

The Sport Page Everybody Reads

WHY HASN'T DEMPSEY MET THE "BLACK PANTHER?"

For Five Years The Champion Has Dodged Harry Wills - Why?

By GEORGE B. UNDERWOOD

THEY call the boxing ring the "squared circle." The squared circle should be the place for the square deal.

Yet in no sport we know of, and we have known many sports inside and outside for many years, is the deal so often missing as in boxing. But in credit to the manly art, or rather the commercialized branch of the manly art, let it be said that the game is steadily growing cleaner and more respectable and despite its occasional slips backward it still progresses slowly but surely.

Wills is on of those who the squared circle has failed to give a square deal.

He long has been unjustly deprived of the opportunity to his ring talents so richly entitled him. Knowing he was worthy of the chance to contest for the most coveted prize of all, the world's heavyweight championship, and that the public unanimously agreed he was worthy of this chance, he was, through the juggling and machinations of Tex Rickard, the promoter, and Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, forced to sit idly by and see the golden apple which rightly was his given to boxers who didn't stand the chance of the proverbial snowball in Ecuador against himself or Dempsey.

But always Rickard and Kearns found some way or other to side track Wills and furnish Dempsey with an opponent who Dempsey could meet with little or no risk to his title.

Five years have elapsed since Wills first was hailed as Dempsey's real rival. During that five years Wills and his manager, Paddy Mullins, exerted every effort to get Dempsey into a match.

While exerting every effort Wills never has failed to act the sportsman and the gentleman. Never by word or deed has he offended the sensibilities of the fans. Always he has conducted himself as a thorough sportsman, a credit to his race and the sport of boxing.

Clean and temperate in his habits, steady living, a respectable family man and church goer, with never a breath of scandal attached to his name, Wills directly and emphatically refuted those critics who sought to excuse Dempsey from meeting Wills "for the good" of the game.

Their attempts to put Wills in the same moral and trouble making category as Jack Johnson, who was a disgrace to his race, fell flat.

On the trouble Johnson brought up on boxing was occasioned by his doings outside of the ring, not inside of it. Wills does not do the things outside the ring Johnson was guilty of. His wife, his pastor and scores of honest respectable God fearing friends, both black and white, will vouch for the character and morals of Harry Wills.

Recently the hero worshippers running besides Dempsey's chariot, or those of that innumerable corps of propagandists Tex Rickard has but to wave his magic wand over and they obey, have attempted to shake the cause of Wills by demanding:

"Who has Wills whipped? Has he beaten Bill Brennan, Jess Willard, Billy Miske, Georges Carpentier, Tom Gibbons, Battling Levinsky, all of whom are victims of Dempsey?"

Of course he hasn't beaten Brennan, Willard, Miske, Carpentier, Gibbons and Levinsky. How could he beat them when a regiment of cavalry, couldn't drive them or the fortune of Midas entice them into the same ring with the Black Panther.

It is Wills' fault that none of Dempsey's victims would meet him?

Wills had challenged them often and persistently. He has called them every bluff. Do you recall last winter when Jack Renault, defeated Floyd Johnson, bowled from the house tops his willingness to meet any man, black or white?

What happened when Wills offered to give Renault a chance to contest him?

Renault was forced to publicly acknowledge he "was not quite ready for Wills" and departed right pronto on a hunting trip.

Yet most unjustly and unsportsmanly, Rickard's poll parrots and Dempsey's hero-worshippers keep insisting, "Who has Wills whipped? Why only poor old Fred Fulton. Fred Fulton, Haw! Haw! Haw!"

What is the truth of the Fulton matter?

Wills knocked out Fred Fulton who Fred Fulton was cock of the walk among the heavyweights. The Black Panther massacred Fulton at a time when Willard, the champion, with the recollection of a knockdown at the hands of Fulton fresh in his memory, could not be coaxed into the ring again with the Minnesota Plasterer.

When Wills knocked out Fulton, he knocked out the leading white heavyweight of the time.

Incidentally, Wills knocked out Gunboat Smith, and knocked the Gunner out at a time when Smith was good enough to get a 20 round decision over Jess Willard.

The only two white heavyweights of repute, who would fight Wills were Fulton and Smith. Wills knocked out each of them. More recently, last summer, in fact, he knocked out in pig time, Homer Smith, who had lasted the limit against Fripo.

ISLAND HORSES WIN MONEY AT NEW GLASGOW

The horse races at New Glasgow yesterday drew a large crowd.

The 2.18 class was won by Keemah Aubrey owned and driven by Mr. E. Stewart, French River, P. E. I. This race went to five heats and the Aubrey mare winning the last three. It was a great contest between Keemah Aubrey, Lake Be Sure and Peter Verde.

Corsety formerly owned by ex-Mayor Brown, Charlottetown was second in the 2.30 trot.

In the 2.40 pace Hector owned by Dr. McIntyre, Montague won second money had Mack Aubrey owned by Wellington McNeil, Southport took fourth money.

SUMMARY
2.18 Class
Keemah Aubrey 2 3 1 1 1
Lake Be Sure 1 1 3 5 2
Peter Verde 2 3 4 4 3
Time—2.16 1/4, 2.18 1/4, 2.19 1/4, 2.20 1/4, 2.19 1/4.

2.30 Trot
Silver Belle 1 1 1
Corsety 2 2 5
North Wallace 3 6 3
Truro Belle 4 4 4
Time—2.21, 2.26 1/4, 2.21 1/4.

2.40 Pace
John Waters 1 1 1
Hector 2 2 2
Miss Atlantic 3 3 4
Mack Aubrey 4 4 3
Time—2.20, 2.19 1/4, 2.20.

HOPE RIVER 10; NORTH WILTSHIRE 7

The second game between the Hope River Pirates and the North Wiltshire Allsports was played July 21st, in the latter's diamond, Hope River being again the winners. W. Hagen pitched a great game for the winners, and was aided well by T. Reid and A. Baiger. Good work for the Allsports was done by G. S. McLean and W. McLeod.

Mr. Henderson umpired satisfactorily. After the game the Allsports treated the Pirates to ice cream.

LINE-UP
N. Wiltshire Hope River
Johnston Catcher W. McLaughlin
J. McQuaid Pitcher W. Hagen
G. S. McLean 1st J. Hagen
E. Clow 2nd T. Reid
E. McKinnon 3rd R. Bolger
B. Smith S. S. E. Bolger
Fielders
W. Clark J. O'Connors
N. McLeod D. McLaughlin
D. S. McLean R. McDonald

"Who has Wills whipped?" Even the Record Book, which fails to chronicle the why and wherefore of Wills' failure to meet some of the men beaten by Dempsey, shows that despite all handicaps, drawbacks and injustice, Harry Wills has beaten more and better men than has Jack Dempsey.

If Dempsey was a real champion, he long since would have given Harry Wills his chance. Public opinion was the fact that the astute Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, believes idleness, lack of competition and Nature itself had sapped Wills' fighting powers, appears to be bringing about a meeting between Dempsey and his dusky Nemesis.

Wills may be beaten, but he at last will receive his chance. It is up to all of us who believe in fair play and sportsmanship to see that he gets that chance.

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SOME SPEED MARVELS

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Thirty years have elapsed since Star Pointer, the first speed marvel, started the two minute list of light harness performers. The twenty-fourth name was added to that select group when Merriman won a heat in two minutes at the recent Toledo Grand Circuit meeting. Over 39,000 trotters appear in the 2:30 list. Over 30,000 pacers have made records of 2:25 or better. Of that grand total of 69,000 horses only seven trotters and seventeen pacers placed their names in the two minute list.

Star Pointer started this list at Readville in 1897. At the Grand Circuit meeting that year Dave McClary drove him in 1:59 1/4. The next addition to the list was also made at Readville in 1903 when Lou Dillon trotted the first mile in two minutes. Later in the season Millard Sanders reduced her record to 1:58 1/4 at Memphis, Ala.

McDonald added another name to the list at the Memphis meeting when he drove Major Delmar in 1:59 1/4. The same year was also made memorable by Prince Alerci pacing Belmont Park, Philadelphia, in 1:59 1/4 with Mart Demarest in the sulky.

Two more additions were recorded in 1905 when Dan Patch reached his limit behind a pace maker at Lexington by turning that fast course in 1:55 1/4. Harry Hershey drove him. The other newcomer was Audubon Boy. Gaicomb drove him in 1:59 1/4 at Syracuse. Hersey placed his second representative in the extreme speed list at Indianapolis in 1910 when he marked Minor Heir 1:58 1/4. In 1912 Uhlman reached his limit of 1:58. He was the second trotter to secure two minute honors. Charles Tanner drove him.

Thomas W. Murphy marked his first two minute performer in 1914 when he won a heat at Detroit with Frank Bogash Jr. in 1:59 1/4. This limit holding was the first horse to beat two minutes in a race. Directum I. and William, both of which beat two minutes in races, reached their limit in 1915. At Syracuse, Directum I. made the world's record in the open of 1:56 1/4 with Murphy up while Marvin marked William in 1:58 1/4 at North Randall. They were a remarkable pair of racing pacers and met in several contests.

In 1916 Lee Worthy with Ben White up reduced the trotting stallion record to 1:53 1/4. Geers won at Columbus with Napoleon Direct in 1:58 1/4 the same year. The following year McDonald won with Miss Harris M. at Atlanta in two minutes. This mark Murphy reduced to 1:58 1/4 at Toledo in 1918, the day that the mile track was opened at that city. Geers also drove Single G. two heats below even time in the same race but Single G. did not reach his limit until 1923 when Allen won with him at Syracuse in 1:58 1/4.

The names of Louie Grattan and Prince Loree were added to the list of speed marvels at Lexington in 1920. Both of them paced in two minutes. Vice Fleming gave the Grattan Royal mare her record in a race while McDevitt marked the double gaited champion in a trip against the watch. Sanardo was the only horse to cross the turf Hudson in 1921. Murphy marked him in 1:59 1/4 at Syracuse, a figure which was reduced to 1:59 1/4 by Geers at Indianapolis, the next year.

In 1922 five speed marvels in addition to Sanardo were marked, four of them making their records at Lexington. Of this lot Murphy drove Peter Manning 1:56 3/4, Arion Guy 1:59 1/4 and Margaret Dillon 1:58 1/4, and Harry Fleming reduced the world's record for trotting mares to 1:59 1/4 with Neddy. Earlier in the season Chase Dean won a heat in 1:59 1/4 with Sir Roach at Columbus.

As has been started Single G. reached his limit 1:58 1/4 in 1923 while 1924 starts off with Merriman 2:00 in July. It looks now as though others would join him in the select circle before the curtain drops on this campaign.

Sixteen reinsmen marked the twenty-four members of the two minute list. Murphy leads with eight. Sanardo being the only one in his group that acquired a new record after leaving his stable. In addition to the San Francisco pair, Murphy marked Peter Manning, Arion Guy, Directum I, Miss Harris M. Margaret Dillon, Frank Bogash Jr., and Merriman. Harry Hershey marked Dan Patch and Minor Heir while Geers drove Napoleon Direct and Gaicomb to their records.

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GOOD RACING AT GEO'TOWN YESTERDAY

The following is the summary of the race meet held at Georgetown yesterday afternoon:

Class A
Jack Todd (McCabe) 3 1 0 1 1
Babe Aubrey (McIntyre) 1 4 3 3 3
Northern Lady (McGregor) 2 2 0 2 2
Todd E. (McLaren) 4 3 5 4 ro
Minnie M. (Praught) 5 5 4 ro
Time—2.25, 2.23, 2.22, 2.25, 2.28.

Class B
Major S. (McKenzie) 1 1 1
National R. (Morris) 2 2 3
Harry Jam (McCabe) 3 3 2
Albert Patchon (Gay) 4 4 5
Queenie 5 5 4
Jolly Polly 6 6 6
Time—2.22, 2.25, 2.21.

Class C
Amy Aubrey (Carver) 1 1 1
Dee-Cee (Praught) 7 3 2
Maud F. (Fitzgerald) 4 2 4
Harvest Ripe (Riley) 2 5 7
Lady Ruby, Rox Bearing, Lady Orwell, Helen J. also started.
Time—2.43, 2.35, 2.35.
Judges—S. Knight, P. A. Scully, E. F. Acorn.
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