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Jack Dempsey Thrills Big C

Close to 1500 Fans Welcome Ex-Champ

Refs Main Bout Won by Eagle; Mayor Burns at Airport to Greet Ring Idol

By GIL WOOD

Daily News Sports Editor

The wrestling matches, which were only mediocre anyway, took a decided back seat last night at the Burlington Auditorium where a big crowd of around 1500 fans cheered every movement of the night's featured personality, Jack Dempsey, who served as the third man in the ring in the main grappling bout between Don Eagle and Henry Kulkavitch.

Strictly for the records, we will dispose of the facts and figures connected with the three grunt-and-groan skirmishes, and then return to the ex-heavyweight boxing champion. The main bout between the bronzed, 20-year-old Indian and "The Blond Bomber" gave Dempsey quite a workout, as he admitted in the dressing room afterward.

At the outset, Kulkavitch started his unorthodox tactics of eye-gouging and punching, but this type of activity proved his downfall. Dempsey wouldn't stand for it very long, and found it necessary to "smarten up" Kulkavitch with two jarring right elbows to the jaw of the pudgy-faced Pole. In the meantime, the Eagle also had become incensed at the rough treatment handed out to him, and floored Henry with a haymaker right. He then pounced on his groggy opponent and won the fall with a body press in 12 minutes.

The second fall found Kulkavitch resuming his "no fair" tactics. After nine minutes of this, and continued threats by the "Manassa Mauler," he was disqualified by Dempsey and the Eagle was declared the winner in two straight falls. A few seconds before the end the Indian wrenches his right knee in a leap from the ropes, and late last night was seen to be limping noticeably.

The semi-final, a real clean match throughout, found Frank Judson of Boston turning back Al Tucker, Jewish boy from New York, in two of the three falls. Tucker came out on top in the first in 16 minutes with three butts and a body press. The aging

Judson came back in the second with three flying mares and a body press in eight minutes, and took the deciding fall in short order, ducking a flying tackle and falling on Tucker in but three minutes. The wild preliminary went to the bad man, Jean Lettrale, when he punched his way to an 11-minute win over Johnny Roy.

To any of those who were closely associated with Dempsey during the full program lined up for last night, it was quite apparent from the moment he stepped off his tardy plane at the local airport shortly after 8 last night until he left for Montreal by car around 1 this morning, why he is the idol of the sporting fraternity throughout the world.

NO AIRS

Although he's as big a personality as there is in the limelight today, after you talk with him a few moments you lose that awed "can I touch you" feeling. There are no airs about him. He's what is commonly known as a "good time Charlie." He's got a smile and a hello for everyone who calls his name, and the fortunate, awestricken youngsters who got close enough to say "Hi Jack," came in for plenty of attention from the big, amiable ex-champ.

To Promoter Jack Carter must go the plaudits for arranging to bring Dempsey here, almost with his final discharge papers from the Coast Guard still in his hand. He formally relinquished his lieutenant-commandership in New York yesterday afternoon, and immediately boarded a plane, in company with his manager, Max Waxman, for this city.

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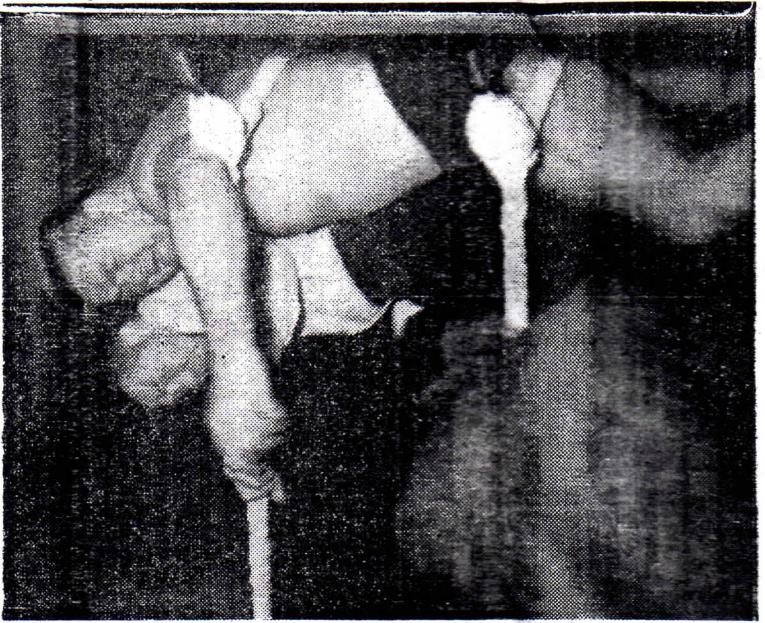
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Glimpses of Jack Dempsey During His Appearance Here



'Candy' to Be Jack's Post-War Business

Plans California 'Trip to See Three Children; Has 'Trouble With Clothes

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY NEWS)

In an exclusive interview with the old "Manassa Mauler," Jack Dempsey, in the dressing rooms of the Memorial Auditorium last night by a Daily News newspaperman, it was learned that the once-great fighter intends to enter the "candy" field as soon as conditions warrant.

"Since I've been out of the service only a day, I'm rather undecided as to what to do, but I just couldn't find anything to suit or fit me properly," he said. "I have only two suits of clothes on this tour; that's how tough conditions are in civilian life, but I'm really glad to get back into civvies and meet all my good friends everywhere. They've all been mighty nice to me while I was in the forces."

Asked about the conditions encountered on his tour of duty throughout the Pacific war theater, Dempsey recalled when he had completed his tour of duty in first was ordered to that theater connection with the Victory Bond campaign when discharged from the U. S. Coast Guard Monday.

Following a brief tour of personal appearances on the East Coast, Dempsey said he would proceed to California for a stay with his three children who are now being cared for by a governess. "I'm darn anxious to see them as soon as possible," the oft-decorated veteran reiterated.

"Of course, I don't intend advancing into business too fast due to the insecurity of things throughout the country today, but must take time to make important decisions," he asserted while being questioned with regard to his entry into the candy business. When queried about his present business interests in New York City which consists of the famous Dempsey Restaurant across from Madison Square Garden, and

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A person I met with him at the Wexman and headed for the Hotel Vermont to change into his referee gear. Accompanying Dempsey in the party were Elmer Ferguson, noted Montreal Daily Star sports editor, and Charley Gorman, Boston Garden publicist.

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The above layout of pictures were taken by Daily News Cameraman Jimmy Detore at various times during Jack Dempsey's five-hour stay in Burlington last night, during which time he referred the main wrestling match between Don Eagle and Henry Kulkavitch, visited the Elks Club, and wound up his stop with a steak supper at the Arcadia Restaurant. Top left, Dempsey is shown with Max Warman, Dempsey's manager. Upper right, a bit of action during the wrestling bout. Dempsey is shown strivings to pull Henry Kulkavitch away from the grocery Don Eagle, who is sprawled on the press table. Lower, the principals grouped together in this some cloth it's

Mayor Burns, 'Bud' Grant Find Dempsey Quite Easy to Know

By GUY WOOD

Five minutes after he had been introduced to Jack Dempsey, and for most of the night thereafter, Mayor John J. Burns and the boxing favorite were seen chatting as though they had been life-long friends. Although Burns had met the ex-champ before, it was his first meeting as mayor, and he wasted little time in pointing out the finer points of this familiarity.

Dempsey, who recently completed a 30-day victory bond tour in the Coast Guard, was quite anxious to know how the hool drivers had gotten along in Burlington, and particularly how the current one was going. Burns, quite modestly and yet, accidentally, informed his guest that all the drivers in the past had been over the top and in the best of health. "I can see no reason at all why the one now under way won't,"

Another local seen in deep discussion with Dempsey was Promoter Ed Carter, who had invited him to the Arcadia Restaurant. The group at that eating establishment was the guest of its recent new owner, Andrus Moisés, a long-time acquaintance of Jack Dempsey.

STEIN, JAKE ARE UVM CO-CAPTAINS

Coach John "Fuzzy" Evans announced this morning that Bob Jake of Milwaukee, Wis., and Howie Stein of New York City were elected co-captains of the UVM hoop team at a meeting last night. Stein played with the Catamounts' informal team last year, and Jake was with the Fort Devens combine last season.

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Dempsey, an admirer of this champion if there ever was one, and this tribute is adhered to by Dempsey's self, who used to know Dempsey many years ago, in his time, was a sort-of-ban-avee's gatherer eight himself around Philadelphia.

Joe Brady, popular steward at the Elks Club, should be well as popular with the club members today, if that is possible. For it was through Killick and Jack Carter that Dempsey made his introduction to all the members present individually to "the old-timers." Killick, who never once turned his back on an admirer, has a fine champion in his club, and he is sure that if there ever was one, and this tribute is adhered to by Dempsey's self, who used to know Dempsey many years ago, in his time, was a sort-of-ban-avee's gatherer eight himself around Philadelphia.