

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, June 9.—Benny Leonard has gone back to training and the boys say he intends to do some serious gloving before the year is over. Which may or may not be the truth. Personally, I have my doubts. Benny has been away a long time and he is no longer pink-faced juvenile. The record books show he was 35 last April, and 35 is plenty old in the ring trade.

Still, you never can tell. There may be a few miles left in the old car at that. Leonard has always taken pretty good care of himself, and he was never one of those fighters who took much of a beating.

There was still a lot of fight in him when he quit, and the chief reason he quit was that he thought he had enough money to last him for life. But since those days things have happened. Particularly in the market. And that's where most of Leonard's money was.

It is easy enough to believe that if Leonard can see a chance to shake himself to two or three attractive purses without running the risk of losing his seat that he will come back.

Leonard had a genuine fondness for the fight game. It was the only business he knew and knew well. He has been restless and ill at ease ever since he quit. Most of the good fighters are, and sooner or later most of them always come back.

Dempsey has been yearning to fight one more fight ever since that night he was like a kid in a Chinese restaurant, one thing that keeps him out of the ring. I suspect, is his vanity. He isn't sure he would look like the old man mauler in there any more. Leonard has his share of vanity, too, but in his present circumstances he might be persuaded to let that go for Sweeney.

It is interesting to note that one of Leonard's most persistent challengers when he was the champion of the Lightweights is still hanging around willing to accept a bout whenever he can get one. I refer to Johnny Dundee, known to the sports as the "Irish Rocket."

It is his desire to keep on fighting. Dundee is rather pathetic. In his own mind he is still a great fighter. But the truth is he is merely a shadow of what he used to be. They tell me that whenever Dundee makes a trip out of town he always carries his fighting tags with him. This may be a good idea, an insurance against having to pay the day he has to live on trains and fought four or five times a week in as many different cities. And again it may be that shouldering hope which seems to endure forever in the hearts of old timer fighters.

REMEMBER talking with Dundee some time back and asking him why he didn't definitely hang up the gloves. There was something tragic in his answer: "What else can I do?"

As I write these lines I find myself wondering how Dundee and Leonard would look in action today? Their bouts were always close. They fought nine or ten times.

Some of the boys used to say that Leonard carried Dundee. As to that I wouldn't know. Certainly Dundee had a great little fighter in his right. Maybe he was not strong enough to beat a Leonard, but he was at least great enough to give him trouble.

Theirs first bout back in 1915 at the old 18th Street Club. I suppose it is true that a bout today between Leonard and Dundee would be dreadful to watch. It would be interesting to see what it would be like.

At the very worst it would certainly be an improvement over that last championship match between LaBarba and Battalino.

Gets Chance

By Times Special

CHICAGO, June 9.—Young Billy Sullivan, 18-year-old son of the former catcher and manager of the Chicago White Sox, is following in the footsteps of his famous father. Young Billy graduated from Notre Dame Monday, and left immediately to join Donie Bush's Pale Hose, the same team with which his father, Billy Sullivan Sr., won fame. Billy has played second base and outfield for the South Bend collegians.

TWENTY GRAND, JAMESTOWN SET FOR TURF DUEL

Rivals Battle for 3-Year-Old Crown in Historic Belmont Race

Edith Quier Is Golf Leader

By Times Special

ROSLYN, N. Y., June 9.—Shooting a sparkling 63 over the rain-soaked Engineers' Country Club links here Monday, Miss Edith Quier, Reading (Pa.) star, led a field of more than 100 in the annual women's eastern championship today.

With the first eighteen of the fifty-four-hole tourney played, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd and Mrs. Joseph E. Davis were second with 66, Miss Helen Hicks third with 68 and Miss Frances Williams, defending champion, next with 90.

Peck and Mac Sing Duet of Mound Blues

By Times Special

NEW YORK, June 9.—Marse Joe McCarthy and Roger Peckinpah will sing that heart-rending little ballad, "Oh, Where Can I Find Some Pitchers."

Mac and Peck held a common sympathy meeting here Monday after the Indians had won two out of three from the Ruppert Rifies.

"It's the pitching. It's driving

me crazy," announced Manager Joe. Peck laughed. "It's driving you crazy—how about me? I haven't got over that twelve straight losing streak yet. Here's Ferrell, who hadn't pitched a fast ball in a month until today. And you saw Clint Brown Sunday. Blew up three runs in the fifth and we were finished.

"The worst of it is, there is no relief in sight," wailed McCarthy. "Our scouts are combing the minors. What do they find? Listen, they say the best pitcher in the International League is Carmen Hill, who was finished with the Pirates in 1929. The woe of the coast is Jimmy Zinn and you had a look at him. In the Association, old Sarge Connally, who was shipped by the White Sox, is the big noise. Where are we going to find pitchers to work with? I dunno."

Peckinpah chuckled weakly. "Listen, I had a look at this Craghead who was labeled the King of the Coast League. I'm looking at Peckinpah now. Well, you saw Thomas now. Well, you saw Tammie Sunday."

Jameson has been to the post three times in 1931 and won three times. His first start was in an overnight race. Then he came on to take the historic Withers, and only Monday plowed through the mud to win the Colin. His victory in the Colin was particularly gratifying to his backers, for it proved that the Widener ace can travel along on a nasty track and that he can go a route.

"I get the same thing—they want Wes Ferrell. Fat chance," countered Peck.

"It must be the depression," said Mac. And that was that.

Peckinpah, a defending champion, also won in her first test, eliminating Miss Rhona Rabbidge of Royal Midsum, 5 and 3. Miss Molly Gourley, who, like the Misses Purvis-Russell, are favorites to reach the final round, won by 1 over Mrs. J. H. Todd of Rossaire.

Miss Edie Wilson defeated Miss Purvis-Russell-Montgomery of St. Rule, 4 and 3.

Bob Bowen's 75 Tops District Golfers; 181 Play Second Round

By DICK MILLER

Frank was receiving congratulations, Bowen showed up with his 75 and that mark held water.

The field of 176 moved to Meridian Hills for the second eighteen-holes today and will wind up Wednesday at Broadmoor. Five late starters, George Lance, the defending champion; Sammy Simpson and Bill Diddel, who failed to pass their qualifying tests in the National Open Monday; Cliff Waggoner, district secretary, who will score the late foursome, and Bill Heilman, the young star who was allowed to wait until today, played their first eighteen this morning and joined the rest of the field this afternoon, bringing the record field to 181.

The late starters were figured to have an edge on the first day shooters. A high wind hampered Monday's early starters.

Bowen went one over par on the fourth but got back even with a "birdie" on four and was over on five, had a "birdie" on eight, but a par on nine gave him a 77-7 total. He put up for nine, six from the pin. He put up for nine, six went past to take a six for a 37. This uneventful Marks and he finished with an 80.

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