

LOUGHRAN AND STRIBLING 'HOPES'

Experts Believe Either of Two Fighters Has Prospect As Heavyweight

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—It has been demonstrated before that a good light heavyweight, or even a first class middleweight such as was Bob Fitzsimmons at one time, can clean up the heavyweight division.

There is a distinct need for some such cleaning up as the campaign of 1929 is about to get under way

and it would not be surprising to see the task performed by one of the other of these light heavyweight prospects—Tommy Loughran and W. J. (Young) Stribling. Speed and skill have been accomplished as much if not considerably more than the old-fashioned rock in this heavyweight era. Loughran and Stribling have both produced to ballyhoo the so-called strutting act but the Georgian has yet to demonstrate his potency outside the barn-storming circuit. Thirty knockouts in some 36 fights sounds impressive enough until the list of victims is scanned.

Yet there seems no doubt now to most critics that Stribling must be seriously reckoned with as a contender for Tunney's vacated title. The Georgian, a native of Georgia, has youth and unusual endurance in

his favor, and it is significant just now that he is more willing to mix with the top-notchers than they are with him.

Loughran's rise to the title heights frequently has been compared with that of Tunney and with considerable reason. The broad shouldered, road looking Philadelphia is not slow but is an unusually effective workman, fast ringwise and a good body puncher of Tunney's type. There is another parallel, for Loughran came back to win one of his greatest fights, from Len Torgelli, after being knocked down and almost out, just as Tunney was in his last battle with Jack Dempsey. Loughran displayed rare courage, as well as defensive skill and instinct, in saving himself from being knocked out by Torgelli, for he admitted later he was punch drunk for a half dozen rounds.

Loughran, like Tunney, has had a thorough schooling in light heavyweight ranks displaying a willingness to fight all comers.

LEWIS TAKES TWO FALLS IN TITLE MATCH

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Stranger Lewis, heavyweight wrestling champion, successfully defended his title here last night in a grueling match with Joe Malicewicz, the Tulsa panther.

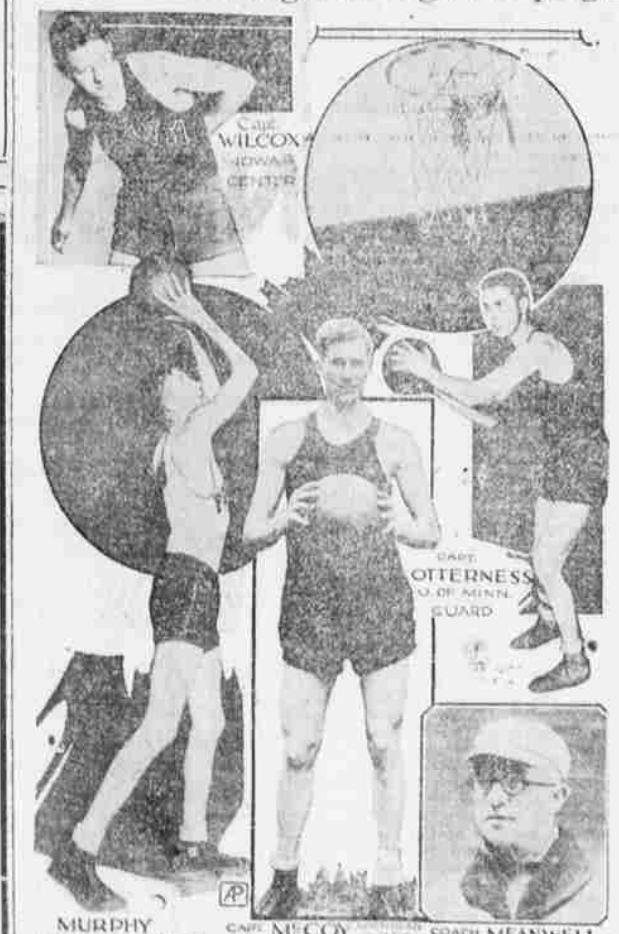
The Stranger won two out of three falls, the first with a headlock after 42 minutes and 35 seconds of hard grappling, and the final fall with a backward body slam in 14 minutes and 55 seconds, after a series of headlocks had weakened his opponent. Malicewicz won the second fall in three minutes and 10 seconds with a switch hold and backward body slam.

Lewis weighed 230 pounds and Malicewicz 240.

CRITICIZES WEST POINT
FOURKREEKER, N. Y., Dec. 20.—West Point's ability to win in football, which kept the Army from meeting Navy this year on the gridiron, were criticized here last night by Representative Hamilton Elms, Jr., as "undemocratic and unsportsmanlike."

LLOYD GEORGE ILL
LONDON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—David Lloyd George was indisposed and confined to his house this morning. He was to have participated in a debate on adjournment in the House of Commons today but doctors forbade him.

Purdue, Indiana Favored In Big Ten Cage Campaign



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Wisconsin

Western Conference basketball squads are long on size as the four stars above indicate. Coach Meanwell of Wisconsin says so many of his candidates are over-size that his famous short passing game may be impaired.

By PAUL MICKELSON
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
CHICAGO, (AP)—The Western conference basketball championship rule this winter promises to be as strict and close as the 1928 football campaign. The season opens January 3.

The Hoosier Delus, Purdue and Indiana, which tied for the title last season, are favorites, again second chance contenders are Iowa, Wisconsin and Northwestern.

Both Purdue and Indiana had the same problem to solve—find a running guard.

Purdue's last season team, Capt. Dale Wells and James Birch, and forward, Bruce McCracken, center, and Doug Schmidt, guard, were the mainstay.

Indiana has a team of giant size and the championship is expected to be a hard one to win at Madison. The Hoosiers

Johany Layton Defeats Hoppe In Final Match

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The first doubles-pointed cue championship tournament at which the pocket billiards and three cushion billiards championships of the world were at stake, ended in excitement early last night.

Johany Layton, the Missouri cue expert, retained the world's title in the three-cushion tournament by winning the final match from Willie Thayer, 20 to 25 in 22 minutes. The pocket billiards title, which also was to have been decided last night, remains in dispute.

Frank Talsberg, Schenectady, protested to the national billiards association following his interrupted match with Ralph Greenleaf, the champion, charging that Greenleaf violated the rules by leaving the room twice during the playing of their match.

While Layton and Hoppe were setting the three cushion title, the committee was wrangling over the Talsberg dispute.

The final decision of the committee was that Talsberg and Greenleaf should meet again tomorrow night. Greenleaf needs a victory over Talsberg to clinch retention of the title.

Third place in the pocket billiards tournament went to Edwin Haddock, of Chicago, who he defeated Pascual Nattali, 125 to 123 in 57 minutes. Otto Rosen, former champion, took third place in the three cushion tournament.

46,000 Seats Sold For Pasadena Game

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Jack McKenna, assistant graduate manager of the University of California, on the basis of an official check, today announced that a total of 46,000 tickets have been sold for the California-Georgia Tech football clash here New Year's day.

BEAN UNDER KNIFE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Louis E. Bean, member of the state public service commission for the last two years, will undergo a major surgical operation today at a Salem hospital. Bean has been ill for several weeks. His home is at Eugene.

Catalina's Golf Tourney Opened

AVAILON, Catalina Island, Cal., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Catalina Island's semi-miniature golf course board again today the crack of wood and

team in the reddest white pellets as eighty golfers drove off in the second day's qualifying round for Catalina's first annual \$2,500 open tournament. From 200 required to play the qualifying round, including Walter Hagen, British open champion, were applying today.

TOURNAMENT PLAY CONTINUES.
Ted Barnes, of Los Angeles, sprung the first surprise yesterday when he made the 36 holes of the qualifying round one under par. Barnes' score was 127.

COORVALLE, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Lewis (Hipp) Dickerson, suffering from a stab wound, passed a restful night and his condition showed little change this morning. An attack of influenza was complicating his case and attendants at the Aultman hospital said his recovery was still in doubt. Relatives were called here yesterday.

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