

FIRPO SHUTS OFF POWER TO SPARE HIS PARTNERS

Argentine is Forced to Check Punches—Shows Speed in Defence Work.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 12.—Luis Angel Firpo took the check reins off his punches for a time today, but for the welfare of his sparring partners, was forced to let them up again. John Lester Johnson's speed and punch cunning failed against the Argentine in the first two rounds of sparring. John Lester took a couple of ribs and two lefts straight to the face before the first round was over and Firpo, noting the effect of his work, shut off power.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons, told to mix at close quarters with Firpo, tried it. He shot short lefts to Firpo's jaw time and again but they slipped off like water from a lily pad. After a round of such work, accompanied by lots of arm wrestling, Young Bob began to catch punches to the body. Firpo started a two fist attack to Bob's head and the round was cut short.

The Argentine wound up the day's work by boxing two rounds with Joe McCann. Joe was shaken by the first few hard blows and Firpo carried him for the remainder of the time.

Never FASTER.—Firpo never moved faster than today and his punching was usually accurate. His defense, all his own, was brought into play during the fighting, and although he could not block every blow, he managed to get away from the full force of those that did land.

Joe Fender, the Philadelphia lightweight, watched Firpo and was impressed with his strength and the effectiveness of his peculiar defensive tactics. Tending to express the opinion that if Jack Dempsey didn't dispose of Firpo within the first three rounds he would have quite a job keeping his title.

Firpo disappointed the larger part of the 1,000 spectators at the workout. This majority, pro-Dempsey, pleaded with the sparring partners to "knock Firpo dead and save Jack the trouble." If some of John Lester Johnson's or Joe McCann's roundhouse swings had landed, the Dempsey roots probably would have had satisfaction, but Firpo's eyes were too quick.

Rooters from Argentina. Opposed to the Dempsey voters were half a hundred or more Argentinians, come to America to see the fight and about seventy-five Italian laborers who live in a settlement near the training scene. So there was quite a bit of rooting pro and con.

The latest arrival in the training camp is one Mr. Washington, bald headed, portly and good natured. Mr. Washington is a masseur, noted among pugilists, and he is to take care of Luis Angel until the title fight.

Firpo was photographed today with his competitors in the beauty pageant held here last week. He posed with Miss Brooklyn and Miss Oklahoma City.

Miss Ederle Is Best Mermaid

Miss Gertrude Ederle, sixteen-year-old swimming marvel of the Women's Swimming Association of New York, will pass into history as America's all-around out-door champion mermaid of 1923. She has earned the coveted title by scoring the greatest number of points in the senior national A. A. U. championship of the summer season.

By virtue of victories in the 50, 220, 440 and 880 yard free style swimming classics she stands credited with a total of 20 points, while her closest rival and clubmate, Miss Aileen Rignin, the year's all-around indoor holder, has garnered only 12 points. Only one of the eleven events remains to be decided, so the results cannot affect the issue.

It should be mentioned, moreover, that Miss Ederle's tally unquestionably would have been considerably higher had she been able to start in all the free style fixtures. But conflicting dates prevented her taking part in the one-mile championship and a sprained ankle kept her out of the 100-yard and long distance tests, for all of which she stood favorite. There is evidence of her clean cut supremacy, however, in the fact that she bettered American or world's records almost every time she competed under normal conditions, shattering old marks all the way from 100 to 880 yards.

PIRATES RELEASE BAGBY. Veteran Pitcher Let Out and Five Recruits Are Added. Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 12.—A number of changes have been made in the payroll of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The veteran pitcher, Jim Bagby, was unconditionally released. The names of George Kopschaw, Appalachian League pitcher, and Carl Demaree, Nebraska League pitcher, were added to the roll.

HEVENOR HEADS HIGH SCHOOL A. A. The High School Athletic Association in annual session on Monday afternoon elected officers for the year and transacted routine business. It was reported that prospects for the rugby season were brighter than usual. The new officers are: honorary president, E. J. Alexander; president, M. Hevenor; vice-president, Frederick Fritz; secretary-treasurer, D. Legate; member of executive, Morley Ewing.

Amateur Title Golf Draws Record Field

Sweetser, Jones, Oulmet and Evans Among the 250 to Compete.

New York, Sept. 12.—Two hundred and fifty of the leading amateur golfers of this continent will tee off on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Flossmoor Country Club, located at Homewood, just outside of Chicago, Ill., in an attempt to gain the amateur championship now held by a resident of the metropolitan district, Jess W. Sweetser of Ardley. Included in the list will be several former champions, notable among them Chick Evans and Robert A. Gardner of Chicago, both two-time winners; William C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, S. Davidson Heron of Chicago, Francis Oulmet and Jesse Gailford of Boston, Findlay H. Chandler of New York, and possibly H. Chandler Egan of Portland, Ore.

In addition to these former title-holders, the field will also include a host of sectional and State champions, to say nothing of present and past holders of golf honors of lesser importance, and it will also include the present national open champion, Robert T. Jones of Atlanta, Ga., who, since his victory over Cruikshank in the play-off at Inwood, will doubtless be accorded top place in the estimation of those who like to pick potential winners in advance. It will also contain a former British amateur champion, William I. Hunter of San Francisco, and an ex-Irish amateur champion, Capt. C. C. Carter of Chicago, each of whom has now taken up his residence in this country.

Except for a few scattered players from Canada, this year's event will be almost wholly lacking in the international phases which have added much to tournaments here in recent years. Last year, at Brookline, the field included all of the members of the British Walker Cup team, among whom were Tolley, amateur British champion in 1921, and Robert Wethered, who tied with Jock Hutchison for the open crown that year that who this year annexed the amateur title. The year before that, at St. Louis, Hunter, then the British amateur champion, was playing as a British subject. This year, however, there will be no players from the other side.

KING'S LONDON CRY IS VICTOR IN PRINCE EDWARD HANDICAP Leonard-Dundee Meets on Sept. 28.

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George, had little difficulty in winning the Prince Edward Handicap, run over the two-mile course at Manchester, four lengths separating the winner and W. G. Singer's five-year-old bay horse Junimo. Miazzi Mash, a five-year-old third, beaten by two lengths. Finished horses ran: The Prince Edward Handicap is a sweepstake of 25 sovereigns, with 1,500 sovereigns added.

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RIFLE SHOOTING. The M. D. P. Rifle Association held their weekly Spool Shoot on the local range yesterday with the best of weather conditions prevailing. Those winning spoons were: A Class, Sergt. R. E. Cowan, R. C. E.; B Class, Sergt. E. N. Alderman, R. C. A. S. C.; C Class, Sergt. W. Ricketts, R. C. O. C.

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