



By Eddie Ash

Heavy Fighters May Save Game Here

Little Fellows Fail to Excite Fans

A YAWNING customer seated in a ringside seat at Tomlinson hall Wednesday night became fidgety when action in the ring slowed down and he looked around to strike up a conversation. The boys performing were doing their best, but not a chirp was heard out of the crowd. The old knock 'em down and drag 'em out fisticuff action was totally absent. Said the yawning customer: "There's Jimmy Cooley up there serving as referee and over there sits Eddie Webber, the city smoke eater. It's going to take fighters of the Cooley and Webber type to restore the popularity of boxing in Indianapolis. They gave you what you wanted—a battle."

The customer just about hit the nail on the head. Sports fans nowadays demand something better than a sparring match. In the parlance of the street, the cash spectators want "murder." It's the spirit of the times. Veteran boxing goers used to show up early at the auditorium on Virginia avenue when Cooley and Webber were down for a scrap. It was a case of "win or lose" with the slugging rivals and they ran a close race in knocking each other into slumberland. It was merely a question of who was first to connect on the point of the chin.

IN this connection the Washington A. C. boxing promoters of Indianapolis declare they appreciate the value of the maulers in the heavier weights as attractions, but they also point out that light heavies and giants are a scarce article in this state. They are scouting for talent that will make the scales groan, and perhaps luck will come their way eventually. The boxing fans, like the wrestling fans, crave to see and hear something big hit the floor. In the meantime, Washington A. C. is dickering for a bout between Tracy Cox, local junior welterweight, and Tony Herrera, the San Antonio Mexican. Tony outpointed Tracy in a ten round tiff in Texas several weeks ago and a re-match here is expected to receive a good play at the box office. The professional boxing game in Indianapolis is on its last legs and a quick restorative is needed to save the fighters. And think of a box fighter going to work!

A READER in Beech Grove lodges a grievance against the Times-Legion Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament and wants the soldier milt boys barred. He expresses the opinion that the United States army leads fight "from Texas to Maine" and are far ahead of the average civilian amateur in experience. It's unfair, he says. The answer is that Uncle Sam's army has two groups of boxers, amateur and professional. There are professional fighters at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, but they do not compete in amateur matches. The Chicago Tribune, high chief of the Golden Gloves tournaments, permits soldier amateurs to try for honors in all of its events. Moreover, the Amateur Athletic Union keeps its eye on the khaki-clad lads and makes every effort to watch their fistic movements. Another thing, officers of Ft. Benjamin Harrison, the commissioned officers in charge of sports for the soldiers, will be glad to give the history of their amateur and professional boxers. The United States army stresses amateur sports of all branches, but now and then a rifle totter will step out in search of extra tobacco money. When that happens, he is through as an amateur. The other night, at Tomlinson hall, Tim Garrett, a former local Golden Gloves winner, entered the professional ranks and made a sorry showing against a professional of minor rating. It was convincing proof there is a wide difference between amateurs and pros in the army.

IT would be unfair to the soldier boys if Indianapolis outlawed Ft. Benjamin Harrison in amateur athletics. The army post teams, boxing, baseball, basketball, bowling and football compete week in and week out with sports teams of the city, both in Indianapolis and at the post. It's true that for a long stretch of years professional boxing was encouraged and staged in the old "Punch Bowl" on the government ground, but it was a separate enterprise and the profits were contributed to the post amateur athletic fund. Many firm and lasting friendships have been formed among members of Indianapolis and Ft. Benjamin Harrison athletic squads. Our Beech Grove reader is aiming at something, however, that hits right along with the ideas of this column. This Times writer believes that after three or four years of competition in amateur boxing it would be advisable to "seed" the experienced lads and avoid matching them with the boys of less training in the glove science. The current Times-Legion Golden Gloves officials are doing the best they can along these lines by conducting a "novice" division separate from the punch amateur division. The "novice" division is a step in the right direction. The Amateur Athletic Union does not place a limit in years of activity on amateur boxers. It's the guess of this column that some time in the future this will be done.

Former Tennis Queen Hopes for Action During '34 Play

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Helen Wills Moody is recovering rapidly from her back injury, and hopes to return to active competition during the coming season, she hinted yesterday in a letter to Mrs. George W. Wightman of Brookline, also a former national tennis champion. "I feel that I am making rapid progress," said Mrs. Moody, who sprained her back just before the Wightman cup matches last August and was forced to default to Helen Jacobs in the final of the national championships. "For the time being I am taking things easy, permitting myself no chances and following out the doctor's orders to the letter. He says that I must have plenty of rest and that is just what I am doing."

Despite Mrs. Moody's optimistic report, Mrs. Wightman was doubtful that she would be ready to compete with her old skill and power during 1934. It was reported yesterday that Helen Jacobs, who is wintering in Melrose; Frank Shields and George Lott are on a team of six men and women players whose plans to play in the Jamaica, West Indies, championships in a few weeks, is now before the U. S. L. T. A. Sarah Palfrey of Brookline may be included in the party, it was said. In any event, Miss Jacobs expects to compete in the New England indoor championships at Longwood, starting March 19.

WASHINGTON FROSH WIN Washington's freshman netters scored a 17-15 victory over Broad Ripple high school youngsters at the west side gym Thursday.

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Track Bill Is Sellout

Wanamaker Mile Event Is Feature of Annual Millrose Games.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A capacity house of more than 16,000 spectators is assured for tomorrow night's Millrose games at Madison Square Garden. All reserved seats have been sold, and the remaining 5,000 balcony seats will be sold at the Garden tomorrow.

The rush for tickets was caused by the quality of competing fields. Every National A. A. U. outdoor track champion on the flat from 100 to 10,000 meters, as well as assorted hurdles, steeplechase, vaulting and jumping champions and most of the indoor titleholders will compete.

Two of the feature events will be the Wanamaker mile race and the high jumping. Glenn Cunningham, the Kansas flier, was expected to arrive today to renew his track feud with Gene Venzke of Pennsylvania in the mile. Fans and officials hoped that Venzke's indoor world record of 4 minutes 10 seconds might be lowered in this meeting.

In the high jump, Walter Marty of Fresno State college, Cal., holder of the outdoor record of 6 feet 8 1/2 inches, clashes with George Spitz of New York university, who set the indoor mark of 6 feet 8 1/2 inches. Marty is training at the New York A. C. H. said he had a cold. Officials regarded this as a favorable omen, because Marty was suffering from a heavy cold the night he made his record. He jumps best when he feels bad.

Big Ten Leader Gets Row Data

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 2.—University of Southern California officials yesterday said they had turned over data in their athletic controversy with the University of Iowa to Major John L. Griffith, Big Ten athletic commissioner.

The mass of correspondence was sent to Chicago "for the record," officials said, refusing to explain whether this meant U. S. C. was abandoning the quarrel or reviving it.

U. S. C. demanded that Iowa apologize for charges of athletic coaches that Bud Froning and Duane Swanson, star freshman basketball players, were "contacted" before they left Iowa to enter U. S. C. They were refused admission to the school here.

ROLLER LINEUPS ARE LISTED FOR SUNDAY

The starting lineups of the Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis roller polo teams when they meet Sunday afternoon at Tomlinson hall were announced today as follows:

Ft. Wayne: First Rush, Lewis Thompson, Second Rush, Lewis Thompson, Third Rush, Lewis Thompson, Fourth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Fifth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Sixth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Seventh Rush, Lewis Thompson, Eighth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Ninth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Tenth Rush, Lewis Thompson. Indianapolis: First Rush, Lewis Thompson, Second Rush, Lewis Thompson, Third Rush, Lewis Thompson, Fourth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Fifth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Sixth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Seventh Rush, Lewis Thompson, Eighth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Ninth Rush, Lewis Thompson, Tenth Rush, Lewis Thompson.

SAVOLDI THROWS WHITE MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 2.—Joe Savoldi, Three Oaks, Mich., defeated Jack White of Milwaukee in the main go of a wrestling card here last night. The former Notre Dame football star flopped his opponent in 38 minutes 42 seconds with a flying tackle.

Ready for Golden Gloves Gong



Benny Dichner

Wiffy Cox Cops Lead in Caliente Golf Tourney

BY GEORGE H. BEALE

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AGUA CALIENTE, Mexico, Feb. 2.—Wiffy Cox, Brooklyn (N. Y.), pro, clung to a two-stroke lead to pace the field past the half-way mark in the \$7,500 Agua Caliente golf championship today.

Cox headed into the third round of the seventy-two hole annual classic with a sparkling 139, giving him a two-stroke advantage over Paul Runyan of White Plains, N. Y., the defending titlist. Willie Hunter of Los Angeles, former British amateur champion, matched scores with Runyan to deadlock the runner-up position.

Two strokes out of second place with 143's came Horton Smith, Oak Park (Ill.) pro; Bill Mehlhorn of Louisville, Olin Dutra of Santa Monica, Calif., and Dick Ghezzi of Rumson, N. J.

Craig Wood of Deal, N. J., the leader yesterday, slumped to take a 77 and wind up in fourth place. Bracketed with him were Abe Espinosa of Chicago and Jimmy Thomson of Long Beach.

Art Bell of Honolulu replaced Dr. Cliff Baker, Portland, Ore., dentist, in the amateur leadership, his 75 giving him a 149 total against Baker's 150. Leading scorers: 139—Wiffy Cox, Brooklyn, 69-70.

CANADA AND YANKEES IN DAVIS CUP PLAY

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The United States Davis cup tennis team will meet Canada in the opening round of the North American zone this year, it was determined in the draw conducted today.

Fights Last Night

AT CHICAGO—Solly Dukelsky, Chicago, defeated Karl O'Brien, Chicago, middleweights (10); Bobby O'Dowd, Sioux City, Ia., defeated Jack Lisowski, 144 lb., Paul (3); Frankie Knauer, 142 lb., Eagle River, Wis., knocked out Cadey Case, 144 lb., Paul (3).

AT YPSILANTI, Mich.—Seal Harris, 240, Chicago, and Frankie Simms, 217, Cleveland, drew 10; Eddie Anderson, Detroit, knocked out Billy Scher, Wyandotte, Mich. (2); Joe Hyland, Detroit, defeated John Tugard, Detroit (4); Manuel Cantera, Detroit, defeated Jim Crawford, Jackson, Mich. (4); Jim Chalk, Detroit, defeated Ray Frachette, Detroit (4).

PARK NETTERS READY Park school netters tapered off net drills today preparing for their clash with Castleton at the Park gym Saturday night. Coach Lou Reichel indicated he would start Hackleman and Captain McMurtrie at forwards, Birtwright at center and Allen and Alex Carroll at guards, but might change his guards to use Remy, who has been showing well in practice.

HE'S VERSATILE An all-round player who fits in at first base, behind the bat and in the outfield and is a good batter, besides, has been signed by the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. He is Joe Marty, a big right-handed hitter and thrower, who recently finished high school at Sacramento.

ELI HORSEMAN TRIUMPH DETROIT, Feb. 2.—Paced by Robert E. Lee Wilson III, who scored eleven goals, the Yale university polo team swamped the Grosjean Pointe team here last night, 19 to 8 1/2.

Awaiting Spring

IT'S springtime now in Florida, where Heinie Manush, outfielder on the Washington Senators American League champion baseball club, is vacationing, but Heinie's impatient for real baseball weather.



Golden Gloves Fights in Armory Ring Tonight

First Round of Annual Tournament Will See Fifty Amateur Scrappers in Action: Boys Will Weigh in This Afternoon.

More than a hundred youthful neophytes in the knuckle knighthood were at the threshold of fistic fame today awaiting the opening gong in the second annual Times-Legion Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament in the Armory at 8 tonight.

Fifty of them will get their chance tonight to push on towards an Indianapolis championship and a trip to Chicago to meet titlists selected in thirty-three other midwestern cities. The remaining fifty will mix in their first bouts next Friday night, Feb. 9, and the local champions will be crowned in the Armory Friday night, Feb. 16.

The mittmen will weigh in at the Armory this afternoon, and pass rigid physical examination before they are allowed in the ring. Drawings for the fights will be made shortly before the program begins. The bouts will be conducted under rules of the Indiana-Kentucky Amateur Athletic Union, which has sanctioned the tourney. Each fight will be for three two-minute rounds, with a decision mandatory on the judges at the conclusion. There are no draws.

Two classes of scraps are on the bill. Boxers who have had no previous tournament experience have been listed in the novice division, and while the novice champs will receive awards, they will not be on the team that goes from Indianapolis to the Chicago tourney, Feb. 26, 27 and 28.

The open division winners, eight in all, will make the trip to the Windy City to participate in the Chicago Tribune's Tournament of Champions, as guests of The Times and the Bruce Robison post of the American Legion, which arranged the tourney here. Winners and runners-up in the Chicago meet will fight in New York in March, and take part in an international tourney this summer. Tonight's fights will be broadcast, blow by blow, over WKBF, with Steve Wilhelm, the station's sports announcer, at the microphone. Tickets will be on sale at the armory tonight, with ringside ducaats at \$1, reserved seats 50 cents, and general admission 25 cents.

Glove Meet Officials

Officials of the Golden Glove tournament are:

Judges—Al G. Feeney, Ed Clemens, Ed Zimmer, and Ted Sullivan. Referees—Heze Clark, Happy Atherton, Jimmy Cooley, and Merle Aite.

Timers—Will Jordan, Carl Matterton, Frank Skinner and Don Hadler.

Announcers—Harry Geisel, Everett Sexton, and Don Hammer.

Examining Physicians—Drs. Will Long, Joseph L. Storey, and J. C. Daniels.

Clerk of Boxing—Fred C. DeBorde.

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By United Press

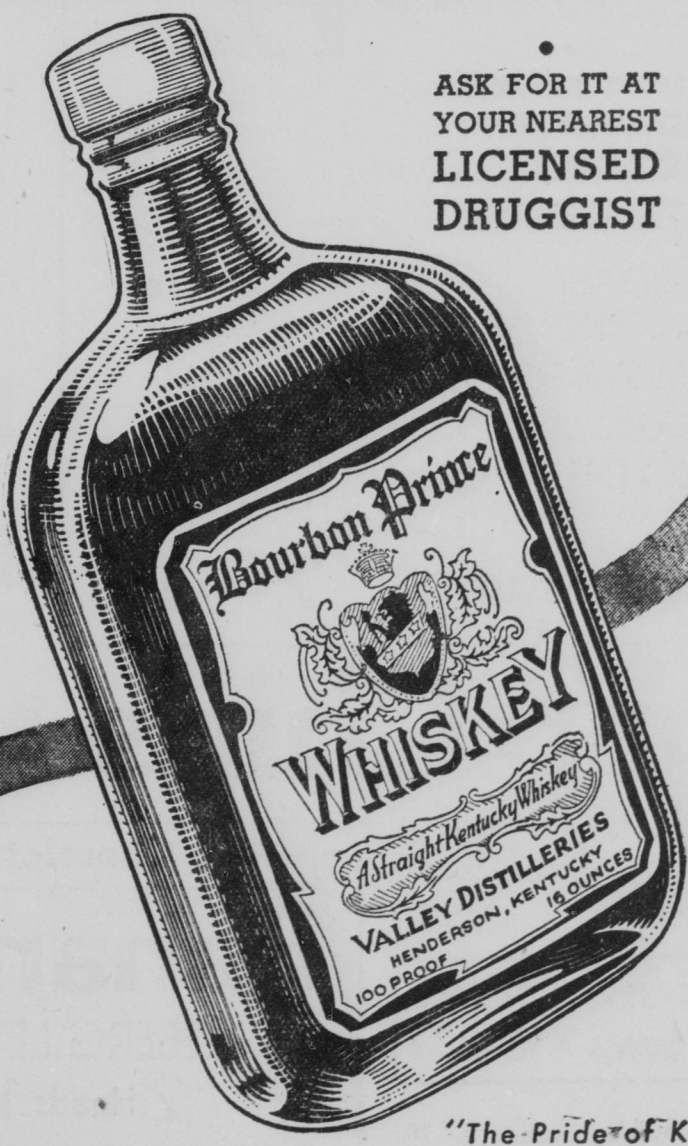
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 2.—The Indiana university star mile relay team left today for New York, where its members will take part in the Millrose games at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

Ivan Fuqua, Brazil, an Olympic star, will head the quartet. Charles Hornbostel, Wes Bicking and Duke Hobbs are others making the trip. Fuqua also is to compete in the 600-meter event, and Hornbostel will defend his 1,000-meter championship.

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