

# TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, July 6.—A few hours after the Cleveland fight, Young Stribling, looking at you with eyes that swam with fatigue and talking through split, puffed lips said:

"A year ago Schmeling would have been a pop-over for me. But now he's too good. Much too good."

Nobody will give Young Stribling an argument on that point. The Schmeling who fought on the shores of Lake Erie was a much better fighter than the Schmeling who flopped to the canvas from a low blow by Sharkey after three rounds of catching in which he was plainly outclassed.

The German knows more about fighting than he did a year ago. The crudities which marked his earlier performances in this country are no longer so glaringly evident. His technique is sounder and he seems to have a better understanding of the mechanics of the game. For one thing he is a vastly better defensive fighter.

Against Stribling his blocking was perfect. Whereas in the past he was a wide open target, ridiculously easy to hit. Against the German he was a tight, closed, arms and elbow, and as a consequence Stribling didn't hit him once. For one thing he is a solid punch.

That Schmeling should have improved so markedly in this detail was the outstanding surprise of the fight.

Here is a comparative novice who had had only a year of experience. Last night was so wide open that Sharkey was able to hit him at will. Indeed, it seemed as if he couldn't miss him. Now how are you to account for that? And remember that blocking fineness is not an instructive thing, but something acquired through actual experience.

Young Stribling's explanation may be close to the facts.

"That long exhibition tour the German went on before the fight made him what he is today. These trips generally ruin a fighter, but Schmeling took the exhibition seriously. He made a class room clinic of each appearance. Instead of merely loafing around the bouts he was experimenting, practicing and trying something all the time."

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# VON ELM AND BURKE MIX IN SECOND PLAY-OFF

## Links Title Clash Is Record for Distance

Golf Aces Tie in 72 Holes and Again Finish Even Over 36 Route Sunday; Struggle Filled With Feature Shots by Both.

By United Press

INVERNESS GOLF CLUB, Toledo, July 6.—George Von Elm was out in front by one stroke at the end of eighteen holes today in the second thirty-six-hole playoff for the national open golf title. It was a see-saw match, each golfer leading at different times. Billie Burke was one up at sixteen.

By DICK MILLER

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TOLEDO, July 6.—Tired, but determined, two golfers, Billy Burke of Greenwich, Conn., and George Von Elm of Detroit, began the second thirty-six-hole playoff match here today, hoping to decide the longest open golf championship of the United States. These tenacious young men fought a thirty-six-hole playoff match Sunday without decision, both finishing with 149 strokes. The title play scheduled to end Saturday night at the completion of seventy-two holes of play, the regular championship distance, at that time found this pair of the original field of 144 who began play Thursday morning, deadlocked with scores of 292 each.

This is the first time since the thirty-six-hole plan of playoff was inaugurated in 1928 at Chicago Olympia fields course, that the thirty-six-hole route was not enough to decide the open championship. A thirty-six-hole playoff decided the title in 1929, and an eighteen-hole playoff decided it in 1927. Back in 1924, eighteen holes was not enough, so an extra eighteen was required.

## Tilden Choice in Pro Event

By United Press

NEW YORK, July 6.—William T. Tilden, ruled as a heavy favorite to win first honors as the first round matches in the annual national professional tennis tournament began today at Forest Hills stadium.

Tilden, who deserted the amateur ranks last year, has been seeded No. 2. Vincent Richards, present title holder, was seeded No. 1. Other seeded entrants include Francis Hunter and Karel Kozelech.

## VINES WINS AT NET

Ellsworth Beats Gledhill for Clay Court Tennis Honors.

By Times Special

ST. LOUIS, July 6.—Defeating a teammate from California, Ellsworth Vines of Pasadena, won the Golden Jubilee clay court singles championship here Sunday from Keith Gledhill of Santa Barbara in three straight sets, each by the score of 6-3.

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Young Stribling conceded defeat very early. His plan of fighting the German was to keep him constantly off balance, and run up a one-sided victory on points. As a plan it was admirable, but that was about all. Schmeling refused to be hit with a left hand. And what made the situation all the more embarrassing was he was distinctly ineptable to right hands.

After six and a fifth or sixth round one of the numerous Striblings who populated the German's corner urged him to go out and give the German his left hand.

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