

Benny Leonard, Lightweight Boxing Champion, Believes Left Jab Is His Best Weapon

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So much has been written of theistic prowess of Benny Leonard, champion of the lightweights, the commentator finds himself up against it to unreal new material. This, however, may surprise you. Leonard thinks more of his left jab than any other punch he uses. And remember a jab is not a particularly

awesome weapon. It is, relatively, what the bunt in baseball is to the home run.

Yet the champion—called by many the greatest lightweight since the days of Gans and Lavigne—insists a left jab to the face has made and kept him champion.

"Now I'll tell you why I say this," went on Leonard. "A jab counts for a point. It's easy to land. Points win decisions. That's to be considered. When you jab

an opponent his head goes up. He is off balance. While a man is off balance he can do nothing. You are scoring and getting nothing in return."

"Here's another argument. When jabbing you put your glove in the other fellow's eyes. You partly obscure his vision. Literally you are fighting a blind man. This leaves an opening to slip across a heavy punch, a hook or a cross, which may end the fight right then and there.

PACKED HOUSE SURE AT N. D.-BUTLER STRUGGLE

Doors to Open Early at Tomlinson Hall Friday Night—Locals Drill Hard for Contest.

Another big crowd is expected at Tomlinson Hall and the timbers are expected to groan under the weight of humanity Friday night when Notre Dame basketballers take the floor against Butler. Added interest has been created in the battle because of the good showing of the "Irish" in early contests.

Captain Kier and Crowe, football players, returned to South Bend Wednesday ahead of the remainder of the gridiron, who will not arrive until Saturday and Sunday. It is very doubtful if these two will get into the local fray.

Nylks, at center, has been the main spring of the South Bend team's attack, aided by Reinhardt, Dahlman and Mahoney. The last named was out of the Mercer contest because of injuries.

Butler expects some tough opposition and has been drilling hard. Harker remains on the shelf because of his knee injury. The guard jobs probably will be taken care of by Colway, Keach and Nipper, all fine performers.

Griggs will get back into things and Komond and Wakefield are ready to step into the center job.

The main affair will start at 8 p.m., preceded by a curtain raiser between two of Assistant Coach Hinkle's freshman squads. The curtain raiser will commence at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 8:45.

PASSAIC BARELY GRABS LAURELS

WARD LEADS IN DE PAUW VICTORY

Diminutive Forward Beats Marquette Almost Alone.

By Times Special

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 8.—The De Pauw University basketball team of Greencastle, Ind., defeated Marquette here Wednesday night, 26 to 16, by showing a superior brand of ball throughout. The Hoosiers passed well. The half ended 13 to 7 in favor of the visitors.

The diminutive Ward dribbled through the Marquette defense for five field goals. His points totaled fifteen as he made five free throws. He was a flash. Sturridge, De Pauw center, added three from the field. Captain Hirt of the winners was great on defense.

HOOSIER A. C. FIVE WINS

Locals Defeat Kokomo Phi Deltis in Game Here.

The Hoosier A. C. defeated the Kokomo Phi Deltis on the local club floor Wednesday night, 34 to 21. The winners led at the half, 16 to 6.

The Kokomo outfit was able to score only one field goal in the first half. Sanford and Early starred for the winners, while Aruckle and Morris were best for the visitors.

Bratton was high point man for the local team with six field goals, while Stevens, with five from the field, was best for the Indianapolis club.

HOREMANS SHOWS SKILL

Belgian in High Runs at Cue Exhibitions, Wednesday.

Edward Horemans, Belgian billiard expert, was in real championship form, Wednesday, in his exhibitions here and turned in a number of high runs against Jacinto Vargas, the South American.

In the noon match at the I. A. C., Horemans won over Vargas, 200 to 13, in three innings and made the longest run here by getting 157 billiards in the first frame.

In the afternoon at Coolers' he won, 280 to 166, in ten innings and in the evening won again, 250 to 28, in five frames. The Belgian was erratic in the afternoon, but came back at night with a run from the spot of 107.

M' MILLIN AT GENEVA

Former Centenary Coach Selected by Eastern College.

By United Press

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Jan. 8.—"Bo" McMillin, former Centre College star and last year's coach of Centenary College, Shreveport, La., was selected head coach of Geneva College, it was announced today. McMillin was all-America quarterback in 1921.

Wednesday Net Results

De Paw 26; Marquette 18; Louisville, University, 28; Mercer, 22; Pennsylvania, 24; Lincoln Memorial, 14; Princeton, 54; Pennsylvania Military, 10; Lehigh, 46; Toronto, University, 28; Ray Hahn, Indianapolis, beat Danny Shore, Cincinnati, here in ten rounds Wednesday night. Jack Reynolds of Muncie defeated Lou Henniberry, Louisville, in the other ten-round.

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Curtis vs. Rockhill

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Leonard is a shrewd, cunning workman, and easily the smartest of all present-day fighters. This quality is shown in the way he delivers his jab. By turning his body to the right he lengthens the jab the full width of his shoulder, and he is expecting a heavy finishing

punch. I don't give it to him. Instead I jab his head back. Nine times out of ten he will drop his hands. And then comes the real opening for a knockout."

Nobody seems to know just how good Leonard was at his best. It has been popular to compare him with Gans. But Leonard wasn't called on to meet the terrors of the ring. Gans had to face men like Sam Langford, Dal Hawkins, Young Griff, Bat Nelson, Kit Mc-

Partland, Frank Erne, Spider Kelly and George McFadden. What Leonard would have done against those hatchet-throwers is a question.

Further proof of Leonard's great skill and ring smartness is found in his unfailing ability to do better against an opponent the next time he faced him. Leonard won the title from Freddie Welsh. He fought the Britisher three times in ten-round fights. The first two

went the limit. In the third Leonard scored a knockout.

Leonard battled Johnny Kilbane, then champion of the featherers, in 1915 and had his troubles. When they met several years later in a second test Leonard stowed Kilbane away in three rounds. While Ritchie gave Leonard a terrific battle on the coast in a four-round, closing one eye tight. But the next time they met Leonard knocked him out in eight rounds.

Western Union Basketball Team



TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)—GANDOLPH (MANAGER), ROGERS, LEGGS (CARETAKER), KELLY, DALTON (TRAINER). SEATED—WILSON, BURNETT, PORTER, CARUSO, GROW AND COHEN.

THE local Western Union is endeavoring to build up a strong athletic organization among the messengers. An athletic association has been formed which at present is devoting its energies toward basketball.

A. G. Dudley is president of the

association and it is largely through his efforts that things are being accomplished. Extensive plans for the future are being considered, including a gymnasium. Gandolph is athletic manager and Dalton, secretary-treasurer.

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