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**Ring Reminiscences**

— Fights and Fighters —  
(By JAMES FENDERGAST)

Jeffries didn't fare nearly so well in his champion barnstorming tour when he struck Butte. A miner called Jack Munro went on with him there in the winter of 1903 or 1904. Munro was born and grew up in Beddeck or Baulardiare, Cape Breton. He had knocked around quite a bit. Was in Pennsylvania, Cobalt and Porcupine, and happened to be in Butte at the time Jeff was on his tour. He had very little boxing experience or training. He must have been 28 or 30 years old at the time. Anyway he got over a good one on Jeff's jaw and he went down for a nine count. The world (the boxing world at least) was electrified. It was the first time Jeff had ever kissed the canvas.

I don't remember the round in which the knock down took place, but Jeff wasn't able to put him away in the four rounds. Munro was touted by all the big American dailies as being born in Pennsylvania. It made the Cape Breton people in Boston at the time very sore. Many of them at Field's Corner, Boston, knew him personally—went to school with him. Jack came to Boston quite soon after his sensational victory over Jeff. His first public appearance was in old Music Hall on Washington St. I think it had a Tremont St. entrance too. I was a motor-man (driver) for the B. El. Ry. at the time. I took one of his schoolgirl friends, Flora Morrison of Beddeck, to see him at Music Hall. Flora was in the seventh heaven of delight. (If she or any of her relatives see this, please write). Munro struck it rich in Cobalt a few years later.

Jack was trained well and beat Gus Rhulin and several other good men in preparation for a bout with Jeff—but Jack didn't have much of a chance with Jeff, who would be out for revenge and to erase the black mark on his escutcheon. It was somewhat similar to the case of Joe Louis in his second fight with the German. Incidentally Joe shouldn't have lost that first fight. Joe didn't keep his left high enough for a guard against the German's fast right. He should have done as he did in the second fight—go right in and slug his man into submission. The German was just as good a man for the second fight as he was in the first, and he lasted only one round with Joe in the second.

In Louis's first bout with Jersey Joe Walcott, he knew he was really beaten—left the ring before the announcement—expecting it would be against him. When asked by some one in his dressing room after the fight, if he thought Walcott a second rater, he said "It's me that's the second rater". Even in the second match Walcott got another raw deal. The referee nagged Walcott and caused him to change his

At that time he was in the nightly act of saving the heroine (his wife) in their play being shown at the old Globe Theatre (Dover and Wash.). The heroine was put in an embarrassing position by an unscrupulous four-flushing suitor, who bribed the farrier who shod the team he and the heroine were driving, to arrange it so that one of the horses would throw a shoe at or near a certain hotel necessitating a stay overnight—thereby compromising the heroine. Fitz happened to be travelling in the vicinity, under the cognomen of Lord somebody or other. He had on all the accoutrements of royalty—beaver hat, swallow tailed coat, stiff white shirt—a picture once seen never forgotten. He proffered his services instantly to the lady in distress, and lo! the blacksmithing scene unfolded on the stage—complete with anvil and bellows and all other requirements. (Fitz was a horse shoer in Australia).

I have seen coats come off fairly quickly at our tea parties and gatherings in earlier days here, but I never saw a quicker doffing of hat and coat than Fitz did on that occasion. He grabbed the shoe with his tongs, hit it about twenty-five blows of the hammer in 10 or 12 seconds. He had already donned a leather apron and the horse was present on the stage. He lifted the foot in his expert manner and presto the job was done. I don't think the whole work took over a minute, or a minute and a half. The audience gave vent to a great sigh of relief, then terrific, tumultuous applause. God was in Heaven and all was sweetness and light on earth.

**Exhibition Baseball**

At Sanford, Fla

Ottawa (IL)	5 12 2
Minneapolis (AA)	6 8 0

Corwin, Tomaso (5) and Watlington; Barnhill, Cox (5) and Stingleff, Tomkins (5).

At Winter Garden, Fla.

Washington (A)	5 8 0
Chattanooga (SOU)	3 3 1

Ross, Davis (6) and Sacka; Danielson, Brown (6) Keller (7), Chandler (8) and Oldis.

At Phoenix, Ariz.

Cleveland (A)	2 6 0
New York (A)	4 8 2

(11 innings)

Chakales, Gronck (6) and Tebbetts; Morgan, Muncrief (7) and Courtney.

At St. Petersburg, Fla.

Boston (A)	0 6 0
St. Louis (N)	2 8 0

Parnell, Kinder (7) and Rosar; Staley, Boyer (7) and Garagiola.

**Sport Echoes**

From Prince County

Had the pleasure of seeing the first two games of the Maritime Alexander Cup hockey finals played in Sydney. As the scores indicated the games were very close with little to choose between the two teams. We never saw a group of fans so supremely confident in their team as the Sydney fans are. Even after the first game they insisted that the Millionaires were a shoo-in for the championship, and that they would win without being extended very much. We suggested that Bucko Trainor was in our humble opinion the best player on the ice in the first encounter and this was like reading excerpts from "Mein Kampf" to General Montgomery. Pure heresy, but they smiled indulgently in consideration of the fact that we were a visitor. We did meet some fans in the rink during the second game, however, who conceded that the Islanders would be tough to take.

We've heard a great deal about the Sydney hockey fans and their intolerance and must say after seeing them that we cannot go along with the idea that they are worse behaved than the average collection of fandom. In fact, they crowded very much like a typical group at the Charlottetown Forum. They kidded Johnny Horec when he essayed the giant-killer role in the first game and their derision seemed to be for the most part good-natured. (Johnny took on all comers that first night, and liked them better if they were big, raw-boned bruisers about twice his weight). Vitale was still Vitale in that initial game, and he didn't get half the roasting he would have received from a group of Moncton or Halifax onlookers.

The sports writers said some things we didn't agree with, but when they said the Islanders ran out of gas in that first game, they weren't indulging in fiction. Not only that but Leo Lamoureux's boys also ran out of gas in the second contest they, or at least a lot of them, were practically out on their feet. Hal Gordon must be beginning to dread those hectic finales. What is the answer to this final fade-out? They must be in as good condition as the Millionaires. Is it because of their style of play which uses up their energies fast, or is it because the Millionaires are better fortified with reserve power? Your guess is as good as ours, but the fact seems indisputable. To our way of seeing it, the Islanders played rings around the moneymen in both 7-5 periods, they edged the Sydney smoothies in both second periods, but the final periods were all Millionaire. Perhaps it is because they're getting too many penalties. (Vitale got only totally undeserved one in the second game. Just to show you that Sydney fans can be fair, most of them around us agreed that the Sydney player should have got the penalty and not Vitale, or at worst both of them should have gone off. Certainly the Sydney player got his illegal licks in first).

It seems to be pretty unanimous that the referees are totally inadequate. While facing off in the circles on either side of the net supporting players parked themselves within the circles and stayed there with impunity. A lot of serious rough stuff was let go and lesser offenses sent the perpetrators to the sin bin.

Lippy Gaudet wasn't fooling! His bantams are as good as he claims they are. They won Summerside's only Island hockey title by downing the Charlottetown bantams 5 to 0, and this was their smart young net tender, Ulric Gallant's fifth shut-out of the year. The boys have been undefeated in seven games. They have scored 38 goals to the opposition's 4. In this game for the Island crown, Alan Warren scored two goals, John Whalen had one goal and two assists, Claude Gaudet (Lippy's boy) one goal and one assist, David Darby a goal, and Gordon and Grant Grady one assist each.

Lippy and his bantams wish to thank Mr. Andrew Perry, proprietor of "Andy's Sea Foods" for the fine feed he gave the boys; also Bud Mountain, George Guergis and Mark Gaudet for supplying oranges and gum. Congratulations to Lippy and his boys for giving Summerside its only Island title.

Kensington Fee Wees lost out to Souris Fee Wees in the Island finals by the score of 4-1. The Kensington lads played well, however, and went down with flying colors. So we must congratulate them too for their fine effort!

**Sport Briefs**

LONDON, April 2 — (AP) — Promoter Jack Solomons today rescheduled his Cesar Brion-Jack Gardner heavyweight fight for May 22 at London's Harringay Arena. The 10-round bout originally was set for April 24 but was postponed because Gardner's left thumb is injured.

NEW YORK, April 2 — (AP) — Ferd romped home with the \$29,700 Paumonok handicap today as 37,607 fans greeted the opening of the 195-day New York racing season under showery skies at Jamaica Race Track.

LONDON, April 2 — (AP) — Jock Whitney's Arctic Gold and the Irish entry, Shagreen, tonight were ranked as 8-1 co-favorites to win the Grand National steeplechase. At a bookmakers' callover of odds, Freebooter, winner last year, was quoted at 9-1. Next came Roimond at 10-1.

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**Looks Like 1950 All Over Again For The Dodgers**

By JOE REICHLER

MIAMI, Fla., April 2 — (AP) — It looks like the 1950 season all over again for Brooklyn Dodgers. They've got a new front office headed by Walter F. O'Malley and a new manager in Charlie Dressen. But the team is the same. It has first-place hitting and first-place fielding but fifth-place pitching.

Dressen, the fiery little guy who succeeds old Burt Shotton, is on the biggest spot in baseball. He must win or else. Shotton lost out on the final day and was fired.

Rival National League managers aren't making it any easier for Chuck, either. To a man, they pick the Dodgers to win the flag. But Brooklyn had the best team last year — and lost. The Dodgers

scored 847 runs to 725 for the champion Phils. They led the league in club batting, runs, hits, home runs and stolen bases. On defence, they were tops in fielding percentage and double plays.

Question: How did they lose? Answer: They got fifth place pitching.

The pitching this year figures to be worse.

Where can Dressen find someone to compensate for the loss of Erv Fallica to the army? The young righthander was just about Brooklyn's best pitcher in the second half season. He wound up with 13 victories. Fallica, Don Newcombe and Preacher Roe comprised the big three.

Newcombe and Roe figure to be the big guns of the pitching staff again. Each won 19 last season.

Carl Erskine and Chris Van Wee Reese is still the best shortstop around. It looks like Billy Cox again at third.

Roy Campanella is a solid as a rock in the No. 1 catching spot.

promise in 1949 appears lost for the season. He is plagued by a sore arm. Dan Bankhead, another pitcher of promise, has been ill all spring. Newcombe, Bud Podbielniak and Clem Labine have been disappointing.

The rest of the club is a manager's delight. The outfield unit is among the strongest in the majors. Duke Snider is developing into a tremendous all-around ball player. Carl Furillo is a strong right-handed hitter, a fine fielder and owner of the strongest arm in baseball. Gene Hermanski and Don Thompson can take care of left field adequately.

Except for third base, the infield is set. Gil Hodges does everything a first baseman is expected to do. Jackie Robinson still is the most dangerous man on the basepaths and hits with the best. Captain Pee Wee Reese is still the best shortstop around. It looks like Billy Cox again at third.

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