

Hard-Training Canadian Champion To Make Empire Title Bid July 9

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MONTREAL (CP)—It was only natural that Pat Supple should take up fighting as a career. His father taught him the art of self-defence and his mother sympathized with him when he sneaked through her kitchen, nose bleeding and face cut up.

That was eight years ago. Today the 20-year-old is Canadian bantamweight champion with hopes of becoming the first Canadian holder of the British Empire flyweight crown. He gets his chance in Wales July 9 against Pat Dower, current titleholder.

Pat was given the opportunity to cultivate a passion for fist-fighting by his father, Eddie Supple, who runs an amateur boxing club, the Irish A.C., in the basement of the family home in Ville Émard, a Montreal suburb. Pat wasn't much higher than a nine-year-old when his dad, an electrical company engineer, started moulding him into a trim little fighting machine.

Pat's French-Canadian mother, Evelyn, became accustomed to watching her son come up from

the basement with his face marked from the "lessons" he learned. "He wanted to be a fighter so much," she says. "I didn't have the heart to stop him."

Pat entered his first organized boxing tournament at the age of 12. Seven years, 102 bouts and 99 wins later, he had won 12 amateur championship trophies. He won the Canadian amateur flyweight crown in 1953.

Last October, Eddie Supple decided his son was ready for professional company. He got in touch with Harry Sheppard, a 35-year veteran in the boxing game, who agreed to a managerial partnership.

Pat's 21st pro fight, in Quebec City last May 28, was the big one. He knocked out Gil Geckle from London, Ont., in the ninth round of a scheduled 12-rounders to win the Canadian bantamweight title.

"The Geckle fight was my best one," says Pat. "I boxed more than 130 rounds in training. I was in the best shape of my career for that fight."

LOVES TO TRAIN

Sheppard says Pat is a dedicated fighter who loves to train, "which is something rare in any fighter."

"He keeps bothersome jabs in your face and he has a sharp left hook that is bound to give you plenty of trouble," Sheppard says. "Primarily, though, he is a body puncher."

Sheppard says he is also trying to negotiate a title fight with Pascual Perez of Argentina, world flyweight champ.

"I'd like to get the kid to the top of the ladder by climbing as few rungs as possible," he says, "and I'll skip any chance at a British Empire title to get at a world championship."

Supple adheres to a rigid daily training schedule that includes a five-mile run each morning and an afternoon gym workout.

DEMSEY'S LIFE TO BE FILMED—Jack Dempsey (left) and film producer Sam Wiesenthal shake hands after signing contracts which will bring the former heavyweight champion's life story to the screen. Wiesenthal is glad that Dempsey's only joking in showing him his powerful fist as a friendly warning to make a good picture. The Manassa Mauler, who was one of the world's great boxing champions, will serve in an advisory capacity to the actor selected to portray him.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press
Chicago 18—Bob Satterfield,

183, Chicago, outpointed Johnny Summerlin, 194, Detroit, (10).

Las Vegas, Nev. 19—Neal Rivers, 155½, Los Angeles, knocked

out Chico Varona, 151½, Cuba (12).

Mounties Even Series 1-1 With Stars

By The Canadian Press

The Vancouver Mounties rallied for three runs in the eighth to overcome a 5-3 deficit and defeat the Hollywood Stars 6-5 in a Pacific Coast League game at Vancouver Wednesday.

Three other games were also played in the coast league Wednesday, and most of them won by small scores.

Portland edged Sacramento 6-5 at Portland with the help of a grand slam homer by outfielder Bob Borkowski. The win snapped an 11-game losing streak for the Beavers.

In Seattle, the Rainiers moved into a virtual first place tie with Los Angeles by downing San Diego 7-6.

And to help pull Los Angeles off their first-place perch the San Francisco Seals defeated them 4-0.

Vancouver rightfielder Angelo Dagnes opened the gate with a triple off the right field wall and scoring on a passed ball.

Dunoso, who relieved starter Joe Trimble in the second inning, was charged with the Hollywood loss.

The victory for the Mounties evened the series at 1-1 with another game to come today.

0 Prince Rupert Daily News
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New District For L'il Loop Suggested

PRINCE GEORGE — A new playoff district may be established for Little League baseball in British Columbia with Prince George as the centre, it was disclosed here Saturday.

In a letter to John Dinsmore, president of the Prince George Little league association, league headquarters at Williamsport, Pennsylvania suggested the move. District playoffs would include league winners from Prince George, Prince Rupert and Dawson Creek and would eliminate high cost of sending league winners to the southern playoffs, it was pointed out. Last year, Prince George Little Leaguers took part in district playoffs at New Westminster.

Interior league officials also feel the move would help to stimulate promotion of intercity play.

Should the new district be created, league officials here would have to renovate the Little league park to comply with international code requirements.

POINT GREY GOLFER NEW CHAMP

VANCOUVER (CP)—Point Grey's Joyce Fairweather fought off all challenges Wednesday to win the 1956 city women's golf championship at Shaughnessy golf club.

In a thrilling finish, Miss Fairweather sank a three-foot putt to give her the championship by one stroke over Miss Sheila Ross and Mrs. Bill Knox, both of Marine Drive.

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BLACKWOOD on
BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Muzzy Does It Again
And Saves the Match

That sterling team composed of Mr. Champion, Mrs. Keen, Mr. Dale and Mr. Muzzy was discussing this hand from their match against a team from the Uptown Club.

North dealer
North-South Vulnerable
NORTH
Mr. North
♦ 4
♥ 7 4
♦ A K 9 6 3
♦ K 3 2
EAST
Mrs. Keen Mr. Champion
♦ A 5 3 ♠ Q 10 8 7 6
♦ 8 2 ♠ Q 6 3
♦ Q 10 8 7 5 ♡ 2
♦ Q 9 7 ♡ A
SOUTH
Mr. South
♦ K 2
♥ K 10 9 5
♦ 4
♦ J 10 8 6 5 4
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♣
Pass 4 ♠ All Pass

"There's nothing to this one," Mr. Champion remarked. "Undoubtedly we halved it. I hate a hand like this. There is absolutely no way to go wrong on it. Anybody would reach the obvious contract of four spades and when they do, they will win exactly 10 tricks against reasonable defense."

"There's no way to go set and

here's no way to make an extra trick—unless the defense fails flat on its face."

"I didn't think it was such a standard hand when it was played at our table," said Mr. Dale.

ONLY WAY

"What else could happen?" Mr. Champion interrupted. "South opened his singleton diamond and his partner won and led back a high diamond. I ruffed and both overruffed and got out with a trump. Later I had to use heart trick to the king. How can they get more—or less—than a spade, a heart and a diamond?"

"Well, if you'll be quiet for a minute," said Mr. Dale, "I'll tell you what happened at our table. We were defending against the same contract, four spades, and . . ."

Mr. Champion cut in. "I suppose you're going to tell me we lost this match. Muzzy probably opened the king of spades or ruffed or something. Tell me the bad news. Did they make five or six against you?"

SET ONE

"They made three-odd," replied Mr. Dale. "We set 'em on a trick."

Mr. Champion was pleased to learn that his team had won the match, but he couldn't believe it was due to his teammates' defensive skill. "What happened?" he asked. "Did Mr. East get his cards mixed up?"

"Somebody did," answered Mr. Dale, "but it wasn't East. It was Muzzy. He had an end card out of place and the results were devastating."

See tomorrow's column for Mr. Muzzy's defense on this hand.

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