

Sharkey And Stribling All Set For Battle Wolves Win---Intermediate Play-offs Next Week

Miami All Agog Over Stribling-Sharkey Battle

Opinions Divided As To The Relative Merits Of Boxers—Sailor A Slugger; Strib A Ring General.

(Canadian Press)

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 26—Florida has gone fight-mad in advance of the Stribling-Sharkey imbroglio which takes place tonight.

The garrulous gob and the chap who was once a Georgia schoolboy are not approaching their fight with the velvet politeness which marked the meeting of Tunney and Tom Heehey. They have been broadly humorous at each other's expense and have predicted for themselves easy victories.

Sharkey is three or four years older than Stribling. He has fought most of the good ones and won from many of them. He appeared opposite Jack Dempsey in No. 1, Vol. 1, of the elimination series of 1927. The Manassa Mauler put him down with a right and a left. The sailorman protested the right and was conversing with the referee when the left sneaked in.

When Tunney repeated, it was Sharkey's cue to beat back again. He got a draw with Tom Heehey and fared none too well with Johnny Risko.

He was ranked just behind the Mauler at the start of 1929 and began the year with a close decision over K. O. Christner, the Akron rubber tire man.

Stribling claims the world's record for knockouts, setting up a figure of 113. Most of his fighting has

been done down below the line of big gates, and his victims have been chiefly unadvertised fighters.

Fans down here have decided Sharkey is a slugger and Stribling a boxer. It is axiomatic that fighters must be one or the other. The Stribling camp says 113 even unknown pups are not kayoed without a little slugging. The Sharkey camp suggests that nobody lives as long as Jack without being something of a boxer.

SHARKEY FAVOURED 6 TO 5

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 26—The buildups of the latest crop, Jack Sharkey and Young Stribling, a young lean greyhound, waited the gong tonight that will send them forth before 35,000 persons in Flamingo Park tomorrow night to determine which shall continue along the road that leads to the heavyweight title Gene Tunney left vacant.

For the first time since the match was made six weeks ago the battlers took over the spotlight that has focused previously for the most part on as picturesque a setting as the prize ring has seen. During the day money rolled into the box office with the same regularity that special trains, motor vans and other means of transportation drew crowds.

Although Sharkey is invading the stronghold of Southern pride, the betting odds favor him at 6 to 5 to win.

PETE LATZO PROFESSIONAL BALL PLAYER

(Canadian Press)

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 26—When Pete Latzo, former welterweight champion, joins the Newark Bears at their spring training camp he will be just one of a sizeable contingent of stars in other sports turning to the diamond this season.

Lazo was more or less forced into something less strenuous than boxing, for the slugging James Brad-dock cracked his jaw not so long ago.

Lazo will possibly stand a better chance of finding summer occupation than the other young hopefuls. Pete was considered promising major league material about the time he first got the smell of resin in his nostrils. He received several offers from minor league clubs when his retirement was made known, but selected Manager Tris Speaker for his mentor.

SCHMELLING VERY MUCH LIKE DEMPSEY

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—Max Schmelling, Germany's gift to the cauliflower industry, is causing noticeable consternation in circles pugilistic.

This husky with his uncanny resemblance to Jack Dempsey is ruining the local theory that European fighters spend their off hours practicing plain and fancy dives. Herr Schmelling has remained painfully erect throughout his American bouts, to the humiliation of his opponents, unaccustomed as they are to public sleeping.

Herr Schmelling has become a menace. People are not forgetting that the Davis Cup lies over the ocean. People are musing that even so American an institution as the heavyweight title could be taken away. So loud has been the rumbling that Madison Square Garden has taken over the invader for the next two years.

He will fight in April, according to announcement. If successful, he will meet other young men. Herr Schmelling will be given a chance to make good in a large way. A menace from other lands is always good at the box office. In spite of their unsuccessful forays in the past.

Schmelling copies Dempsey's ring style fairly closely. It is explained that he studied fight films of the mauler in Germany. The weaving, bobbing attack of Dempsey is there, a shadow of the Dempsey scowl is there, but it is done in slow motion.

Altogether, the young man from Hamburg seems due for a place in the spotlight this year. He is being unofficially mentioned for a match with the winner of the Sharkey-Stribling fight.

Abbie-Vic Match Game Causes Talk

Proceeds From Clash Will Go To Firemen And Legion Band Fund—A Worthy Object.

The Firemen and Legion band are having a night at the Arena next Wednesday evening, March 6th to aid in securing funds for their big trip to Montreal next July.

The main attraction will be a hockey game between these old rivals the Abegweits and Victorias. Considerable bitterness developed during the last few games between these teams and the Vics though on the losing end all season are still confident that they can make the Abbies take a licking. They base their argument on the grounds that they now have available several fast, coming intermediates whose graduation to senior ranks will turn the long-losing streak into a winning one.

The "Abs" concede the claim of added strength but can see in another meeting just a drubbing for the Vics.

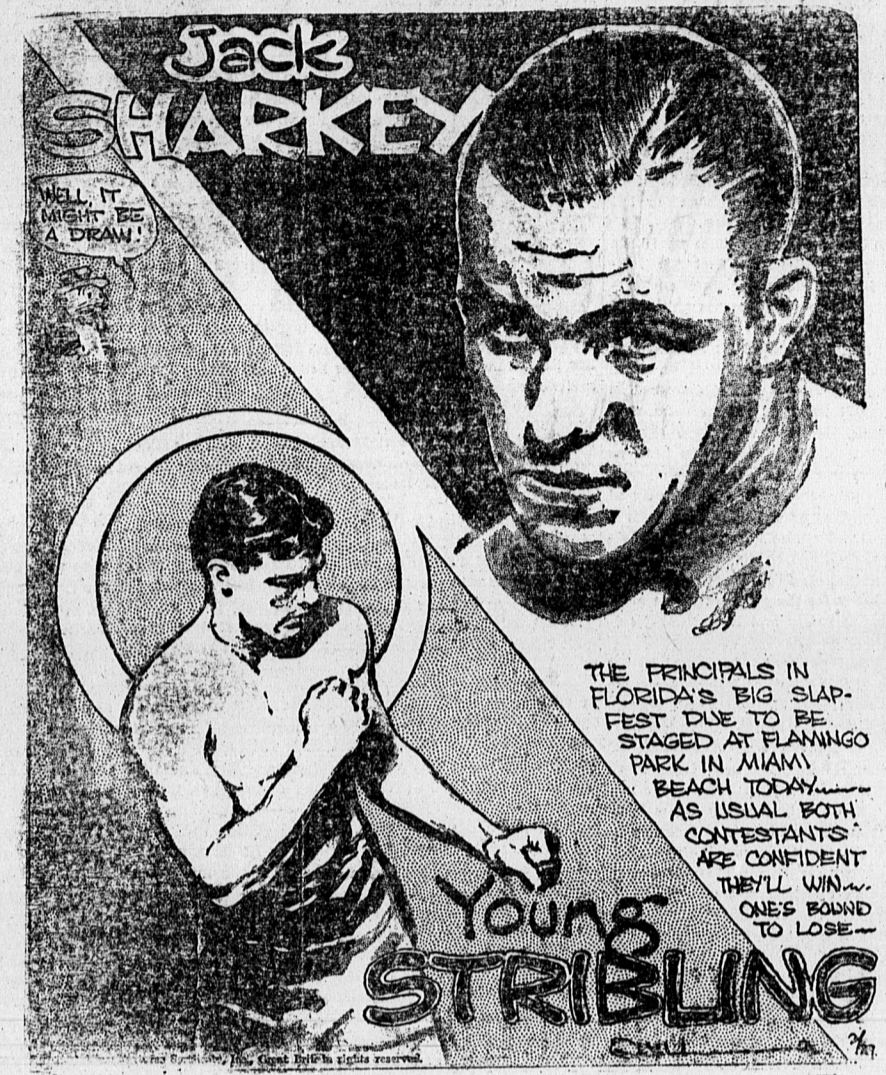
The wordy war has been going on for the past week and it is widely known that many sizable bets are now held by stake-holders awaiting Wednesday night's outcome.

Interest among the supporters of both teams is reaching fever heat. Probably no exhibition game ever staged in Charlottetown has ever attracted more attention or will witness as much coin of the realm changing hands.

Both teams in their eagerness to settle all arguments for 1929 were willing to waive any claim to a "cut" of the gate, whereupon the local Firemen capitalized the opportunity, and by bringing the teams together will add the entire receipts to their most worthy fund. Prices will range from fifty cents downward and the clash being what might be called a "natural" the Firemen will have a capacity house. In addition to the game, a varied racing program between the rival clubs will be present. One event that was so popular in Montreal last year that should prove interesting will be, carrying the puck twice around the rink against time. Several relay races both intermediate and senior as well as sprint events will round out a wonderfully attractive evening.

Next week being farmer's week it is hoped the agricultural fraternity will co-operate in helping our fire-fighters make the affair a sweeping success. Let's go!

All Set For Fistic Fame



(Special to The Guardian)

BY QUIN HALL

With the principals in the Florida fist-fest having culminated their heavy training, nothing much remains to be done by the residents of Miami Beach between now and fight time tonight but to entertain the out-of-town guests who are in the resort town on a flying trip to see the slapping contest and grab a hurried view of the scenery.

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dler from Akron Ohio, who is 9 years but young in ring experience. Going to the post as a 10 to 1 Christner proceeded to take for the first five rounds before Sharkey seemed to realize that every was not hotsty-totsty in Denmark. It must be said for the gob that did more fighting in the last five molder than he did in twenty five against Risko and Heehey. That may have been trying to save his up for this thing tonight. The rulous gob finally slowed up lunging Christner with a right percut and it may be that this blow will slow up Stribling if he succeed in landing it on the Southerner. But at that it's really to compare the inexperienced Christner with Stribling, who scored something like 113 knockouts in his long career.

That knockout record, however not made against the topnotch but Stribling has been successful quite a few rather important arguments and his success recently pointed to by his boosters sign that he is better than he ever been before. He scored a knockout over Sully Montgomery, a left hook to the chin and of those wandering hooks of the Southerner may be the means of tending the gob from Boston. It is an easy scrap to pick, as both these fellows have been known to have their off days.

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Y. BOWLING BOWLING TO-NIGHT.

7:00 to 8:30—"United" vs. "Baptist."
8:30 to 10:00—"St. Pauls vs. "Central Christian."

WOLVERINES, 5 WANDERERS, 1

(Canadian Press)

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Feb. 26—Halifax Wolverines defeated the Wanderers, city league champions, 5 to 1 here tonight in the second and final game of the semi-final round for the Nova Scotia title.

The Wolverines took the series with the Wanderers by 13 to 2, and will meet the Digby Red Ravens in the finals for the provincial title. The first of two games will be played at Digby tomorrow night.

North Bedeque—Goal, C. Baker; defence, J. Baker, L. Waugh; forwards, W. Barwise, L. MacCull. Referee, J. Clark; timer, W. Rogers; umpires, N. Waugh, A. Cairns.

Everything All Set For Ice Races Today

Fine weather in the offing, a great track assured and plenty of interest and enthusiasm are the three main factors in this afternoon's offering of ice races being staged this afternoon by the live wire Victoria Speedway Club.

Four classes, trot and pace, calling to the wire a number of the fastest steppers in the province will be seen in action.

A driveway for the parking of autos and teams, is being fixed up, thereby making it more convenient and comfortable for spectators.

To add to the interest being manifested in this afternoon's races, it is learned that an expert photographer will be on hand to get slants and closeups of the track and trotters.

Officials who have so capably handled the previous meets are asked to kindly be present and manage today's event.

Following are the entries:
Class A Trot—Capt. Jackson, Bingen Aubrey, Briar Mac.
Class A Pace—Judson Lad, Britt H., Prince Mac, Colorado P.
Class B Trot—Scout, Annie Rooney, Marjorie Dillon, Eveready.
Class B Pace—Miss Dingola, Betty Mozart, Lady Marque, Ruby Belle, Louis Sett.

A state boxing institution (Idulupp) is being laid out in Atlanta, Ga., and will be named for its most famous citizen, Bobby Jones.

A state boxing association is being organized in Indiana and entrance into the National Boxing Association is under consideration.

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At Any Rate A Whale Of A Battle Is Promised The Southerners—Strib's Left Hook May Bring Him The Bacon.

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Close Matches In The McDonald Brier Trophy Tankard For Ch'Shi

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TORONTO, Feb. 26—Rinks representing Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and New Brunswick were the winners over Ontario, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Nova Scotia respectively in the first round in the MacDonald Brier Trophy Tankard for a single rink curling championship of Canada, which commenced here today.

TORONTO, Feb. 26—The Manitoba, New Brunswick and Northern Ontario rinks were tied for the leadership in the MacDonald Brier Trophy emblematic of the Dominion of Canada curling championship at the conclusion of the first day's play here today. All three rinks won first and second round matches today.

Manitoba, 1928 winners, won two hard games. They defeated the Toronto rink in the morning play by 12 shots to 9 and in the afternoon trimmed Quebec. New Brunswick who

won two games scored a 10 to 7 victory over their fellow Maritime Nova Scotia in the first round, they defeated Saskatchewan in the second round by 15 to 11. The rink to win both morning and noon games was Northern Ontario. In the morning they trimmed Quebec. In the afternoon round, however, met sterner opposition and managed to win by a margin of one shot. Alberta, Alberta, Nova Scotia Saskatchewan all won one and one in today's play. Alberta defeated Montreal 11-10 in the morning were forced to accept defeat. Northern Ontario in a hard game the afternoon. Nova Scotia after losing to New Brunswick in the round came back in the second round to defeat the worst defeat day by 20-3. Saskatchewan defeated Ontario 14-8 in the morning but to New Brunswick in the afternoon.

Intermediate Title Must Be Decided By End Of The Week

(Special to The Guardian)

SUMMERSIDE, Feb. 26—Mr. B. W. Robinson, President of the Prince Edward Island Hockey League, has received the following telegram from Mr. Logan Barnhill, secretary of the M. A. H. A.: "Will you please arrange Island intermediate playoffs as Island champions will be decided end of this week." Complying with the above a meeting will be held Wednesday at Summerside, Ontario, tending to enter communication.

Long Island University will try the ten-man baseball team plan suggested by President Heydler, of the National League, this spring.

Betting is not permitted at Kennel Club races at St. Peter's, Fla.

Misses' Helmsport presents Fig.

CHALLENGE

We, the Post Office staff challenge the Customs Staff to a friendly game of hockey, to be played in the Arena rink Saturday night at 10:30, each team to provide its own refreshments.

The University of Wisconsin will send its crew to Poughkeepsie regatta this year.

POPULAR COMMERCIAL MAN

ILL—The many friends and business associates of Mr. J. A. Morris, Maritime Sales Manager, representing The Canadian Postal Co., Toronto, will regret to learn that he is confined to his room at the Queen Hotel, with a severe attack of throat trouble.

Better to get out of breath running from temptation; than running from punishment.