

TALKING IT OVER
WITH JOE WILLIAMS

Wisconsin-Iowa Conflict Heads Saturday's Big Ten Card

All Set for Butler Fray in New Bowl

Pat Page's Indiana Squad Plays Host to North-western.

ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Bulldogs Expect Stiff Opposition From Scrappy Earlham Eleven.

It is hardly necessary to ask a third question, viz., Why is he coming back? The answer to that is obvious. A half a million dollars is a half a million dollars no matter how you get it. If Dempsey were half the fighting man he used to be he would sail through the current assortment of stumbbum heavyweights like a moth through a crepe de chine beard, but he isn't and no one ought to be fooled on this point.

It might be offered in rebuttal that Dempsey needn't be any better than a fourth of his old dynamic, destructive self to win from the opposition that exists, which may or may not be so. Personally I don't think the contending boys are that bad.

THE "NATURAL" FOR DEMPSEY WOULD BE A RETURN BOUT WITH JACK SHARKEY, THAT REFINED, RETICENT AND RETIRING YOUNG MAN FROM BOSTON.

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SHARKEY gave the erstwhile man mauler a harder fight than did Mr. James Joseph Tunney for four rounds. He had him wobbling as early as the first round, and the chances are he might have won if he had followed instructions from his corner and boxed instead of trying for a knockout himself.

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The man's stupendous ego wrought his downfall. Only one man, Jim Flynn, had ever stopped Dempsey in a real fight. Sharkey also wanted to win that distinction. He wound up with his chin in the canvas.

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THE BOYS IN CAULIFLOWER ALLEY AGREE SHARKEY IS STILL THE BEST HEAVYWEIGHT AMONG THE CANDIDATES. THE FORM CHART ON HIM IS HE LACKS ONLY ONE THING—A FIGHTING HEART. THIS, IF TRUE, IS NO MINOR DEFECT. NO FIGHTER EVER ATTAINED REAL GREATNESS WITHOUT COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION.

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How about Sharkey? Did those three sickening body blows leave a lasting and crippling imprint on his fighting mechanism? This is something you can only guess at. On known form and relative abilities, however, Sharkey must be set down as the most dangerous man Dempsey may be called on to face.

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UNLESS YOU WANT TO RIDE WITH A LONG SHOT IN THE PERSON OF KNUTE HANSEN, THE DANE IS ANOTHER SHARKEY—A GREAT HITTER, A FRONT RUNNER, AND NONE TOO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE JOB WHEN THE GOING IS ROUGH. AND YET, WITH EVERYTHING BREAKING HIS WAY, HE IS CAPABLE OF FIGHTING A SPLENDID FIGHT.

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I DON'T think Dempsey would have a great deal of trouble with Heaney, Risko or Paolino, provided he trained seriously and came into the ring in any kind of fighting shape. Heaney is a plodder with a wide-open style and a left hook probably would drop him easily in the fight.

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COUNTRY CLUB GOLF

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The golf season will be closed officially at the Indianapolis Country Club Saturday when the membership plays for the Chalmers Brown cup. Following the event the annual opossum dinner will be served by C. C. Welch, house manager.

Prizes won during the season weekly tournaments will be distributed by J. E. McDuffie, chairman of the sports and pastimes committee, who requests all members be present.

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THREE-CUSHION MEET

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Walter Nagley, Indianapolis, will meet Frank Houff, Terre Haute, in tonight's match of the state three-cushion billiard tourney at Harry Coolers' parlors.

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Harry Rubens was defeated by Louis Spivey Thursday night, 50 to 32, in seventy-two innings. Spivey's high run was five and Rubens had a string of four.

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RIPLEY PLAYS TONIGHT

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The Broad Ripple high school basketball team will play its second contest of the season tonight at the John Strange gym, east of Broad Ripple, against the Westfield aggregation.

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