

HENRY ARMSTRONG DEFEATS ANGOTT

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The SPORTS OUTLOOK

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NEGRO BOXER WANTS TO MEET JACKIE CONN IN RING

The current boxing craze at Camp Butner has aroused the ire of a noted Negro boxer, "K. O. Kid Downing" to such an extent that this afore-mentioned pugilist wishes to tie with Jackie Conn, heavyweight boxer and brother of Billy Conn, heavyweight title contender, who challenged Champion Joe Louis for the world heavyweight championship sometime ago.

Both men are stationed at Camp Butner, N. C. Downing is in the Medical Detachment of the 971, Air Base Security Battalion, while Conn is in the 309 Infantry Outfit of the 78th Lightning Division. Neither has done any big purse boxing as yet, but before their induction into the armed forces, both were well on the way to fame in Boxing Circles. Downing defeated "Big Jim Anders", who had held the Golden Glove championship for three years in Chicago to place this coveted bauble around his own midriff. Anders was a former student at North Carolina College in Durham and played basketball on the same team with "Legs" Downing, the brother of the boxer at Camp Butner. K. O. Kid Downing gained so much fame from his boxing career in Indiana and Chicago that he was the recipient of praise from Heavyweight champion Joe Louis, who predicted that the "kid" would be-

come heavyweight champion some day. Champ Louis called Downing in and gave him a few pointers which would be invaluable in the ring.

Billy Conn, the heavyweight contender who lasted in the ring with Joe Louis as long as longer than any of the rest of his contenders and had the champ thinking that at last he was ready to give up his crown to the brother of the boxer stationed at Camp Butner. Jackie Conn is any way as powerful as his brother in the ring, a match between him and Downing should be a clash between two who are about evenly matched, and should make the fight fans in this section most happy to witness the encounter. Jackie has been receiving some very important pointers on ring-culture from his brother, Billy while Downing has been on the receiving end of information handed out by Joe Louis. This double match of brawn and brain should be the top in Service boxing centers.

Downing is a native of Indiana. He stands 6 feet 4 inches and weighs 200 or more. Jackie Conn weighs 185 pounds and is over six feet tall. The Conn family is of Irish-American descent and are natives of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Up to the present time, there hasn't been a mixed big-name bout of this kind in this vicinity, but this writer is quite sure the Camp Butner officials will approve of this tilt.

Hammerin' Hank Best In Bout Between Former Champions

In a ten round battle staged at Madison Square Garden, Hammerin' Hank Armstrong rung up a decision over Sammy Angott who is considered by the National Boxing Association to be the lightweight champion. Hank was the same buzzsaw

Lightweight Champ To Meet John Greco In Non-Title Tussle

Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery and Pvt. Johnny Greco of the Canadian Army were signed today for a 10-round overweigh bout at Yankee Stadium on Saturday afternoon, June 26.

It will be New York's first day time fight in 20 years.

Montgomery won the New York and Pennsylvania version of the world's lightweight title with a surprise decision that dethroned Beau Jack several weeks ago. Greco, recently defeated Terry Young at Montreal.

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fighter in this tilt who once had the three cornered crown perched precariously upon his dome. He paced the match from start to finish with blows aimed at the retired and returned midriff and face. In the slaughter, Hank suffered a badly busted lip and was forced to call in a physician.

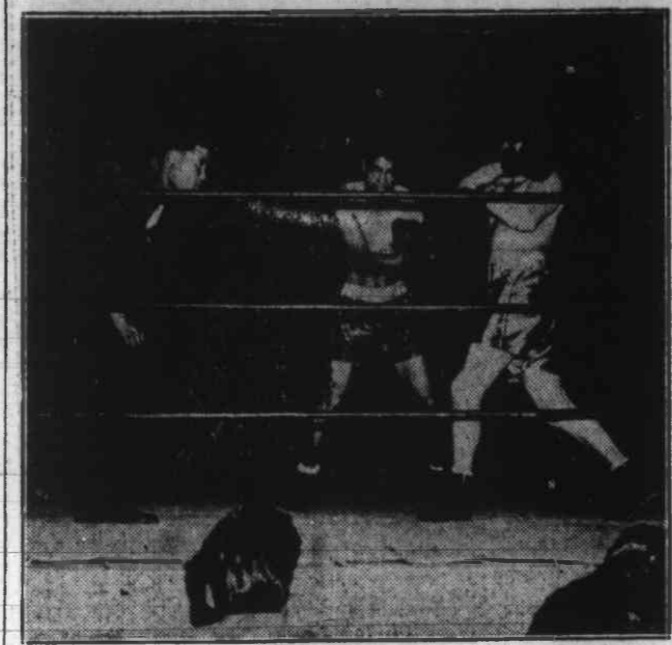
Before dropping in on Promoter Mike Jacobs to pick up his check of about \$15,200. Sammy collected in the neighborhood of \$12,900 — Henry kept a date with Dr. Alexander in New York. The doctor had to cut away scar tissue from inside the lower lip and take nine stitches in the wound.

Henry explained that his fights in Hollywood with Willie Joyce June 26 and in Portland, Ore., with Jimmy Garrison, July 13 would have to be set back. At the same time, a scheduled scrap between Armstrong and Lightweight Champ (New York version) Bob Montgomery had to be taken off the slate temporarily.

Instead, Angott, who put up one of the top tussles of his career, probably will be matched with the winner of the June 26 scramble between Montgomery and Canadian Army Private Johnny Greco.

There is the possibility, too, of a return match between Armstrong and Sammy, who had a crowd of 13,364 customers out of their seats and roaring most of the way. But this will have to wait until Henry's mouth is all in once piece again.

Champion Joe Tries Hand At Refereeing



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MARCH FIELD, CALIFORNIA—Sergeant Joe Louis Barrow refereeing a boxing bout between Gabriel Reyes, left, of Colton, California, and Art Peres of Camp Haan, California.

HOMESTEAD GRAYS TO FACE SATCHELL PAIGE

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Fresh from new box office records with the New York Cubans in Columbus, Toledo and Cincinnati the fast traveling Homestead Grays are headed for additional honors when they meet Kansas City Monarchs, with Satchell Paige, over the weekend. The world champions from Kansas City play the Negro National League champions on Thursday, June 17th in Washington, D. C., under the Griffith Stadium lights. The second tilt between these two record breakers will take place Sunday afternoon, June 20th at the same Griffith Stadium, with a double bill as an added

feature. Western Pennsylvania baseball fans will see this high powered attraction on Wednesday night, June 23rd at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh under the Pirates' lighting system. Over 75,000 baseball addicts paid to watch the Grays and Kansas City Monarchs in four tilts last year. Now that each team is leading its respective circuit, more money in circulation, no inducement for owners to travel away from home and fans starving for heads-up baseball, the present series figures to outdo last year's paid attendance. The spectacular and incomparable Satchell Paige will take part in each game, a feature in itself which overshadows any five star attraction to be seen in Washington or Pittsburgh. The Grays will make a choice between Ray Brown, John Wright, Charlie Shields

SPORTS BLAB

BY JOE HOPSON

New York State Athletic Commission suspended Eddie Walker, manager of ex-champion Chalky Wright, for failing to appear last Saturday to sign for a June 25 title bout with Willie Pep.

Walker didn't show up because no one except the New York Commission was quite sure just how long Willie was going to be champion. Last Saturday, Pep had a date to take on Sal Bartolo in Boston on Tuesday. Although that one was 15 rounds, the New York Commission said it would not recognize the tussle as a title tilt.

PEP WON

Pep finished in front, so there was no dispute. But on Saturday, three days before the Boston bout, Walker couldn't see any point in signing up for a championship, go, when only New York was sure it would still be a championship outing when it was held.

And when Eddie failed to appear, the Empire State's consistent solons of swart released Pep from any obligation to take on Wright, although less than two weeks before they had insisted that Willie would have to put his title on the line against the winner of last Friday's fight between Chalky and Phil Terranova. Wright flattened or Edsell Walker. The first three have won all league games so far. In the past two weeks, the Grays' heavy sluggers have

Phil in five heats. Pep's six-month "grace" period between title tussles ended May 20.

In announcing today's suspension the commission said it was "for actions detrimental to the best interests of boxing" and was "indefinite, pending a hearing" for Walker next Friday. The commission pointed out the suspension applied only to Walker and that Chalky "is authorized to make his own matches" while Eddie is on the sidelines.

Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia Negro, was recognized by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission as lightweight champion of the world.

In clarifying what it termed a "muddled situation," the commission said it recognized Montgomery, not only because he recently defeated Beau Jack in New York, but also because Montgomery had beaten other ranking contenders.

The commission said that Sammy Angott, holder of three decisions over Montgomery, had voluntarily vacated his NBA title and that he would have "to challenge for the title he vacated."

Pvt. Norwood (Barney) Ewell, former Penn State star now stationed at Camp Lee, Va., filed his entry for the 100-and 2-meter dashes and broad jump in the National AAU track and field championships at Triborough Stadium on June 19 and 20.

gone on a mad hitting spree, and Josh Gibson will not be the toy he was last year, when Paige held him hitless during the entire series.

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