

# N. B. A. MOVES TO OUST SCHMELING AS HEAVY CHAMPION

## Mitt Heads Seek Vote

Failure to Defend Title Is Reason; Walker Forfeit Is Returned.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Recognition of Max Schmeling of Germany as world's heavyweight boxing champion virtually was withdrawn today by the National Boxing Association because of his failure to defend the title within six months, leaving him in the position of a king without a country.

Schmeling won recognition as champion by winning on a foul from Jack Sharkey in New York June 12, 1930. The German defended his title against W. L. (Young) Stribling at Cleveland July 3, 1931, winning on a technical knockout in the fifteenth round. Thus in eighteen months he has defended his title only once.

Ouster Is Severe

Schmeling never has been recognized as champion by the New York state athletic commission. Inasmuch as the N. B. A. is the governing body in twenty-nine states and affiliated with the boxing commissions of Quebec, Montreal, Porto Rico, Cuba, and Mexico, and the British board of boxing control and the International Boxing Union, governing body in continental Europe, Schmeling is now no more champion than Jack Dempsey, retired title holder preparing for a comeback.

General John V. Clinin, president of the N. B. A., today mailed back to Joe Jacobs, manager of Schmeling, a check for \$2,500 posted by the N. B. A. as a forfeit binding a match with Mickey Walker at Miami, Fla., Feb. 23.

The Schmeling-Walker match has been abandoned, and Schmeling gets his \$2,500 back because Walker never showed up for a forfeit.

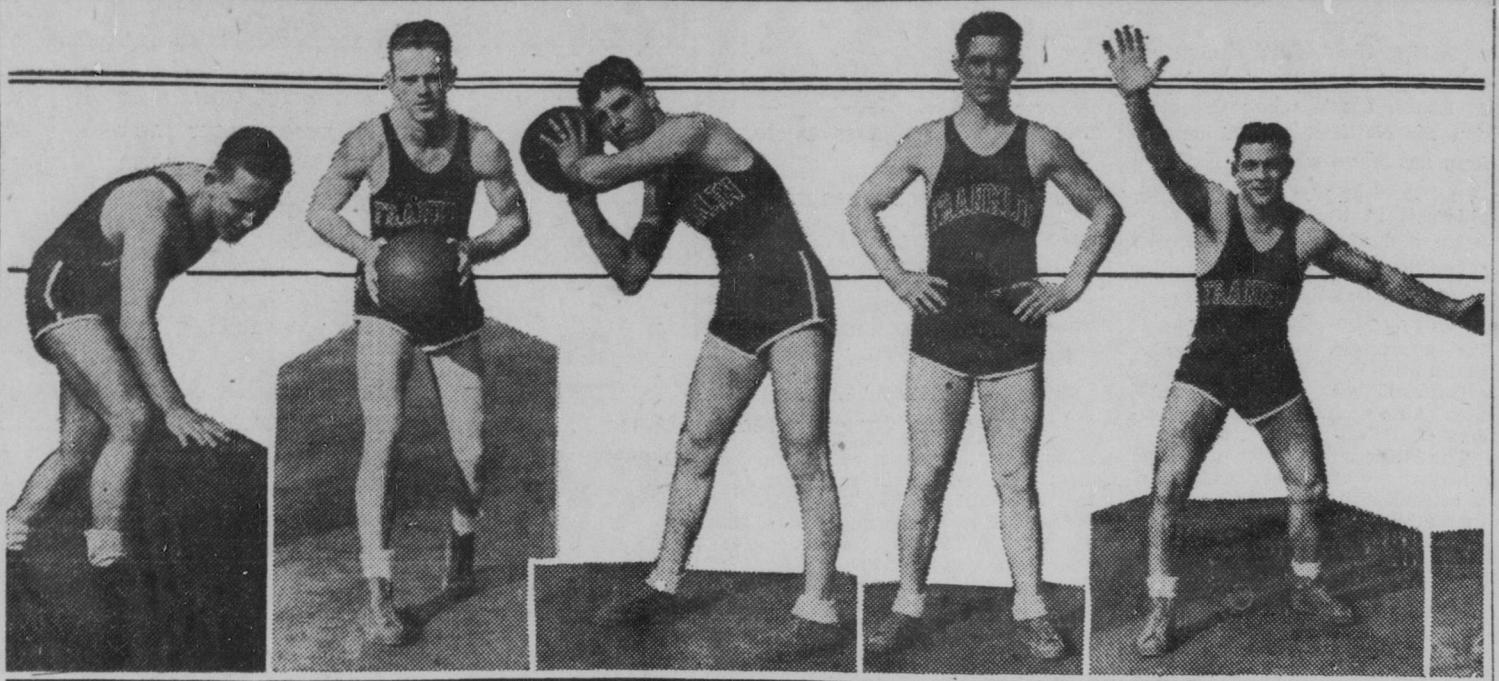
In the regular weekly bulletin of the N. B. A. issued every Friday, the formal question of vacating Schmeling's title will be submitted for vote. This is merely a matter of form and under the N. B. A.'s six-months rule Schmeling has deprived himself of recognition as title holder by refusing to fight.

Loses Champ's Share

The fact Schmeling is now negotiating for a match with Jack Sharkey in June will have no effect on his present status, according to N. B. A. rules. If Schmeling goes through with a match with Sharkey, which is uncertain in view of the fact that he has dodged him for eighteen months, the public probably would recognize the winner as champion.

The main penalty placed on Schmeling by the N. B. A.'s action is that he can not claim the champion's end of 37% per cent in N. B. A. territory. For instance, in a match with Sharkey, the German probably would have to take 25 per cent with the same division going to the Bostonian.

## Franklin Cagers Here for Two Battles



Left to Right—Eugene Buchanan, Franklin, guard; Burke Anderson, Franklin, guard; Loy Underwood, Franklin, guard; Donald Brewer, Franklin, center and forward; Walter Surface, Greenwood, forward.

## Jadick Jabs Junior Welter Crown Off Canzonieri's Head

By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—"Gentleman" Johnny Jadick of Philadelphia was the new junior welterweight boxing champion of the world today, thanks to a left jab.

He won the title from Tony Canzonieri of New York Monday night in a furious ten-round battle at the arena here.

Canzonieri's lightweight title was not at stake, because Jadick was over the lightweight limit of 135 pounds. Tony lost the junior welterweight championship which he won from Jackie (Kid) Berg of England at Chicago, April 24, 1931.

The slender, clean-cut Philadelphian pitted his boxing skill against the champion's terrific slugging ability and literally left-jabbed the junior welterweight crown off Canzonieri's head.

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## Thurnblad and Layton Cop Cue Tilt; 4 Matches Today

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CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Arthur Thurnblad, Chicago, defending champion, and Johnny Layton, Sedalia, Mo., former titleholder, were tied for first place as the world's three-cushion billiard championship entered its second stage today.

The two opening games last night saw Thurnblad, rated ninth choice in the betting odds at 15 to 1, triumph over young Bud Westhus, St. Louis boy playing in his first tournament, 50 to 32 in sixty-five innings, and Layton, rated second

choice at odd of 3 to 1, won from Leonard Kenney, Chicago, 50 to 27, in thirty-six innings.

Today's schedule:

### AFTERNOON MATCHES

Otoe Reddell, Philadelphia, former champion, vs. Eddie Berman, Valparaiso, Ind., winner of the 1931 western title.

Allen Shulman, Chicago, 1931 runner-up, vs. F. Scoville, New York, N. Y., winner of 1931 eastern title.

### NIGHT MATCHES

Augie Kieckhefer, Chicago, nine times champion, vs. Gus Copulos, Eugene, Ore., career runner-up.

J. A. Schefer, San Francisco, world's 1931 runner-up, vs. Tiff Denton, Kansas City, former champion.

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