



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 show 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 of power, and perhaps luck will come their way eventually. The boozing 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 mitt boys barred. He expresses the opinion that the United States army lads 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 theiristic fine 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 toter 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 throwers who have had previous tournament experience. 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

By United Press

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 Brooklyn 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 yearlings at the west side gym Thursday.

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Track Bill Is Sellout

Wanamaker Mile Event Is Feature of Annual Millrose Games.

By United Press

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 Venze of Pennsylvania in the mile. Fans and officials hoped that Venze'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 8½ inches, clashes with George Spitz of New York university, who set the indoor mark of 6 feet 8½ 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

By United Press

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 Duran 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: Indianapolis, Minor First Rush Butler, Thompson Second Rush Hiltman, Center Quigley, Basal Half Gaver, O'Brien, O'Brien, O'Brien.

The locals have been setting a fast pace and have lost but one game, that one to Richmond early in the season. Richmond tops the league standing with a perfect record, but have not played as many games as the Indians. The Ft. Wayne club is in third place.

There will be the usual amateur game Sunday at 2 o'clock, while the professional contest will start at 3.

SAVOLDI THROWS WHITE

By United Press

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.

Leading scorers:

139—Wiffy Cox, Brooklyn, 69-70.

Ready for Golden Gloves Gong



Benny Dichner

A FAST little welterweight, Benny Dichner, will be one of the chief hopes of the Washington Athletic Club in the Golden Gloves tourney, which starts tonight. Benny has been working faithfully at the Washington gym, 122½ South Illinois street, and looks in tip-top shape for the bouts. He weighs 147.

CARD GRAPPLERS LOSE

Southport high school set sail on new sport waters Thursday and was defeated in its first wrestling team event, Bedford defeating them, 43-3, in the Southport gym. The Stonecutters won all events except the 125-pound class, in which Porter of Southport gained a decision over Settle.

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 ducats at \$1, reserved seats 50 cents, and general admission 25 cents.

Officials of the Golden Glove tournament are:

Judges—Al G. Feeney, Ed Cullinan, Ed Zimmerman, and Ted Sullivan.

Referees—Heze Clark, Happy Atherton, Jimmy Cooley, and Merle Alte.

Timers—Will Jordan, Carl Matney, Frank Skinner and Don Hadley.

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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