

# To Jack Dempsey and Benny Leonard: Please Make Good on Threats to Retire, or Fight!

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**N**EW YORK, Jan. 14.—It is high time that Jack Dempsey, champion of the heavyweights, and Benny Leonard, champion of the lightweights, either closed their traps or their careers.

Dempsey tells interviewers, in one self-sacrificial breath, he will

fight as soon as a logical opponent in whom "the public is interested" is developed. In the next breath he talks of retiring.

Leonard is lacking even in originality. In much the same language he says precisely the same thing, only oftener.

There is no law to prevent Dempsey or Leonard quitting the ring if they want to. But there ought to be a law compelling them,

and other garrulous Tin Ears, to quit kidding the cash customers.

On Dempsey's list are two worthwhile opponents in whom ring fans are very much interested.

1. Harry Wills, the dark, rumbling cloud of Fistiana.

2. Tommy Gibbons, the Mick who spotted him twenty pounds and stood up from his punching for fifteen rounds.

Both Wills and Gibbons are deserving of matches with the heavyweight champion.

It matters not that Dempsey has placed a low estimate on the fighting qualities of these two fighters. The public, or at least a considerable percentage of it, is pleased to view them in a more favorable light.

True, Wills didn't knock out Firpo. But, remember, Firpo hard-

ly laid a glove on the black man. Wills and Dempsey represent widely different types. Wills is scientific. Dempsey is not. It is hard to hit Wills. It is not hard to hit Dempsey.

Remember this, too. Dempsey never had looked good against any man who knew how to box. He did not look good against Bill Miske when Miske was well. He did not look good against Bill Brennan. He

did not look good against Gibbons. We have great admiration for Leonard the fighter, and Leonard the man. But we are convinced Leonard is using his position as lightweight champion solely as a means to further his theatrical interests. This, of course, is not particularly nefarious. It is, in fact, an old racket with fighters.

Our quarrel with Leonard is that he insists on posing as a superlative genius—an Alexander with no

more beaks to bust. The cold truth is, enough opposition exists in the lightweight ranks today to indicate he thinks so. Mr. Otis Q. Public, however, is a funny critter. He likes to be shown.

A stinging stagnation is coming over the heavyweight and the lightweight division. Dempsey and Leonard should do one of two things. Either make good their threat to retire or start fighting.

Perhaps Leonard could demolish

the entire group with one graceful flourish of his talented left. Leonard's attitude would seem to indicate he thinks so. Mr. Otis Q. Public, however, is a funny critter. He likes to be shown.

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## GIBBONS-FIRPO BATTLE IS PLANNED BY RICKARD

Tex Seeks to Match Heavies for Bout in East During Summer—Tom Prefers Decision Go.

By HENRY L. FARRELL.

*United Press Staff Correspondent*  
NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Tom Gibbons and Luis Angel Firpo will meet in this country next summer under the promotion of Tex Rickard, if the match is made.

Both Gibbons and Firpo want the match and the terms of the contract are the only obstacles. Rickard would prefer to stage the contest in his Jersey City stadium, but Gibbons wants a decision fight.

Firpo said before he left on his trip to Europe that he would not fight until he had gone through three months of training under Jimmy De Forrest, who is willing to take charge of the South American heavyweight although he feels he was treated shabbily when Firpo tossed him aside and put himself under the direction of an amateur farm from the Argentine.

"Firpo left a contract for me before he sailed for Europe," De Forrest said today. "I don't like the terms, but I feel sure when we meet that you can reach an agreement."

"You can get your last dollar Firpo never will fight in London. He wants to come back here and fight Gibbons with the idea that a victory over Gibbons would restore some of the prestige he lost by not keeping himself in condition."

"Firpo plans to demand a return bout with Wills under stricter rules than the liberal hold-and-hit regulations that prevailed in their first meeting in Jersey City. I believe Firpo still is a great prospect. He is hard to handle, but they are all the same."

## Do You Know Basketball?

QUESTIONS  
1. What are foul zones? Are the ball and it goes out of bounds to whom is it charged? 3. What is a cold ball?

## ANSWERS

1. The foul zones are the areas between the goal line and boundary line at each end of the court.

2. The player last touching the ball that goes out of bounds is regarded as having supplied the impetus that carried the ball out of play, the ball going to the opposing team. If the referee is unable to determine which player touched the ball last, he shall put the ball in play at a spot about three feet within the court at right angles to the point where the ball crossed the boundary line, by selecting two players and tossing the ball up between them.

3. A held ball is when two players of opposing sides have one or both hands firmly on the ball, or when one closely-guarded player is keeping the ball out of play.

## Hockey Champs Win

*By United Press*  
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 14.—The Pittsburgh Yellow Jackets, hockey champions, 3 to 0, here Tuesday night. The Minnesota players held the Jackets scoreless for three periods, but cracked when an extra period was played.

## Tuesday Net Results

## COLLEGE

Butler, 28; Earlham, 18; Indiana Central, 19; Ohio State, 27; Wisconsin, 20; Carnegie, 31; Geneva, 28; Bethany, 16; Washington and Jefferson, 12; Penn State, 37; Auburn, 26; HIGH SCHOOL

Sunman, 20; Marion, 12; Milan (girls), 58; Sunman (girls), 17.

## Frankton High Wins

*By Times Special*  
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Jan. 14.—The Frankton High School basketball team won from Walnut Grove Tuesday night, 26 to 17. Frankton's second team won from the Walnut Grove second team, 32 to 18.

## City Three-Cushions

Bray defeated Cook, 50 to 33, in 115 innings Tuesday night in the city handicap three-cushion billiard meet at the Board of Trade parlor. Bray was shooting for 50 while his opponent had to make 48. McGregor and Clegg meet tonight.

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## ILLINOIS, PURDUE BATTLE ON MAT

Boilermakers Open Big Ten Season on Saturday.

*By Times Special*  
URBANA, Ill., Jan. 14.—When Paul Prehn's Illinois wrestlers go to the mat with Purdue here Saturday afternoon in the first meet of the conference season, they will be in for a large time—and they know it.

The Illini coach inherited only four letter men from his last year's co-championship squad, and his organization will be lamentably weak in the three heaviest weights, for he has no veterans to defend them.

Captain Kenney, who proved the find of the season last year, is the only man sure of a berth. Either Luttringer, Kingpin last year, and Gooch, who starred on the 1923 team, may take the mat in the 135-pound class. Mathis, an "I" man, gets the call in the welterweight division.

In elimination trials to determine representatives in the middle, light heavyweight classes, the lack of a single veteran made all the matches close.

## OHIO STATE COPS AGAIN

Down Badgers by Last-Half Spurt; Second Victory.

*By Times Special*

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 14.—Ohio State defeated Wisconsin here on Tuesday night in a big Ten basketball game, 27 to 20. The Buckeyes finally crashed through the Badger defense, after being held to a 11-11 tie in the first period.

Shaw of the winners got five field goals. Brooks led the losers with four from the field. It was Ohio's second Conference victory and Wisconsin's second defeat.

## Sport Shorts

*By United Press*

HICAGO, Jan. 14.—The "ten count" will be employed in the wrestling bout between Allan Eustace and Stan Zbyszko here tonight if either throws the other out of the ring as in the Munn-Lewis grapple.

If either man falls out of the ring accidentally he must get back in before the count. If one tosses the other out deliberately he will lose the fall and the match.

## ROCKNE REPORT FALSE

Notre Dame Coach Gives California Rumor "Cold Bath."

Reports that Coach Knute Rockne is to leave Notre Dame and accept the football "chair" at the University of Southern California received the cold water bath Tuesday night when Rockne was interviewed at Ogden, Utah.

Rockne is en route to South Bend. He said the "information" was all news to him.

South Bend says, "Try and get him."

## RICKEY VISITS MUNCIE

National League Manager Talks to High School Players.

*By Times Special*

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 14.—About 150 high school basketball players of Delaware county were present at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night to hear an address by Branch Rickey, manager of the St. Louis National baseball team.

Rickey stressed the value of strict training of athletes and urged the boys to play hard and not take him to punishment.

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The "Stranger" is getting old and perhaps he doesn't know it. If he agreed to take that toss out of the ring in order to put the "act" over he overestimated his ability to take punishment.

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It does seem strange that Ed Lewis, a veteran campaigner and well experienced in all the mat tricks, would lose to Munn, a man of practically no experience.

## Independent Basketball

The Indianapolis Trojans defeated the Indianapolis Union Railway team by a Butler and a player won the winners.

The Trojans desire a game for Tuesday night with a team having a chance to win. For game, call Lincoln 4571 and ask for McGee.

A triple bill will be staged at Edgewood Gym on Thursday night. The Hoosiers, with Edgewood, and the Dixie girls will meet the Edgewood girls and the Indiana Cardinals, 21 to 14. Tickets 50c. Call 2500. Should see Main 8261 and ask for Joe, or write Dick Weaver, 1425 Herschel Ave.

The St. Anthony Y. P. C. team at Lafayette, Indiana, will play the Modern Woodman quintet at the Y. P. C. hall. A curtain-raiser will precede the main attraction.

The Y. P. C. boys have seven out of ten games played. They have defeated the Indiana, New York, and the Indiana Spades. Crescent A. C. Notre Dame Freshmen has team. Motors and West Parks. They lost to the Indiana Cardinals, the Main Side Turners, one after an overtime period and dropped a 34-to-31 contest to the local Cardinals.

The St. Anthony Y. P. C. basket team defeated Holy Cross, 50 to 26, Tuesday night at the latter's floor, 20 to 26. Tuesday night.

Franklin and Indianapolis will compete for the winners, while Birch, Ryerson, and Trenck were best for the losers. The Y. P. C. boys will play the Indiana Cardinals tonight at Community Hall. Call 4571 and ask for the Y. M. H. As write Max Goldsmith, 1022 Union St.

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