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ACE HUDKINS IS GIVEN DECISION

Wins Close and Spectacular Battle in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Putting a sparkling finish on a dual boxing year, Ace Hudkins the Nebraska Wildcat, has cleared his way to the position of leading contender for the world's middleweight championship.

He gained the prospect of a return match with Mickey Walker by slugging his way to a close decision over Roy Devoe, of Belgium, in Madison Square Garden last night. Hudkins lost one bout to Walker but returned to a decision that met with the approval of many fans.

Spectacular Show

The puncher from the corn country and the Belgian fox provided a spectacular show, battling on even terms up to the final round. Hudkins won only by his last round attack when he over his Devoe and forced him back in spite of a gallant attempt to stand at the end. Up to that time each had won four rounds and the two were even.

Many of the customers agreed with Referee Lou Maronito, who called the result a draw, but the two judges agreed that Hudkins had a slight edge.

Keeping right on top of his rival every minute, the shaggy haired Hudkins gained the victory by aggressiveness that would not be denied. He kept hitting steadily, in carrying the fight to Devoe regardless of the punishment he received. The same method brought him close to defeat in the eighth and ninth rounds when the Belgian made a standing attack of his own, shooting in sharper cleaner blows than had Hudkins energy for a while. Both fighters took plenty of punches during the battle and came out with a good supply of cuts and bruises.

Devoe received a big welt over the eye with his ninth round stand save. Hudkins several cuts around the mouth.

Will Walker Fight?

Whether or not Hudkins will go another shot at the title or will continue in the leading contender's role is open to question. Walker has taken two chances with the crown and before last night's battle was decided it was announced in Boston that the champion had agreed to fight three Feb. 8 in a non-title bout. His opponent is to be the winner of another middleweight contenders' battle between Dave Shande and George Chertney.

MEDIC AT IOWA RESIGNS

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 29 (AP)—Dr. Walter R. Hoess, who as medical supervisor of athletics at the University of Iowa has traveled more than 145,000 miles with Hawkeye teams, has announced his resignation effective Monday.

Dr. Leonard H. Hixson, former Iowa track star, will succeed him.

Six of Ten Coast Quintets Are Evenly Matched for Annual Race



MORTENSEN U. OF TORONTO
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It's not going to be a walkover for any team in the Pacific Coast conference. All but four teams pack plenty of scoring punch. Above are three of the stars in the conference.

FANS ANGLE (AP)—Basketball material appears to be so evenly divided among at least six of the conference teams of the Pacific Coast as to leave a bewilderingly close race for the championship. The season opens for January 10.

Southern California, winner last year, has a new coach, and is generally expected to lead the conference. The Golden Bears have a superb machine built around the tall and fast center, Vern Corbin, who stayed out of football to train for the cage game. Nike Price, who coaches both football and basketball, has developed Corbin into a marvel at

basket shooting. The California-at-Los Angeles Bruins, under Caddy Woods, will play their second season in the Coast Conference and present a stout but fast team with only one of last year's string left.

Stanford, not in the money last season, is generally rated among the leaders this year, with the return of virtually the whole varsity plus able reserves from a powerful Freshman squad.

The conference territory is split into two divisions, with the winners of each playing the other for the all-conference honors. Washington of the Northern half in 1928, is favored to repeat, but figures to have the closest kind of competition from Billy Hainbarth's Oregon tussler. Washington has most of its veterans in the lineup again, including Monte Snyder and Percy Bostard, star forward.

Oregon State looks like a runner-up. On paper Idaho, Washington State and Montana appear to have less rosy prospects.

GEORGIA TECH AND BEARS AT PEAK FOR TILT

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29 (AP)—The height of physical perfection today apparently had been reached by the football forces of Georgia Tech and California, which on New Year's day will carry the gridiron banners of the east and west into the Rose Bowl here for a battle of supremacy, announced today by the coaches of the respective squads indicating that 19-72 hours remaining before the tilt from classic would be spent in sparring off.

After a three-day practice week, the Golden Tornado of Tech was ready to blow over the Bear, and the California Bear was equally ready to reduce the redoubtable windstorm from the south to a gentle squall.

Not desiring to lose players through injury, Coach Clarence "Nile" Dyer of California and Coach Bill Alexander of Tech, said that from now on the tilt would be devoted to shorter workouts than have been in order.

The next best effort was a 49 turned in by Eddie Long of Pasadena, Cal., and Chicago, and Ed Dudley of Hollywood, Cal. Only Dudley of the Brentwood country club, Santa Monica, Cal., and Johnny Rogers, brilliant young Denver, Colo., golfer had 70's.

Walter Higon, British open champion, encountered trouble with his putter yesterday, but his 71 was two strokes below par.

East and West Playing Today On Frisco Grid

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Football fans from opposite sides of the country were on their toes today prepared for their fourth annual inter-sectional rivalry game. The westerners hold a big edge in the matter of victories thus far, having won the last three games played, but the easterners were made favorites to triumph this year. Injuries forced a re-arrangement of the west team two days ago.

The lineup was announced as follows:

Illinois	LT
Newark, Illinois	LT
Illinois, Minnesota	LT
Aschman, Wash. & Jert.	V
Pax, Pittsburgh	RG
Gillis, Pittsburgh	RT
Johnson, Northwestern	QB
Harpster, Carnegie Tech	QB
Weston, Boston College	LB
Hawth, Nebraska	LB
Hansen, Northwestern	FB
West	
Franklin, St. Mary's	LT
Green, Washington State	LT
Dick, Idaho	LT
Carroll, West Coast Army	C
Hobbs, Stanford	RG
Tully, St. Mary's	RT
Paid, San Francisco Olympics	QB
Kear, San Francisco Olympics	QB
Sims, Stanford	LB
Walker, Texas Tech	LB
Hoffman, Stanford	FB

Grande and other nearby points. Mrs. Millie Dean and children were house guests at the home of Mrs. N. W. Nebecker Christmas day.

Mrs. J. A. Leak returned Wednesday from Emmett, Idaho. She was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence De Gray and their son Robert. Mr. and Mrs. De Gray will make their home here with Mrs. Leak, who is Mrs. De Gray's mother.

Philip Burrows left Thursday evening to visit relatives and friends in Idaho and Utah points. He expects to be gone two or three months.

Tracy Park is suffering from a attack of influenza.

Lloyd Beckman, who teaches school here, is spending the holidays with his parents in Portland. He will return here for the opening of school Jan. 2.

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Beaver Squidlet Defeats Loggers
TACOMA, Dec. 29 (AP)—The Oregon State college basketball team defeated College of Puget Sound 45 to 27 here last night. The visitors took the lead in the early periods and increased it as the game progressed. Tolson center, gathered 12 points for O. S. C. Gillham gathered 16 points for the Loggers in a preliminary tilt. The Loggers in high five defeated Corvallis high school at Corvallis, Oregon 17 to 13.

FIGHT TO DRAW
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Charles O'Leary, 8-outh light-weight, and Young Sam Langford, San Francisco Negro, battled through ten fast rounds to a draw in the main event of a fight card here last night.

Tracy Ribben, 155 pounds, of Independence, won the referee's decision over Frankie Warkie, 152, Portland, in a slow six-round semi-winter.

SALISBURY, Dec. 29 (AP)—Brady Davis, 55, Salem race horse owner, was killed by a falling tree in the Silverton Hills district about six miles from Silverton Friday afternoon.

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NIGHT FIGHTS

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK—Jack McVey, New York, defeated Vincent Piarone, Philadelphia, (10). "Wildcat" Willie Bines, Chicago, outpointed Murray Layton, New York, (5); Bob Olin, Brooklyn, stopped Al Braddock, Jersey City, (7).

DORPION—Ernie Schaar, Boston, outpointed Johnny Risiko, Cleveland, (10); Jimmy Betyne, Louisville, outpointed Luke Warren, New York, (10); Al Gray, Los Angeles, stopped George Hoffmann, New York, (7); Eddie Corley, Boston, outpointed Steve Nagovul, Cleveland, (5).

CHICAGO—Joe Sakys, Dayton, O., outpointed George Bobby Brown, Philadelphia, (10); Jay Grove, New York, drew with Jack McVey, Chicago, (10); Tommy Hainbarth, Rochester, Ill., drew with Ross O'Brien, Chicago, (10).

INDIANAPOLIS—Tuffy Griffiths, Sioux City, Ia., stopped Chuck Doris, Detroit, (7); Tracy Cox, Indianapolis, outpointed Al Torres, Newark, N. J., (5).

MINNEAPOLIS—Jack Daniels, Minneapolis, knocked out Jack Murray, Boston, N. D., (12); Fritz Peters, Chicago, outpointed Bill Gorman, Minneapolis, (10) Dixie

Ja Hood, Butte, Mont., outpointed Dave Alder, St. Paul, (5).

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—Jackie Fuchs, Los Angeles, stopped Tommy Kika, Arizona, Mexican, (7).

MT. GLEN TEAM TRIMS UNION FIVE 19 TO 23

By Mrs. E. D. Whiting (Observer Correspondent)

MT. GLEN (Special)—The Christmas season has been very quiety spent here this year. Due to sickness, no community gatherings have been held. The school program and basketball game which were held the Thursday before Christmas, were the only public happenings. The program showed much care and thorough training of the children and was enjoyed by parents and friends of the pupils. The basketball game which was played immediately after the program between the Mt. Glen and Union M. I. S. teams, ended in a score of 19 to 23 in favor of the visiting team. A number of family dinners were enjoyed.

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