

# The Sport Page Everybody Reads

## "LUIS AND HIS MOUNT"



Luis Angel Firpo, contender for the heavyweight title of the pugilistic world, who is soon to sail from his native shores of Argentina to the United States, is shown with his favorite mount, El Tortuga

## FARRELL OPINES ON THE COMING OLYMPIC GAMES

### Thinks American Athletes Have a Good Chance to Win the Laurels, But Says Finland Will Have to be Reckoned With.

By HENRY L. FARRELL (United Press Sports Editor) NEW YORK, April 8.—It is well to prepare the American Olympic team for competition in the Olympic games at Paris next summer under conditions that would cause the athletes to feel that the games are not won when their ship pushed her nose out into the Hudson. It is wise to tell the youngsters who are getting ready for their first taste of Olympic competition that they will have to work hard, train conscientiously and be in shape to do their best. But there is no reason that they should be made to feel like saps or suckers. The athletes who will be selected to go to Paris know that the American team is going to have competition, but they know also that the outlook is not as dark as it is being painted. The American team will be composed of men, and the warning: "If you're not good the policeman will get you," will not have the same effect on them it would have on a child.

row, the fine Massachusetts Tech hammer-thrower, were left sitting in the stands, while less competent athletes were sent in so that political whims might be satisfied. Without going into any details at a time when form and figures mean little, it would seem that the American team is more formidable this year than it was three months before the ship sailed for Antwerp. It is better organized, and that means at least 40 per cent of the burden. The best athletes in the country will go and the best of the men selected will be started. The Americans will show better in the broad jump, the pentathlon and decathlon, the quarter and half mile, the mile, the distance events, the shot put, the hammer-throw the discus-throw and the javelin. American supremacy is sure to be maintained in the sprints and the sprint relays, the hurdles and the high jump. Norway may win the pole-vault, but it is doubtful. Because Hoff, a Norwegian, broke the world's record last summer, it must not be taken for granted that he will win the pole-vault in Paris. The United States ought to win the shot-put, an event that was lost at Antwerp. The United States is sure to win the broad-jump, an event that was lost at Antwerp. The United States has more than an even chance to win the 440 and 880-yard runs, both of which were lost at Antwerp. Chances are even for the pentathlon and the decathlon. The javelin-throw must be conceded to Finland from the start, because no one can throw with those Finns. If the French committee decides to count only first place in each event, the United States may have a contest with Finland, but there is no reason to cry in advance that Uncle Sam hasn't much of a chance to win more events than the Finns.

## CHOIR SANG "OUT OF STEP"

(By Dominion News Service) LONDON, April 11.—Those who were present do not consider that the experiment of the choir of Heston parish church (Middlesex), who sang the hymns a line behind everyone else, was really successful from the artistic point of view. In musical circles it is generally hoped that the innovation will not catch on. The matter really began when three of the choir boys arriving late for a practice were threatened with the loss of their attendance marks. Most of the other boys at once downed hymn books and declared a sympathetic strike but three "blacklegs" succeeded in getting into the church although pickets were posted outside. The strikers followed them in and, sitting in the body of the church, sang the hymns a line behind the "blacklegs."

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## ON BOXING GLOVES

### Suggestion to be Brought Up For Discussion at the Next Meeting of the Supreme Board of Control of Olympic Games.

By Dr. J. H. W. VAN OPHUJZEN of Amsterdam

The Guardian is indebted to The Montreal Star and to James G. Merrick of Toronto, representative of Canada on nearly all Olympic Games Executive Committees for an advance copy of the following paper to be read before the world's greatest amateur athletic administrators in France next summer.

The more or less alarming increase of the frequency of that boxers' disease, known as broken hands, has led me to a closer study of this problem and in the following report I will lay down the result of this study in so far as it occupied itself with one of the possible causes of the said disease. Of course one can easily state various circumstances, which may lead to some kind of surgical injury to the hand or the wrist of a boxer. The first group of causes belong to the really accidental ones. If a man delivering a full swing lands with his fist on, let us suppose the elbow of his opponent, he may easily break one of his metacarpals. Or, to take a case, known to you all, if a man intending to deliver a hook to the jaw comes into contact with his opponent's head just a fraction of a second too early—i.e. before having given his fist a slight palm-wards turn—then he will surely injure both his thumb and his wrist. Some of these accidents can be avoided, others cannot.

tion, which is the proper position of the bones of the hand in hitting, if we are to avoid injury. The answer to this important question is very simple as we have only to remember, what we would do, if we had to hit with the naked fist. In such a case we would firmly clench the fist, we would hold the thumb bent on the second row phalanges formed by the middle finger, we would turn the hands inwards as Norman Clark puts it, or, if you prefer the expression, keep the wrist slightly bent palmwards in order to bring the bones of the underarm and the metacarpals into one line and we would hit with the knuckles of the index and middle finger. We would not think of hitting with any other part of the fist, nor would we risk to keep the thumb in another position than that described. As you know almost all boxing gloves are provided with a so-called grip inside, the idea being that this will facilitate the clenching of the fist.

### THE RIGHT PLACE

Moreover you will see later on, what may happen if this is not so. At any rate it must be clear that anything which prevents a natural clenching of the fist means a disadvantage. The British A. B. A. has taken a step in the right direction in forbidding all bandages and, what is more in using for its championship competitions gloves, which are not provided with a grip. These are certain special gloves, manufactured in London and I can tell you from my own experience that several competitors of the Dutch Boxing Association that they really are an improvement.

The next thing I had to investigate is the effect of the glove on the form of the fist. In doing this I have chosen a kind of glove, which is said to have been manufactured expressly to protect the thumb and to give safety to the hands, but most unfortunately this is not the case. The thumb is not protected at all, on the contrary its exposed position is evident. The grip is not in its proper place and consequently the angle between the metacarpals and first row phalanges has increased enormously which almost entirely prevents hitting with "the" knuckles unless in the case of very short hooks/blows. A decent straight blow has become an impossibility with these gloves. They almost compel one to use bandages and to run the risk of that use.

## "DOING HIS STUFF"



Two Eton College players were unable to hold this Old Etonian when the college team played the Old Boys in South Meadow before a large crowd of spectators recently. The former students of the school won

### Ordinary Gloves.

The same thing applies to the ordinary gloves which do not pretend to give extra protection to the thumb. For in those gloves it is apparently possible to give to the thumb its proper position. The thick layer of horse hair which covers the outer surface of the phalanges however necessitates a constant pressure and contraction of certain muscles to be applied and therefore you will constantly see the thumb leave its correct sheltered position for a less tiring one. I hope I have succeeded in convincing you that the glove, which has been invented to protect the opponent by lessening the effect of the blows, in most cases has become a danger to the wearer himself. In his endeavor to protect his hands by bandages of different types he has not very seldom arrived at the use of hard bandages and the lightest possible gloves, which in some respect even worse than the naked fist. In order to be safe the boxing glove must have no inside grip; the leather on the palm side of the hand must be as thin as possible and last but not least the filling must leave to the thumb the possibility to take its correct position on the second row phalanges of the index and middle finger. This way of stuffing will at the same time prevent the hitting with the knuckles, formed by the first row and the second row phalanges respectively and thus contribute to the cultivation of straight hitting. I do not think the difficulties which the manufacturing of these gloves presents are very considerable and the manufacturer who dares to undertake the task may be sure to have rendered a great service to our sport.

J. H. W. Van Ophuizen.

"Well, the fortune-teller told me my father works hard shovelling coal and lending fire for a living. Surely there's no disgrace in that." "But he's been dead ten years."

## BOWLING

### LADIES CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

The Y Girls won from the C. B. C.'s by 89 pins in their league fixture last night. Miss E. Ryan of the C. B. C.'s had the high single and Miss Anna McEneaney had the high three. Tonight a battle royal is expected when the Comets meet the Eureka's at 8.30 p. m.

Y. Girls:			
A. McRae	126	134	116
K. McRae	97	119	104
S. Brown	106	75	145
M. E. Lott	108	131	105
Total	437	459	470
C. B. C.'s:			
F. Shaw	123	109	90
A. Wiener	108	73	81
E. Ryan	108	84	171
M. MacInnis	136	61	131
Total	446	327	473
Total	4476	327	1276

### CHURCH LEAGUE BOWLING Y. M. C. A. ALLEYS

In one of the closest games of this league rolled so far the St. Peters team won from the Baptist team by one pin. In the first count the score gave the Baptists the victory by one pin, but in checking over the addition it was found that St. Peters were the victors by the narrow margin of 1 pin. St. Peters: A. Vinicombe 131 124 153 J. Williams 145 200 102 H. Day 130 157 213 W. Smith 138 152 157 Acon 121 118 112 Total 665 748 737 Total 2159

Baptist: W. Boulter 149 215 134 A. Affleck 121 137 160 Rev. R. C. Eaton 137 115 158 H. A. Robertson 131 159 112 R. P. Forsythe 153 118 150 Total 691 744 714 Total 2149

### ANOTHER THEORY

That excellent paper "Boxing" has proffered yet another theory on the causes of broken hands, one which has also to do with the question of the bandages. It supposes that the increasing frequency of broken hands is due to the ever increasing use of hard bandages. It calls the attention of its readers to the fact, that whereas the bones of unbanded hands or of hands with soft bandages on at the impact with the opponent's body are able to give way to some extent, hard bandages do keep them rigidly together and prevent their yielding to the shock.

I may remark in passing that there are other reasons why hand bandages should not be encouraged, or why their length should be very restricted. Bandages consisting entirely of several meters of hard tape used with four ounce gloves as I have seen in Germany unduly increase the risks of injury attached to boxing contests.

But to return to our subject. It is interesting to note that both L'Auto and Boxing though in a different way seem to accuse the bandages to be one of the causes of injured hands, i.e. exactly those means, which have been invented to protect the boxer's hands. And the next question we are compelled to ask is: why should these means be necessary at all? Remembering the statement that the prizefighters who boxed with the naked fist did not suffer from broken hands, as far as we know, we begin to suspect the means, which have been invented in order to protect the boxer's opponent, that is the boxing gloves.

I have studied the effect of the use of boxing gloves on the form of the fist, on the position of the bones of the hands. This study has convinced me that the ordinary boxing glove enforces a position of the bones of the hand, which is nothing if not dangerous as I will show you.

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### BRINGING UP FATHER

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SOME THING IS THE MATTER MAYBE MY DAUGHTER IS ILL OR MAGGIE HAS BEEN HURT.  
BY GOLLY - I'M AS NERVOUS AS A KITTEN.  
AW! YOU'RE JUST TOO LATE!  
YES DADDY - WE HAD HONOLULU ON THE RADIO!

—By GEO. McMANUS

**Detecting!**  
AFTER the big bank robbery, the reporters dropped around to headquarters to see Detective Heine Schwitzer.  
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