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## BROADWAY TOUTS ARE STUCK FOR SOLUTION

### Speculative Gents Cannot Dope Out the Willis-Firpo Result.

BY JOE WILLIAMS.

New York, Sept. 9.—The wild bull has buffaloed speculative Broadway. The speculative gents don't know how to figure him.

They know Mr. Firpo is mentally sick as a result of his love troubles with the government, that he is illy trained, and has no soul-surgings ambition in the fight with Harry Willis, the negro, aside from collecting his "bit," an important matter of more than \$100,000.

They know, too, that Willis is superbly conditioned, and genuinely confident. Yet these Broadway bawks refuse to bet against the Argentinian.

Memories of the bull's spectacular stand against Dempsey are still with them. They remember how terrible he looked in training, how amateurishly he fought, how easily he was toppled over by Dempsey's smashes, but most vividly of all they remember how he came back and knocked Dempsey out of the ring. A guy who can do that is tough to figure.

Dempsey Says "Firpo." Usually something approaching uniformity of opinion exists among

fighters and ring authorities as to the outcome of a big heavyweight battle. Nothing but confusion and conflicting comments exist in this fight.

Jack Dempsey thinks Firpo will win by a knockout "whether he is in shape or not."

Tex Rickard, best judge of fighters in this country, is privately of the opinion that the South American will win. So is Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, and a keen observer. Bill Tate, who fought Willis six times, picks Firpo to win before the seventh round is over. Tate has been working with Firpo for two weeks.

On the other hand, Jack Britton is betting real sugar on Willis to knock out the tourist Romeo. This is significant. Either Britton is singularly lucky or an infallible judge. Britton has never been on a loser. And in this instance he is absolutely disinterested.

**Bull's Throaty Rumble.**  
Bartley Madden, trial horse of the ring, casts his vote for Willis and predicts a knockout finish. Madden recently went the limit with Willis, successfully defying every effort of the black man to knock him out.

"But that doesn't mean Willis didn't hurt me," says Madden. "As a matter of truth I was out in the first round. The only thing that saved me was Willis' cautiousness. He was too careful of his hands."

Firpo himself is non-confident. A shrug of his shoulders, a gesture with the hands, and an indistinguishable throaty rumble. That is his answer to your question, "What round will you win in?"

Willis is almost offensively optimistic, and has a new prediction of triumph for every interviewer.

It will be nice if the world series is in Washington provided Secretary Fall and Mr. Daugherty have nothing to do with the distribution of the tickets.

Another way to earn a reputation for originality is to refrain from plastering the windshield with bathing girl stickers.



EDITH CUMMINGS

Upsetting the dope in spectacular style, Edith Cummings came out of the west to win the women's national golf championship last year. This year she was eliminated in the first flight.

### TO-DAY

This afternoon at the Fair Grounds, if the weather gives any kind of a fair show, the Hussars and Wolfe Island will meet in their second game of the intermediate O.B. A.A. second round playoff. The "Hoosers" have the jump by their win at the island last Friday but the Islanders claim they were far, far off color and will spring a mighty big surprise this afternoon. George Sullivan and Jack Derry will likely call them again and two better umpires could not be found. Goodfriend may be back at work for the Islanders for to-day's game.

### THE NUT CRACKER

By Joe Williams

Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Sept. 9.—The fur-bearing Mr. Firpo has decided to battle Willis at his own game. Willis' own game is Bowery polo, a quaint form of diversion popular with nomadic African tribes. It consists solely of two freckled cubes which are tossed about on the floor with a speculative abandon to the accompaniment of low, guttural commands, such as "Come on, you natural," "Oh you Phoebe," and "Baby needs a new pair of kicks."

Your correspondent was privileged to observe Mr. Firpo at his training to-day and is in position to say that the Argentinian is an awful hum. Mr. Firpo does not even know the first principles about crap shooting as the art is practiced in this country and if the boys let him get away with his shirt it will be due solely to a stricken conscience.

It may be that Mr. Firpo would have made greater progress with the bones if he had not selected Big Bill Tate and Jack Townsend for dicing partners. It so happens that Messrs. Tate and Townsend are blacker than the elbow of a stove pipe and they can do more things with the spotted squares than a monkey can with a coconut.

Mainly Mr. Firpo is handicapped by lack of expression and an inadequate knowledge of native customs. His technique lacks the regal splendor and dramatic fire of the natural born dicer. Mr. Firpo simply places his dough on the carpet and says, "I shoots."

Should the rates happen to smile upon Mr. Firpo's luck—and Messrs. Tate and Townsend, being good business men, see that this miracle is performed at strategic intervals—Mr. Firpo gives vent to a hoarse, rumbling grunt, indicative of pleasure, and repeats, "I shoots."

It is easy to picture the superiority of Willis in a similar situation. The black man would take the dotted ivory and rub them tenderly in the palms of his hands. Then he would spray them with the hot breath of parental devotion. After which he would begin pleading and praying.

dice are sensitive things and are susceptible to romantic urgings, he will not get very far as an African golfer.

Mr. Firpo probably will never get very far in this game, anyway, because par for the course, as he plays it, is two bits, and he is not the world's most enthusiastic loser at that.

## BASEBALL SCORES

### MONDAY'S GAMES

**National League.**  
Brooklyn 7, Giants 2 (Only game played).

**American League.**  
Yankees 2, Boston 0  
Washington 3, Philadelphia 4 (St. Louis-Chicago rain)  
(Only three games scheduled).

**International League.**  
Jersey City 1-5, Baltimore 8-10  
Newark 5, Reading 6  
(Two games postponed).

### THE STANDING

National League.				
	Won	Lost	P.C.	
New York	82	54	.603	
Brooklyn	83	56	.597	
Pittsburgh	78	54	.591	
Cincinnati	74	63	.540	
Chicago	70	63	.526	
St. Louis	56	80	.412	
Philadelphia	51	84	.378	
Boston	48	88	.353	

  

American League.				
	Won	Lost	P.C.	
Washington	79	56	.586	
New York	77	53	.570	
Detroit	75	62	.547	
St. Louis	70	65	.519	
Cleveland	63	75	.466	
Boston	60	75	.445	
Philadelphia	60	75	.445	
Chicago	58	78	.429	

  

International League.				
	Won	Lost	P.C.	
Baltimore	103	43	.705	
Toronto	93	59	.612	
Rochester	76	76	.500	
Buffalo	73	74	.497	
Newark	71	77	.480	
Syracuse	69	75	.479	
Reading	58	83	.411	
Jersey City	46	102	.311	

**Baseball.**  
Ruth pounded out his 44th home run yesterday to give the Yanks a 3-0 win over Red Sox. Dazy Vance won his thirteenth consecutive game and his 25th of the season from Giants. Walter Johnson added another victory at the expense of the Athletics.

Walter Johnson got stage-fright in a Washington theatre the other night. Only the grandstanders are at home in the spotlight.

Georges Carpentier is writing a song. We suppose he'll call it "I Got Mine, Boys!"

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## DO YOU KNOW BASEBALL?

By Billy Evans

Sport—Do you know

1. With the count of two strikes on the batsman, for some reason he steps out of his box. The pitcher seeking to take advantage of this act, hurriedly delivers the ball to his catcher. It is over the plate at proper height. Should the batter be declared out?—H. J. P.
2. A says that a batter can be balked with no men on the bases and go to first. B says a balk is impossible without runners on, and never in any way affects the status of the batter. Who is right?—J. E.
3. A ball is hit over the fence. It goes over fair, but curves foul before going out of sight of the umpire. Is it fair or foul ball?—Dr. J. A. G.
4. There is a runner on first base. He starts to steal second. The batter hits the ball between first and second, and as the base umpire runs toward second, expecting a play at that base, the ball hits his foot. Runner on first reaches second and batsman first in safety. What is the correct ruling?—J. A. I.

### Answers.

1. Batsman usually has a good reason for getting out of the box. Umpire should always call time when he does so. Quick delivery by pitcher is unsportsmanlike and dangerous. Umpire should have considered the ball dead and made no ruling.
2. B is right. There must be runners on for pitcher to make a balk. Calling of a balk in no way affects status of batter.
3. It is a foul ball. Umpire must watch ball until it passes from his sight and render ruling in accordance to where it is at such a time.
4. If umpire is hit by batted ball before a play has been made on it, batsman is entitled to first. Runner

on first must advance to second to make room for batsman.

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By Williams



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