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CALLS DEMPSEY TO BEAT TUNNEY

Eddie Kane Picks the Champion for the Knockout or Points.

By Joe Williams. Before the summer season is ended Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, and Gene Tunney, foremost white challenger, will step into the ring and start firing loaded punches at each other.

Who'll win? I'll let Eddie Kane answer that one for you. Kane managed Tommy Gibbons until the St. Paul heavyweight retired some months ago. Kane is closer to Gibbons than a reclitrant bunion and when he speaks on matters touching on, and pertaining to, the nose-busting racket he is reflecting Gibbons' mind.

If any one in the world is qualified through actual experience to tell whether Dempsey is better than Tunney, or vice versa, that one man is Gibbons.

Three years ago, out in the little cow town of Shelby, Mont., Gibbons fought 15 rounds with Dempsey and was on his feet, in pretty good shape, when the contest ended.

Last summer, at one of the ball parks here, Gibbons went on against Tunney and was knocked out for the first time in his long career; not only knocked out but outclassed. The bout was actually one-sided.

Consider the facts: Dempsey couldn't stop Gibbons. What's more he couldn't even score a knockdown. (And don't let anybody tell you he wasn't trying, either.) On the other hand, Tunney stretched the Irishman and did so with comparative ease.

You'd think, then, that Gibbons' pick would be Tunney. But it isn't. Kane says Gibbons is stringing along with Dempsey and not because of any prejudicial feelings. If anything Gibbons has a somewhat higher personal regard for Tunney than for the champion.

Gibbons simply has an honest conviction that Dempsey is a greater fighter than Tunney," says Kane, "and he believes that if the two ever fight, which appears likely now, Dempsey will win. Gibbons concedes Tunney's fine points as a ringman but prefers to believe Dempsey has finer ones."

Whether the bout goes the limit or ends by a knockout, Gibbons predicts Dempsey will be the winner. This is a rather unusual slant on the situation, for most critics argue the longer the bout lasts the brighter Tunney's chances of winning. This on the presumption Tunney is the better boxer.

Kane says Dempsey is a much harder puncher than Tunney, despite the fact that Tunney stopped Gibbons and Dempsey didn't. "Anybody could have knocked Gibbons out that night," admits Kane. "He was dead on his feet an hour before he entered the ring."

Being a more dynamic puncher.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETS ON TUESDAY

Interest is Fast Being Revived —Officers Are to Be Elected.

The annual meeting of the Kingston Softball League will be held on Tuesday night next at the Y.M.C.A. and a large turnout is expected, now that the weather is getting wafm and suitable for the game.

The cricket field and the parks are drying up fast and the games should be under way before long. Many of the softballers have been out already throwing the spheroid around to get limbered up.

Owing to the fact that some of the teams in the league last year were badly outclassed, it is very likely that there will be two sections this season, the seniors and the business men's, with a probability of the winners of each section playing off at the end of the season.

The Frontenac Regiment and the penitentiary have practically the same teams as last season and are all ready to get started. The Regiment's team last year was a speedy outfit but it is claimed that they are going to step faster than ever this season and cop the championship again.

"Pen" will have another strong team and it is rumored that they have more than one "Babe Ruth" on their lineup. It is expected that all the other teams will be back in the league stronger than ever and a most successful season is anticipated.

At the meeting Tuesday the officers will be elected and plans made for the season. No time will be lost in getting things started as the weather has created the interest in the game again and the players are all set to get started.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, 11; Brooklyn, 4. Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 2. Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 5, (called; darkness); St. Louis, 5; Pittsburgh, 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston, 9; New York, 8. Washington, 8; Philadelphia, 2. Chicago, 11; St. Louis, 7. Detroit-Cleveland; postponed; rain.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Rochester, 7; Jersey City, 6. Toronto, 13; Newark, 4. Buffalo, 13; Reading, 7. Baltimore, 8; Syracuse, 7.

STANDING OF CLUBS

Table with columns for National League, American League, and International League, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

WILL NOT MATTER

Rickard Does Not Intend to Ignore Commission

Fort Worth, Texas, April 23.—Tex Rickard's contract with Jack Dempsey for a heavyweight championship bout in September, signed here does not place the promoter outside the rulings of the New York State Boxing Commission, although it leaves the way open for him to ignore the Commission if he chooses.

Rickard made this statement in a reply to word that Commission Chairman James A. Farley had announced Rickard would be called before the Board on his return to New York to explain his action in signing the contract.

"I have no present intention of opposing the rulings of the Commission," Rickard said, "and my contract with Dempsey contains nothing in contravention with its rulings. At any rate, Farley is not the Commission. There are two commissioners besides him."

The articles of agreement to which the world's heavyweight champion and the famous promoter signed their names to-day merely require that Dempsey fight a championship bout in September with an opponent of Rickard's choosing.

INVESTIGATE GROUPS

The Border Cities Chances for Franchise Are Good

Windsor, April 23.—President Frank Calder, with Leo Dandurand and James Strachan of the National Hockey League, were in Detroit investigating five groups of promoters who have applied for a franchise in the league.

President Calder said he was inclined to think the chances of the Border City Arena Company to become a member of the league were fairly good. "That is all I can say at present," Calder said to The Globe.

"After we have conferred with the Windsor men I shall be in a better position to talk about the franchise."

Percy Le Sueur, manager of the local rink, said he was sure of putting a first-class team on the ice to the event of the franchise being awarded to the Border Cities rink.

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

Kingston leads; others follow.

The local curlers started something when they dragged out the stones to have a last fling at the roarin' game after the season was closed.

What about the girls' softball league? Apparently the fair sex want to see the men get going first. Last year the girls' softball created a great deal of interest and large crowds witnessed every game.

Some day something is liable to happen that will knock the boxing fans pop-eyed. Jack Dempsey may have need for a few thousand simliunns and fight somebody for the world's heavyweight honors.

The Sunbury Hockey Club is holding a dance on Tuesday, April 27th, to help defray their expenses of the season. The teams made a very good showing in the league during the past season and the supporters will likely contribute freely towards their receipts.

The Victorias are losing no time getting ready for the season. The "Vics" have great hopes of trimming the Circle-Six this season and representing Kingston in the O.A.B.A. semi-finals.

The fans are wondering what kind of a team is going to represent Kingston in the C.O.B.L. this season? It will be as good as last year's, if not a whole lot better. That's good enough.

Great efforts are being made to put lacrosse back on its regular place

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on the sport map of Canada. Kingston was at one time very prominent in the national game. Frank Grace, a Kingston man, is now the coach of the West Point Military Academy team. Apparently there is as much interest shown in the game in the States now as there is here.

NOTHING SURE YET

Sir Thomas Lipton Not Saying Anything. Toronto, April 23.—Sir Thomas Lipton, who was in Toronto would neither confirm nor deny the report that he would again challenge for the America's Cup, which is about the only important yachting trophy that he does not hold.

BASEBALL SCORES

Detailed baseball scores table listing National League, American League, and International League games with scores and statistics.

HITS AND JABS

By Joe Williams. While Ivory is very becoming in the facial make-up of an elephant, it has never helped a baseball runner to become an Eddie Collins.



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