out in Chicago the Cubs reversed all of the dope. In the spring the club looked terrible. The pitching staff appeared all shot and the infield and outfield were pitiful. Bill Killefer, however, discovered a second baseman in Krupp of Seattle, who once was with the Red Sox. He filled in, and Killefer has been a success. Third, Stutz, Miller and Callahan, three recruits, have come through in the outfield, something no one ever dreamed of. It is unusual for five new men to make good in a single season, and that accounts for the winning streak of the Cubs.

Another reason was the good start. Cincinnati was weak and the Chicago club learned that it could win games. That gave them confidence and they have been traveling at a fast pace ever since.

THE real test, however, will come next week. The Eastern clubs will invade the West and the Western teams in the American League will come East. Then we will be able to get a real line on the strength of the clubs.

Phoenixville Now Racing Feature

JOSEPH L. MURPHY, president of the Phoenixville Hunt Association, announces a big entry list for the hunt races at the Fair Grounds in Phoenixville on Saturday. The track is in great condition for the flat races and a new course laid out for the steeplechase events.

One of the entries probably will be Daybreak, owned by J. M. Ewing. This thoroughbred surprised everybody at Belmont Park last Tuesday when he won the Master of Fox Hounds Association Plate from a fast field, easily defeating the favorite, Huntingdon Meteor. It was a close over timber at about three and one-half miles, and Mr. Ewing rode the winner.

There will be seven events on the card, which will include flat races, post-and-rail, steeplechase and a half-mile race for farmers' horses.

This meet is getting bigger every year and stands out as one of the feature events of the season. Mr. Murphy is endeavoring to revive interest in horse racing in this section and has spent a fortune in order to make the annual meet possible.

SPECIAL trains will leave the Reading Terminal Saturday, which means the spectators can get out there and back again.

D. O'Brien's System

DR. MATTHEW C. O'BRIEN, physical director at Central High, stands in the front rank of starters on the cinder track. For more than fifteen years the veteran coach of all the teams at the Crimson and Gold institution has been sounding his familiar "Get ready, get set, go," to many thousands of grammar, high, college and club athletes. Few during the long stretch of years had stolen the gun.

Dr. O'Brien is one of the first starters in the country to take his stand in front of the athletes instead of to their rear, as is the custom. The result of this system is to prevent the men on the mark from starting before the gun, as seems to be the case when the starter stands behind.

GRAMMAR and high school students particularly benefit by Dr. O'Brien's standing in front. The youngsters are always the most anxious to get off the mark, and it is a fitting tribute to the ability of Dr. O'Brien to say that only two or three tried to beat the gun in the recent Penn relays.

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VILLANOVA BOXERS IN EXHIBITION TONIGHT

TENDERL IS FAVORITE TO WIN FROM DUNDEE

Baseball Team Ready for Gettysburg Philadelphia Southpaw Meets Italian in 15-Rounder Tonight

The Villanova College boxing team will hold an exhibition at the closing event of a successful season tonight at Villanova. Among those who will appear are Jim O'Malley, Jack O'Brien, Sam Blackstone, Johnny Morris, Artie McCann, Benny Bass, Frank Smith, George Burns, Jim Naulty, Longus, Billy Sheehan and Frank Keelan, of Penn.

The Villanova baseball team will meet Gettysburg here tomorrow afternoon, to unfavorable weather conditions. The contest was held off in the afternoon, probably this evening, but the same route against Sailor Friedman and stopping Hynde Mill in the seventh.

A bout between Joe Lynch and Johnny Buff, with the bantam title at stake, originally was scheduled for this date, but the contest was called off because of illness of the champion.

A. A. U. Head to Referees Meet

Cambridge, Mass., May 5.—William F. Frost, president of the A. A. U., will address the members of the referee meet in stadium a week from Saturday.



NEW PREP LEAGUE IN MAKING HERE

Esibell, of Swarthmore, temporary Head of Organization Pending Regular Elections

FIVE DELEGATES AT SESSION

Work will be started immediately to draft a constitution and set of by-laws for the new Preparatory School League, which had its inception last night at a meeting held in the Hotel Walton.

Five of the representative "prep" schools in this section sent delegates to the meeting, all of whom gave their approval of the new organization as outlined. The schools sending delegates to the meeting are: Pennington, Swarthmore Preparatory, Venonan Military Academy, George School and Borden-Mill Military Institute.

Norman F. Esibell, chairman of the Swarthmore Preparatory School Athletic Committee, who was responsible for assembling the delegates last night, was chosen temporary head of the new Preparatory School League.

His committee was chosen by the delegates present to draft necessary regulations and present them for approval at the next meeting, which will be held May 18.

Meanwhile, the delegates from each school represented will call meetings of their respective athletic councils and outline the character of the new league.

At the next meeting the five schools will recommend other schools for admission to the newly formed organization.

The schools represented at the meeting now enjoy close athletic relations in the majority of major sports, and are in sufficiently close proximity to maintain schedules without incurring too much expense and consumption of time.

It was considered advisable to first call upon these schools as nucleus for the league, and then fill ranks of the organization with other schools with which athletic relations could be maintained.

A five-year playing rule was imposed,

while boys graduating from high schools after a four-year course will be permitted to play only one season in the Preparatory School League.

Because of the many students graduating from high schools who are compelled to take a preparatory course in order to be admitted to college, the delegates believed it advisable to extend the playing period to five years instead of the customary four years.

The operation of the new league is scheduled to commence with track and baseball next year, but an effort will be made to advance its activities into the basketball season if certain changes in games already scheduled can be made satisfactorily by the members.

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