

N. Y. Board Calls Graziano in Probe Of Bribe Offer

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (AP)—Middleweight boxer Rocky Graziano will have opportunity Friday to convince the New York Athletic Commission that the

\$100,000 bribe offer he claims to have received was too "ridiculous" to report.

Graziano's chance for a return title bout with Middleweight Champion Tony Zale on March 21 possibly is at stake.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, whose investigation of sports contests already has resulted in the conviction of one man and indictment of three others in connection with an attempted "fix" in professional

football, disclosed the bribe offer to Graziano.

Graziano told reporters last night that Hogan and his assistants had twisted into something serious his story of being offered a bribe to "throw" his scheduled fight Dec. 27 with Ruben (Cowboy) Shank of Denver, repeating his story of the visit of an unidentified man to his dressing room, Graziano said.

"The thing was so ridiculous I figured the guy was kidding and I kidded back with him. Nobody ever offered me a bribe seriously in my whole career."

'Aliment' Said Faked

However, Chairman Eddie Egan ordered Graziano to appear Friday before the Athletic Commission "in connection with the circumstances surrounding his canceled fight" with Shank.

Irving Cohen, Graziano's manager, said he asked the cancellation after the fighter developed a back ailment. Hogan had said Graziano "faked" a sore back to halt the match.

Egan said the commission can "take disciplinary action if a fighter has been offered a bribe and has not reported it to the commission."

Last September Graziano gave Zale a pounding before the champion rallied in the sixth round to win by a knockout. Their rematch was expected to draw a gate that would net Graziano close to \$100,000.

Alleged 'Fixer' Sought

Hogan, declining to comment on Graziano's complaint that his story was misinterpreted, meanwhile sent out a 48-state alarm for David (Pete) Krakauer, indicted on bribery and conspiracy charges in connection with an attempt to "fix" the National Professional Football League title game Dec. 15.

Krakauer, described by Hogan as a "known gambler," was one of three men indicted Monday after the grand jury had heard testimony by Alvin J. Paris, who was convicted Jan. 8 of offering bribes to Frank Filchok and Merle Hapes of the New York Giants to "throw" the Dec. 15 game to the Chicago Bears. The bribes were not accepted. The Bears won, 24 to 14.

The other two indicted were Harvey Stemmer and Jerome Zarowitz, who pleaded innocent at their arraignment yesterday.

Zarowitz, said by police to be a clerk in an Elizabeth, N. J., bet-making office for which Paris was front man, was held in \$10,000 bail. Stemmer is serving a prison term for attempted bribery of Brooklyn College basketball players in 1945.

Louis, Godoy Billed For Third Battle—in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 29. (AP)—The third meeting of heavy-weight champion Joe Louis and Chilean Arturo Godoy is expected to draw 47,000 fans and between \$80,000 to \$100,000. When the two square off in a 10-round exhibition bout here Feb. 5.

The rounds will be two minutes each instead of the required three in a regular scrap and Marshall Miles, Louis' co-manager, insisted, "Joe can't lose his title even if Godoy should be lucky enough to knock him out."

The prewar price of gasoline in Berlin was 59 cents a gallon.

Two Champions Billed on Next Mat Menu Here

Two Pacific Coast wrestling champions, appearing in a double main event, will be featured by Matchmaker Don Owen on his weekly mat show at the Armory here Saturday.

Pete Belcastro, coast junior-heavyweight titleholder, will meet Jack Lipscomb in one of the one-hour non-title engagements. Billy Goetz, coast light-weight champ, will meet Buck Weaver, the sensational newcomer in the other attraction.

Belcastro, the "Walloping Wop from Weed", made a successful defense of his crown against Walter Achu here last week, but is expected to face a more formidable foe in Lipscomb. Douglas County mat followers have been asking for the Belcastro-Lipscomb match for many months, anticipating one of the roughest, toughest brawls in history.

Both grapplers are villains of the first water, but Lipscomb is considered the better wrestler. While Belcastro specializes in fast-fists—haymakers and uppercuts—the so-called "Hoosier Hot Shot" may use any kind of illegal tactics. Lipscomb uses rabbit punches, kidney blows and anything in the books to gain a victory—and he is anxious to decisively Belcastro in hopes of gaining a title tilt in the near future.

With two champions appearing on the same program—one a knockdown and drag-out and the other a scientific classic—a capacity crowd is virtually assured for the Roseburg Armory Saturday night. Fans are urged to make early ringside seat reservations.

Fullerton Leads In School League

Roseburg's elementary schools have pried the lid off their new basketball league with Fullerton's crimson-clad "Tide" holding first place at the end of the first round with a record of three wins and no losses.

The Grade School League, inaugurated and directed by the Roseburg elementary principals, began the season with teams from Benson, Edenhower, Fullerton and Rose. All games have been scheduled for the Fullerton gym on Tuesday afternoons, with two games always on tap.

Youthful rooters have followed their teams to the contests and furnish cheers in real "high school" style. Even a number of parents have been in attendance to watch their "future" Paposes and Indians in action.

At the halfway mark in a double round robin schedule the standing is as follows:

	W	L
Fullerton	3	0
Benson	2	1
Edenhower	1	2
Rose	0	3

Light Failure Slates Later Finish for Game

COOS BAY, Ore., Jan. 29. (AP)—Marshfield High of Coos Bay has a good chance to beat Myrtle Point March 4 in last night's basketball game.

Marshfield held a 43-26 lead when the lights went out last night. When the teams meet March 4 for their next game, they will play five minutes on the old game, then start over.

Grange Dates Dance

Sutherland Grange is sponsoring an "Old Time" benefit dance at Rice Valley Grange hall Saturday, Feb. 1. Door prizes will be given.

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'Lippy' Durocher Raps Judge Over Marital Tangle

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29. (AP)—Leo Durocher, who has done a lot of talking back to umpires as boss of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has picked a new target—the judge who is threatening to set aside the California divorce he granted last week to movie actress Laraine Day.

Durocher married Miss Day in El Paso, Tex., shortly after she obtained a Juarez, Mexico, divorce.

Superior Judge George A. Dockweiler, who a day earlier dissolved Miss Day's marriage to J. Ray Hendricks, air port executive, has summoned her before him next Tuesday to show why he should not rescind the decree.

Leo Gets Personal

The loquacious Leo, who all along has been saying only "no comment" finally issued a statement. It was about Judge Dockweiler. He said the judge released to the public the transcript of a conference in his chambers with Laraine and Leo when they flew back from El Paso.

Leo didn't stop there. He said he and Laraine were "legally man and wife and we intend to remain so as long as we live."

"It is a disgraceful situation," the Durocher communique continued. "When a supposedly holier-than-thou jurist can suggest—as he did to my wife and myself—that we annul our marriage and her Juarez divorce, and that the court would overlook our living in sin until her interlocutory decree becomes final. This, he explained would be legally permissible."

Judge Dockweiler said this of the boss of "dem bums":

"Mr. Durocher isn't a party to

the proceedings. He is at liberty to entertain any opinion he desires regarding my ability. I don't propose to engage in any discussion with him on the proprieties of the matter now pending. He's an interloper.

"I did not release the transcript to the press, but it was in no way private or unprivileged. Miss Day's lawyer started off with: 'This is for the record, Judge.'"

Judge Dockweiler said he didn't tell Laraine and Leo he could overlook their "living in sin" until her California interlocutory decree became final. He said he told them many couples violated the law in that regard and that he could not police the situation.

Fitzzy Defeats Savold

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29. (AP)—Fitzzy Fitzpatrick added another victory—his twentieth—to his local string when he decisively defeated the veteran Lee Savold of Paterson, N. J., in 10 rounds last night.

Fitzpatrick at 181 was out-weighted 24 pounds but carried the fight throughout.

Oregon High School Basketball Scores

By the Associated Press

Eugene 35, Springfield 32.
Salem 56, Oregon City 28.
Cottage Grove 33, Elmira 23.

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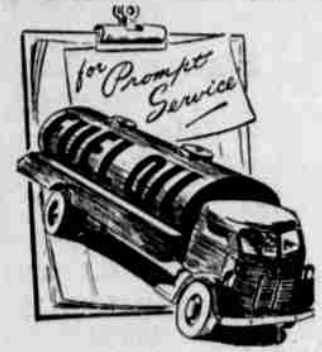
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