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Thorpe, King of 'Em All--Commodore Wilson, Trotting Freak

LEST THE HEROES OF THE FUTURE SHALL DRIFT LIKE THAT HERO OF THE PAST

Jim Thorpe, Once King of Athletes, Who in The Height of His Glory Refused to Obey a Summons to See The Monarch of a Country, Now Going the Way of His Race, Drifting into the Twilight Leagues Of Oblivion.

(By CHARLIE PADDOCK)

(Sensational California Track Star)

LAWRENCE, MASS., Feb. 23.—Manager W. E. McDonough of the Lawrence Independents of the Boston Twilight Baseball League, today received the signed contract of Jim Thorpe, which guaranteed that Thorpe will play at centre field with the local team during the coming season.

The King of Sweden had just entered the royal box. Now he was bowing to the cheering thousands, and now he had taken his seat, and was preparing to watch the championship competitors of the world's greatest nations as they struggled for the highest honors, down there on the Stockholm field. The crowd had found its tongue again, and the drone of the watchers vied with the beat of drums and the blare of trumpets.

Down on the field, a giant red-skinned warrior, proud of carriage and lithe of limb was steadily triumphing. His was a new face to those who packed the gigantic stadium, but his continued victories in event after event in the all-around competition, one of the classic contests of the Olympics, had made him very popular. In the decathlon he was setting marks that no man ever set before. It seemed that he was running heats in the hundred meters, hurdling, jumping, throwing the weights, and hurling the javelin, all at the same time so swiftly did he go from one form of achievement to another. The powerful body of the man, with the herculean shoulders, surmounted by the noble-shaped head, appeared untiring.

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GEORGES HOPES TO KNOCKOUT TOM GIBBONS

Billy Gibson Will Endeavor To Stop Bout In Michigan.

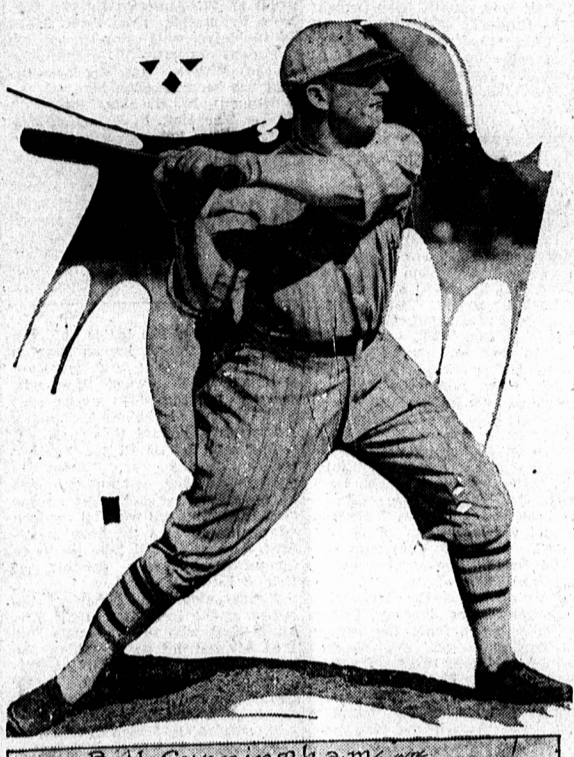


Georges Carpentier.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Legal proceedings, to prevent Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight, from meeting Tom Gibbons of St. Paul, in Michigan City, Ind., on May 31, will be started in the court of Indiana immediately on Carpentier's arrival in the United States. Billy Gibson, manager of Gene Tunney, announced today.

Gibson said he would base his application for an injunction on his contract with Descamps, the Frenchman's manager, for a Carpentier-Tunney match. This, he asserted, contains a clause prohibiting Carpentier from engaging in any other match in the United States before his bout with Tunney.

WAS WITH THE GIANTS



Bill Cunningham

"Wild Bill"—Sold to the Braves this year by McGraw and is turning in a great game in left field for Manager Dave Bancroft, former team-mate of Cunninghams.

SAT. NIGHT WAS BASKET-BALL NIGHT AT THE "Y"

Referee Geo. Walker Had a Busy Evening—Three Games Featured the Night's Activities.

Senior League, All Comers 9, P. W. College 22, W. K. School 25, Victorias 20

A big night in basketball was featured Saturday night with the above results. It will be seen at a glance that in neither case did the winning teams have a walk over.

W. K. School vs. Victorias

This game was a treat to watch for the passing on both sides, was of a very high order and the dribble game as played by the school team was very effective.

The School team did not arrive in from Summerside until eight o'clock and without waiting for their supper they went out, played and won their game.

In this game probably a little too much in the scoring ability of one man on the team was depended on by both teams, that practice is very apt to disastrous results when a strong defense is used against them.

The defense work of the School team was of very high order and deserving of special mention.

The Victorias although a new team and not having played together to any extent put up a wonderful game and will bear watching in future.

Referee—Geo. Walker
Following is the result:

| W. K. School | Victorias |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Walker | Cox, 6 |
| Shaw | Lefurey |
| Spillett, 2 | Goss, 11 |
| Dewar | Johnson, 3 |
| McInnis, 2 | Cameron, 3 |
| Cameron, 21 | Total—W. K. S. 25, Victorias 20. |

Junior League, Independents 18, Trojans 11

The second game in this league between the Independents and Trojans was played Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. It was a fast, snappy game featured by

FIRPO NOW WILLING TO MEET ROMERO

Wants To Prove That He Is Not Afraid of Chilean.

BUENOS AIRES, April 27.—



Luis Angel Firpo.

Luis Angel Firpo, South American heavy-weight champion, who recently declared his intention to retire from the ring, announced today that he was willing to go to the United States and fight Quintin Romero, Chilean champion, who recently provided for a Firpo-Romero bout at a later date.

This reversal of Firpo's much reiterated retirement decision is due, he asserts, solely to resentment at certain alleged statements by Romero that Firpo feared him, as well as to remarks that appeared in the Chilean newspapers.

Homs said that if a match with Romero could be arranged he had little doubt that Firpo would be willing to sign up later to meet Harry Willis and Jack Dempsey.

"I like fighting," Firpo admitted, "but I would not make no comments until a fight with Romero was assured."

"Romero claims I am afraid of him," said Firpo to the correspondent in confirming his new decision. "The Chilean newspapers say I am afraid of him. I can't stand that I will go to the United States and fight Romero provided he fights no one else until he meets me. I want to be the first to knock him out."

Firpo's announcement comes at a time when there is considerable feeling among followers of athletes in Chile and Argentina over reports telegraphed from Chile to the effect that Chilean athletes had met with ill-treatment at the recent South American athletic meet here.

These reports caused the Chilean minister to telegraph a denial to his Government today.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The 12 round bout at Madison Square Garden, May 9, between Quintin Romero, Chilean heavy-weight, and Floyd Johnson, Iowa heavy-weight for which articles were signed yesterday, will not be cancelled to permit Luis Angel Firpo, South American champion, to get first chance at the Chilean, Tex Rickard declared today.

COMMODORE WILSON THE TROTTING FREAK OF 1924

LED NATIONALS



Commodore Wilson

Despite the fact that Jack Bentley of the New York Giants is the most unorthodox baseman in the National League, he is one of the major's most consistent hitters.

Last season Bentley led the National League in batting with a mark of .427, in the world series he also was high man with a .600 average.

During the National League season Bentley was used 20 times as a pinch hitter and came through on 10 occasions with a base hit. A mark of 500 as a pinch hitter over the entire season is approached. Few big leaguers have ever equaled the feat.

Going to the bat twice in a pinch, he made one hit, making a break.

When I told him that I was going to ship away in two weeks Mr. Graves hesitated but I told him to send the gelding over and I would see what I could do with him. At the same time he told me that he was entered in a number of races and that he was by a son of Elgin out of the dam of Mr. Hoover.

Was the Poorest Sample of a Colt Trotter that Was Ever Led On To a Race Track

By W. H. Cocher

Commodore Wilson acts as though he would be the star of the three year old world on the half-mile tracks in 1924. During the winter months he went all kinds of gates over the cinder road on the Exposition grounds at Springfield, Mass. Some of the wise heads who saw him shook their heads and said he was "through" on account of the severe campaign last season. The tune was changed, however, as soon as the track was opened. At the first time of asking the Commodore sailed in on a perfect trot and has since that time been fighting for a brush.

Rodney is getting Commodore Wilson ready for the Hay State Circuit. He will follow it to Northampton. From there he will swing into the Orange County Circuit and start at Endicott, Monroe, Goshen and Middletown.

When speaking of Commodore Wilson a few days ago Rodney said "He is one of the most remarkable horses I ever trained. He is a trotting freak. Commodore Wilson always has his speed and is ready to race as soon as the track is fit to work on."

On being asked how he happened to get Commodore Wilson Rodney said, "While I was at Readville Mr. Graves arranged with me to train Mr. Hoover. This colt was sold the day he was to be sent to me. When Mr. Graves told me of the transfer he remarked 'never mind, I will some day send you a better one.'

"I did not hear any more from him until two weeks before I shipped from Readville in 1923. One morning he called and said that he had a two year old gelding over at the speedway that he wanted me to train. He said 'Mr. Peck and I have been working him all winter and he has got so that he will not make a break.'

"When I told him that I was going to ship away in two weeks Mr. Graves hesitated but I told him to send the gelding over and I would see what I could do with him. At the same time he told me that he was entered in a number of races and that he was by a son of Elgin out of the dam of Mr. Hoover.

MARITIME RACE TRACK CIRCUIT REALLY FORMED

Meets To Be Held In Nine Maritime Towns This Summer.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 26.—A meeting of the Maritime Horse Racing Circuit was held here last night. Officers elected were: S. E. Rice, St. John, President; Frank Adams, Halifax, Vice-President.

Spurgeon Gammon, New Glasgow, Secretary.

The weekly meets fixed for the Easter mid-summer will commence on the following dates: Moncton, July 1st; St. John, July 9th; Moncton, July 16th; Fredericton, July 23rd; New Glasgow, July 30th; Sydney, August 6th; Halifax, August 13th; Truro, August 20th; New Glasgow, August 27th.

It was said that there was a possibility of Chatham entering the circuit and this would be definitely known within a couple of weeks. All purses will be \$400, with the exception of Free-for-Alls, which will be \$500.

"Y" BOWLING

LADIES' CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

| Comets | Trojans |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| M. Adams65 101-130 | |
| G. Beer142 132 120 | |
| F. Stewart193 130 118 | |
| V. Whitlock103 145 146 | |
| B. Stewart126 153 106 | |
| Total—1850 | |

| T. C. F's. | |
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| E. McNeven115 121 115 | |
| S. Owen188 145 130 | |
| E. Hughes123 114 89 | |
| N. Webster124 85 154 | |
| D. Dickinson62 124 102 | |
| Total—17911. | |

| Ikemks | |
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| Blanche Macdonald77 109 99 | |
| Alba Shaw110 131 109 | |
| Helen Carvell116 134 113 | |
| Edna Miller92 155 161 | |
| Mary Lamont145 156 133 | |
| Total—1840 | |

| Comets | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| F. Stewart98 84 161 | |
| N. Evans142 95 109 | |
| G. Beer108 162 172 | |
| B. Stewart159 129 125 | |
| L. Whitlock90 119 91 | |
| Total—1844 | |

| PEDAGOGUES vs. EUREKAS | |
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| Pedagogues | |
| J. Taft156 147 109 | |
| J. Fullerton132 144 112 | |
| F. Taylor154 203 107 | |
| H. Yeo109 83 109 | |
| K. Kiely102 93 63 | |
| Total—1823 | |

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HARRY WILLS IS NOW IN TRAINING

Harry Wills, New Orleans negro challenger for the world's heavy-weight title, has entered hard training for his scheduled fifteen round bout against Bartley Madden, west side veteran, which will be the feature at the opening of the Queensboro Stadium, Long Island City, May 12.

Wills, determined to fight himself into condition for a bout against Jack Dempsey in the latter's only ring appearance this year, has expressed confidence in his ability to score a knockout over Madden. The west side heavy-weight, however, is equally confident he will surprise Wills and the latter's followers and, to this end, is reported in strict training at his quarters in Pompton Lakes, N. J.