

Four Local Champions In Golden Gloves Tourney Tonight

Boxers From 39 Cities Weigh in for Midwest Eliminations at Chicago

Lighter Weight to Compete in First Night's Round; Heavier Classes Tomorrow

By EDDIE ASH, Times Sports Editor

CHICAGO, Feb. 21—Amateur boxing's most gigantic show, the Tournament of Golden Gloves Champions, gets under way tonight in Chicago Stadium and the Indianapolis Times-Legion lads will be in there throwing leather along with the best of the young slabang artists from all points in the farflung Golden Gloves empire.

The opening night's card calls for the kingpins from 39 Golden Gloves centers representing the four lighter weights to give and take over the three-round route.

It's a three-night presentation ofistic fireworks held under the auspices of the Chicago Tribune Charities.

Boxing will be continuous in three rings starting at 7 p. m. and lasting until approximately 120 bouts have been run off.

10-Ounce Gloves

The 112, 118, 126 and 135 pound classes will fight tonight. The 147, 160, 175 classes and heavyweights will box tomorrow. All eight classes will compete on Wednesday. Drawings are made each day at 1 p. m. The weigh-in was held at noon and physical examinations followed.

Ten-ounce gloves will be used in all weights and each bout will be three rounds of two minutes each. Three judges will give the decision since the referee will not vote.

At the conclusion of the bouts on Wednesday night, 32 boys in all weights will have qualified for the semi-finals and finals, which will be held at the Chicago Stadium on Mar. 4.

Amateur fistcuffers eager to sing it out are here from cities and towns in the Midwest, upper Midwest, South, Southwest, North-West and Far West.

No Draw Decisions

It's an elimination tourney and one defeat sends a contestant to the sidelines until next year. Like in Indianapolis, draw decisions are barred and a winner always must be declared.

The Tournament of Champions is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union and A. A. U. Amateur boxing regulations prevail.

The Indianapolis Times-Legion officials made one change in their eight-man team. Alonzo Easley, Senate Avenue Y. M. C. A. 160-pound middleweight champion, begged off because of illness and did not make the trip. He was replaced by Robin Hood, who fought as a welterweight in the Indianapolis tourney but who volunteered to try his luck as a mid-weight in Chicago.

Indianapolis boxers scheduled to see action tonight are Ralph Saxon, flyweight; Walter Haywood, bantamweight; John Thomas, featherweight, and Horace Sumner, lightweight.

Due to enter battle tomorrow from Indianapolis are Andrew Anderson, welterweight; Robin Hood, middleweight; Harry Dunn, light heavyweight, and Jim Watson, heavyweight.

Florida Rumbles With Bookie Revolt

Gamblers May Pull Bolt on 'Syndicate'

MIAMI, Feb. 21 (UPI)—A winter season already shaping up as unique in the history of the Florida playground headed toward an all-time high for the unusual today with rumblings of a "bookies' revolt."

A tight season in terms of money had the luxury trade in a frantic scramble for the tourist dollar. But the odds-on choice for the year's most remarkable news was a report that bookies were threatening to quit a powerful bookmakers' "syndicate" because it obeyed the governor of Florida.

Illegal bookmaking in Florida went underground Friday when Gov. Fuller Warren ordered all the law-enforcement agencies at his command—including sheriffs—to arrest all bookies.

Hurts Treasury

Bookies, the governor said, were diverting too much money from the state treasury. Florida gets an 8 per cent cut of all money legally bet at the state's 17 horse and dog racing tracks.

The unprecedented order resulted in only two arrests in the most active betting counties. Dade (Miami and Miami Beach) and Broward, bordering on the north—where at least 600 illegal bookies were at the peak of operation.

The "word" had gone out over the wires of the S. and G. syndicate, which controls most of the bookmaking on Miami Beach, by other means—"Don't run today."

Still Take Bets

They haven't run since. Bookies were taking bets furiously everywhere, but the order was a crushing blow to the books which paid up to \$50,000 for a bet concession at beachfront luxury hotels.

"What are we paying that kind of dough?" one bookie asked a reporter. "I'm sick and tired of being told 'nothing doing today' whenever the governor or the sheriff makes a statement. We can do better without those syndicate mugs."

Another bookie drew agreement from others when he proposed a meeting to organize revolt against the syndicate.

Purdue Cagers Clash Tonight With Michigan

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (UPI)—Purdue's erratic basketeers could assume the giant-killer role in Big Nine cage play this week and too sure it will happen.

The Boilermakers, winners of only six out of 10 league games, open the week tonight at third-place Michigan and Saturday they

only when the Gophers took a 54 to 47 win at Ann Arbor Saturday. It was the first home loss for Michigan since February, 1947.

Illinois was expected to have little difficulty with seventh place Iowa tonight, but the last place Northwestern team Saturday may be a stronger opponent.

Headliners on Card

The Iowa-Illinois and Purdue-Michigan clashes headline tonight's league card of four games. Other conference contests are Ohio State at Indiana and Northwestern at Wisconsin with the Buckeyes and Badgers' favorite in games which could go either way.

Saturday four more games are on the program. In addition to the Purdue-Minnesota and Illinois-Northwestern tilts, Indiana plays at Iowa and Michigan and Ohio State, Minnesota will play after losing to Michigan Saturday's bill with a non-conference game at Michigan game winning streak which ended State.

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Bob Burns, Phillip Bales, Tommy Ramon, Gene Wiley, Don Sciscom, George DeBoy, Don Brosnan, Jerry Johnson, Wayne Waddell, Leo Marchant, Jack Owens and Jim Ellin (left to right) comprise the Bloomington High School wrestling team that won its fifth straight state mat championship at Bloomington Saturday night. Coach Clifford (Two-Bits) Myers' Panthers also completed their fifth straight dual meet season last week without a loss to Indiana opposition.



Caps Trim Rockets, 6-3, Sweep Season Series; Hornets Blast Flyers

Face Tough 5 Games on Road This Week; Focus Attention on Cleveland, Pittsburgh

By BILL EGGERT

Indianapolis has "come a long way from St. Looey" in the American Hockey League race but now it's Pittsburgh and Cleveland that must be reckoned with in the battle for any one of the three positions in the Western Division.

St. Louis, leader most of the last night at home from Pittsburgh with a grand slam here against Philadelphia, 6 to 3, before 8765 paying customers.

It was the Caps' sixth victory in as many games against the lowly Rockets from the Eastern Division.

With 12 games to play in order to complete the 68-game schedule, here's the job before the Caps: five games on the road at Washington, tomorrow; Buffalo, Tuesday; Cleveland, Saturday; St. Louis, Mar. 12, and Pittsburgh, Mar. 19. Home games are yet to be played with Cleveland, Feb. 27; Providence, Mar. 3; Washington, Mar. 6; New Haven, Mar. 10; Hershey, Mar. 13; Buffalo, Mar. 17, and Pittsburgh, Mar. 20 (the final night).

4-Goal Period

We can go out on the limb and predict that St. Louis will miss the playoffs because the Flyers this week start a seven-game road trip a tough assignment for even the best clubs.

The Caps played good hockey only when they had to last night against Philadelphia, and they had to in the final period.

Left Winger Nelson Podolny started a four-goal first-period spree for the Caps with a pivot shot at 1:19 against Goalie Floyd Perras. Gerald Reid skated deep to Perras' left for another at 3:41. Gordon Haldy beat in rebound at 8:21 and things got more miserable for the fuses. Rackets at 13:27 when Freddie Glover swished a quick shot by Perras, the sieve.

Wally Stefanow tripped any plans for a Cap shutdown at 1:21 of the second period as he drove the puck quickly to Goalie Terry Sawchuk's right from a close-in.

Goal Judge Quits

A few moments later Haldy took a shot that Goal Judge Rolly Vornhein thought went in and out. Official Hec McLean ruled no goal saying the puck hit the cage post which Haldy confirmed after the game. But it was McLean's inarticulate language with Vornhein that led Vornhein to walk away from the goal light. He was replaced by Dick Mohr who blinked the light at 18:49 as Glover canned his second goal of the game.

Philadelphia forced the play in the final period after Perras returned to the ice following a chin

Both Teams Hit Stride

Since that game both teams have come along fast, the Aggies losing only to Oklahoma and the Billikens showing improvement with each game, except for a temporary lapse last week when they were upset by Ohio State.

A victory by St. Louis only

would improve its national standing but also would carry the Billikens into a deadlock with the Aggies for the top rung in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Kentucky, rolling along with only one setback in 23 games—by St. Louis in the Sugar Bowl—faced comparative "breathers" this week. The Wildcats, who received news yesterday that they have been top-seeded in the forthcoming Southeastern Conference tournament, face

the Aggies in the third annual Store League at New Haven, P. Greenwood Legion vs. Cox's Tavern, Big Bill Legion vs. Monarch Steel, 9, St. Joe

RESULTS LAST NIGHT

Buffalo 2, Springfield 1.

INDIANAPOLIS 6, Philadelphia 3.

Cleveland 1, New Haven 6.

Providence 7, Hershey 1.

Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 2.

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Toronto 4, Chicago 2.

New York 3, Montreal 2.

1000-Yard Champ Faces Challenge

Amateur Basketball

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (UPI)—Bob Mealey, a 19-year-old Cornell sophomore today faced the challenge of proving that he did not "sneak" into the National AAU 1000-yard championship.

Mealey, who won the title with a last lap sprint after Phil Thigpen of Seton Hall and Marcel Hansenne of France concluded a slugfest, can meet Thigpen in the IC4A indoor track championships at Madison Square Garden.

Hansenne won't be there, but at least Mealey could prove his superiority.

The Negro defending champion slowed the place down to turtle speed, hugging the rail with Hansenne impatiently gnawing at his heels.

By the same token, several small-town powers are likely to turn the tables on their more celebrated" cousins.

A quick sputch of the 64 sectional tourneys shows that first-round defending champs who will have a rough time repeating included:

Cannelton, whose path into the regional should be blocked by powerful Tell City, beaten only once in 21 games.

Columbus, which will bump up against unbeaten Fairland or Shelbyville's up-and-coming 1947 state champs.

Michigan City, in the La Porte sectional.

St. Francis, the parochial school which won last year at Paoli, the first time it entered the tourney.

Garrett, in the Auburn sectional where Auburn's northeastern conference champs are favored.

Chester Township at Wabash, Hartford Center at Decatur.

Start Tomorrow

The sectionals will get under way tomorrow night at the double sites of Gary and Valparaiso, Hammond and East Chicago, and the 15-team two-bracket center at South Bend.

By Thursday night all 64 sectional centers will have moved into high gear in order to prune the field of 769 starters to 104 sectional survivors Saturday night.

This marks the first time in the 39-year history of the Hoosier schoolboy hardwood classic that sectionals are spread over a five-day period. Officials said that scheduling games tomorrow night helps to bring about more equal ticket distribution.

Showdown' In South Bend

Although only 22 games will be played tomorrow, at least one of them will be a "showdown" battle. That's the South Bend Central-Mishawaka game at South Bend. The two northern clubs share the Eastern NHSC title. They met twice during the season and both times Mishawaka's tall Cavemen emerged victorious.

South Side Turners Win Basketball Title

Indianapolis South Side Turners won the American Turners Central District basketball title here yesterday, defeating Ft. Wayne, 47 to 40.

Ft. Wayne won the junior division, downing Evansville, 47 to 40.

The national tourney will be held on the local floor Mar. 5 and 6.

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