



SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

SPORTS GOERS packed the National Guard Armory last night and they got a good run for their money as the professional boxers and wrestlers did their chores for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund. . . . Paid attendance was 3109.

Matchmaker and Promoter Lloyd Carter of the Hercules A. C. put together evenly matched adversaries in both boxing and grappling and took a bow for the crowd at the request of Harry Geisel, American League umpire who served as master of ceremonies.

Later, the MC was bounced out of his ringside chair as a grunt and groan beef trust "rassler" flopped over the ropes into the first row ringside right at the spot where Umpire Geisel was parked.

The State Athletic Commission announced that the gross gate was \$2689.70 and the net gate \$2227.54. . . . The sum to be donated to the Paralysis Fund is to be announced later.

In the main go boxing contest, an eight-rounder between Lou Thomas, Indianapolis, and Red Bruce, Pittsburgh, heavyweights, there was a difference of opinion between the judges and many of the fans. . . . Thomas got the unanimous decision of the judges but part of the huge crowd booted until the rafters shook.

It was the consensus of the ringsiders that Bruce's early lead entitled him to no worse than a draw. . . . But it was an interesting bout for heavyweights who are not classed as haymaker artists.

Bruce Jolts Thomas in Opening Heat

THOMAS WAS WARY in the first round and Bruce nailed him with a couple of jolting punches that were felt in Lou's corner. . . . The Indianapolis heavy threw a few himself in the second and belted Bruce in the midsection. . . . The big fellows continued to mix freely and in the fourth they both turned on additional steam and roughed it up to the delight of the customers.

Thomas trailed going into the sixth and he set out to catch up by smashing the Pittsburgher's nose and mouth. . . . Bruce lost a lot of blood in this cante and Lou had him holding on in the seventh.

In the eighth and last round the heavies let go with both gloves and treated the fans to a stirring finish.

IN ANOTHER fistic battle Bud Cotty, Indianapolis junior lightweight, got the judges' verdict over Cleveland Brown, Hamilton, O., in six rounds. . . . It was a corking fight and easily could have been called a draw with no protest from the fans.

The little fellows stood toe to toe and blazed away almost from the opening bell to the windup. . . . Brown proved a worthy foe with his longer reach and always had something to hand back after stopping a punch.

Cotty, like Brown, was out to score a knockout, and both barely missed accomplishing that very thing on more than one occasion. . . . Two judges voted for Cotty, the other for Brown.

In the opening boxing event, Bud Kelly, Cincinnati, won the decision over Joe Yee Kong, Indianapolis, six rounds. . . . They are featherweights. . . . Two judges voted for Kelly, the other for Kong. . . . It was that close. . . . The referee did not participate in rendering decisions.

Thom Defeats the Colorful Lansdowne

THE MAIN GO wrestling match had more than wrestling. . . . The colonial "Lord" Lansdowne of Springfield, O., lost to Billy Thom, Indiana University mat coach, but furnished the sideshow stuff. . . . He was accompanied by two "valets" who acted like trained seals and the crowd liked the showmanship.

Their match was scheduled for two best falls in three, one hour time limit, and they wrestled the full hour with only one fall, Thom getting it in 38 minutes with a cradle hold.

The men didn't grunt and groan like the average grappler but they were tricky and were still pawing and clinching well after midnight when the program ended.

Billy and the "Lord" wrestled both in and out of the ring and at times Referee Burns was caught in their clutches and made to share the "suffering."

AM RASCHER, Cedar Lake, Ind., downed Tom Zaharias, Pueblo, Colo., in the first mat struggle in 19 minutes. . . . The match was limited to one fall, 30 minutes, and Rascher pleased the customers by taking care of the growing Zaharias ahead of schedule.

Zaharias filled the role of "meanie" and defied Rascher to do something about it. . . . Tom is at his best when the crowd is on his neck and it was that way last night. . . . until the Hoosier banged him to the canvas for "keeps."

Morale Officers Map Plans To Increase Army Sports

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 28 (U. P.)—How the Army feels about sports even during war, was evidenced today by the announcement that Southern Army posts would not only continue athletics this spring but actually step up such activities.

Morale officers in eight southeastern states began mapping plans this week for an intensified sports program in Army posts—more basketball, softball, baseball and spring football.

Morale officers of the fourth corps early spring, outdoor sports area warned that the thousands of cities will be started soon and that young men in Southern Army posts may have a "moral slump." They explained that with the first excitement of war over, and the overseas conflicts boiling down to an everyday business, morale among troops here may decline. Young soldiers, itching to get into battle but not able to do so as yet, may become disgruntled at the inactivity. And that's where sports are going to step in.

This week's notice has gone out to Army posts: "Give them basketballs as well as guns, and a couple of hours of football may prove as important as that much drilling."

Receiving Funds

Morale officers reported that funds are being received from the War Department for the purchase of sports supplies. Now being opened are a large number of field houses, each costing \$77,000, in which a couple of basketball games, a half dozen wrestling matches and a 12-bout boxing card can be held simultaneously. Morale officers will contact civilian teams for basketball, baseball and football games.

Many colleges will have "B" teams or depleted freshman football squads this fall which will make up the bulk of their schedule with service teams. Even now a large number of Army-collegiate cage games are being played.

Take for example the sports layout at one southern camp, Ft. Jackson. This post has two dozen baseball diamonds, a mammoth new field house, four football and baseball fields and over \$50,000 worth of sports equipment, such as gloves and balls. Not only will the Army try to keep civilian sports activities humming, they are going to step up their spring sports schedule to a new high.

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'Orange Juice and Sunshine'—Boxing Evils?

Pro Cagers Get Together Tomorrow Night



Hank Luisetti (left) and Swede Anderson are All-Americans on the Phillips 66 basketball team.

'Rookie Beat Us'—Crawley

By UNITED PRESS

With state leadership fixed for many fans, but still a mighty big question mark to many others, Hoosier quintets say "here we go again" and rush back to the wars this week for at least 40 significant battles.

Murmurs of doubt seeped through the state grapevine regarding the state championship fixed by the Superiority of Evansville Central. No dispute marred their brilliant climb to the top of the state heap, but because of the blow-torch heat of the deciding Washington and Horace Mann games, the Central triumphs lacked that necessary finality.

The Bears are on top by all fair records. But Horace Mann and Washington, as well as a handful of others, keep a few teeth in the hardwood pile.

Duggins Did It

Mark Wakefield's Central boys have been juggling wins and losses around like odd change for the past few weeks, first racking up 11 victories, then turning nine of them back to the original victims by the forfeit route. Next the Bears retrieved a game from Tell City, who overstepped a ruling and made a return forfeiture.

The Central-Washington-Horace Mann triangle was summed up today by quotes from two coaches and a P. S. from Gary fans:

Marion Crawley (Washington coach), "Central had a fine team, it was Rookie Arthur Duggins who beat us."

Mark Wakefield (Central coach), "Washington had a fine team. That is the first time Duggins has hit this year."

Gary fans: "P. S. Central had a fine time. Duggins hit against us, too, probably for the second time this year."

Bowling Scores

High scores in last night's bowl-

ing:

Walt Holman, Pritchett Recreation, 682

Pat Heiss, W. Side, 683

Bob Hardacre, W. Side, 685

Sam Campbell, W. Side, 688

Al Kruse, Pritchett Recreation, 688

William Dugdale, City, 688

Larry Fox, H. A. C., 689

Bob Peiper, Pritchett Recreation, 689

Mike Williams, Pritchett Recreation, 690

Clive Hoffa, City, 692

Lee Carmichael, Allard, 692

Yoder, Wheeler, Lantz, 692

McCay, Star, 692

Heine, Franz, St. Philip's, 692

Heine, Scherer, Community, 692

John Tamay, City, 692

George R. City, 692

Bill Berger Jr., City, 692

John Steele, City, 692

Pat Heiss, Pritchett Recreation, 692

Harris, Pritchett Recreation, 692

Horngren, Pritchett Recreation, 692

Ralph Wright, City, 692

Tilford, Wright, 692

Jack Smith, Cook's Goldblume, 692

Gene Smale, City, 692

Bob Weller, Community Rec., 692

Ralph Ittenbach, Gyo, 692

Bill Van Pelt, Fountain Square Rec., 692

Mike Killion, City, 692

Art Dobbins, City, 692

Al Mengen, I. A. C. Classic, 692

Mabel Maidens, Triangle, 692

Ripple, Howe Win City Frosh Tilts

Broad Ripple and Howe freshman basketball teams scored intra-city high school victories yesterday.

It was the season's seventh triumph for Ripple as the Rockets defeated Cathedral, 21 to 18, yesterday at Broad Ripple. Ralph Chapman paced the winners with 10 points.

Howe freshmen gave Tech its first defeat of the season, 31 to 20, on the latter's home floor. Tech previously had won nine straight games.

Rubens Wins No. 3

Harry Rubens defeated Harry Cooler, 50 to 44, in a state three-cushion billiard tournament match at Cooler's parlor yesterday afternoon. The match went 96 innings.

At one point of the match, Rubens had a 16-point advantage before Cooler rallied. Rubens had three clusters of four and took high run honors with a five. Cooler's best string was three points.

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