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### STRIBLING FAILS TO BEAT SHARKEY

#### Referee Magnolia Gives Bostonian Decision in Slow Match

By Alan J. Gould  
(Associated Press Sports Editor)  
MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 28 (AP)—The impetuous fling of youth, it seems, isn't enough. Young Stribling, idol of the south and a veteran of pugilism despite his 24 years, had his fling last night but at the end of the glamorous melodrama of Miami Beach, the official decision went to Jack Sharkey, the dour, chunky and hard hitting

Sharkey missed a half dozen lefts. As they broke into the open again, Jack tried to pummel the Georgian's body but Stribling bounced back. Another warning from Magnolia. Very impressively Magnolia tore them apart and waved for Stribling to stay above the belt. There was less and less action as the round dragged itself out.

ROUND 9—Sharkey tried hard to get in close and when he stung Stribling with a solid right to the body, Stribling fought back with a volley that pitched Sharkey again into the ropes. They wrestled and heaved around the ring in a light embrace but as they broke into the clear again Stribling smashed a beautiful left hook and sent a right to Sharkey's chin. Jack broke away but Stribling chased him and put him on the floor with another left to the head. Sharkey fought back with a barrage of punches but never touched the elusive southerner. As they came to close quarters, Stribling buried a left hook in the southerner's body and had him stowed and back pedaling when the bell sounded.

ROUND 10—There were more warnings for the fighters from the referee before the gong sounded for the last round. They came out jabbing carefully again the sailor peering coldly from his lowered eyes while Stribling danced about on his toes, hands low and evading almost every punch Sharkey threw at him. Jack finally caught the Southerner and pinned him to the ropes with a left to the body and right to the head which smothered Stribling's face again with blood. The Georgian fought back nailing Sharkey with two cutting left hooks to the pit of the stomach. Again they boxed until Sharkey landed a long overhand right that bounced from Stribling's chin. That called for more looking at close quarters. And they were slugging on the ropes in tight embrace when the final gong ended the rather featureless quarrel.

sailor from down east. In a ten round match that was alternately fast and dull, hard fought and close, but punctuated with few real moments of thrilling excitement, Sharkey overcame a big lead on points piled up by Stribling in the first six rounds and won with a strong finish throughout the last four rounds.

Margin of Victory Tied  
The battling Bostonian had his hand lifted aloft as the victor by Referee Lou Magnolia, of New York, but his margin of victory was thin and far from convincing. It was either to a majority of experts or to most of the crowd of 49,000 that was packed in the picturesque setting of Flamingo Park.

Magnolia, sole arbiter of the battle, did not hesitate to lift Sharkey's hand, nor did his score sheet, showing six rounds for the Boston boxer, three for Stribling and one even, leave room for any doubt in his mind. Ringside critics, although widely at variance in their opinions were not far from unanimous in agreement with the verdict. The majority, in a poll taken by the Associated Press, credited Sharkey with no more than a single round's margin. But only about one out of every twelve in the critical group assembled around the ring believed Stribling was entitled to victory or at least a draw.

Fourth Round Best  
Stribling, outweighed and out boxed, but not out gamed, fought the more spectacular fight. He furnished the one big moment of drama in the fourth round when he caught Sharkey flush on the left temple with an overhand right that staggered the Boston sailor and made his knees sag momentarily. Then, as at other times however, the gallant Georgian was unable to follow up his advantage.

Sharkey, in better fighting condition, was woefully slow, ineffective and wild at times but he fought the more business like fight. He won by the colorless but nevertheless effective method of pounding Stribling's body until he was sore, bruised and bloody red. That punishing mode of attack slowly but certainly took the steam from Stribling's own offensive, slowed up his plunges and wore down his resistance in a bout that was filled with plenty of pushing and pulling and hugging.

\$400,000 Gate  
Of the crowd of some 46,000, about 35,000 contributed to an astonishing "gate" estimated at \$400,000 for the venture that Tex Rickard planned as a big gamble and which his successors, led by Jack Dempsey and "Big Bill" Carey, saw through to success only after many misgivings. Probably thousands in the crowd came to see how it could be done, skeptical perhaps to the last, when the gates finally were closed and a sell-out announced. It was, altogether, a great show

in which the big fight itself seemed in the end only a major item, the climax but not the whole thing. For the famous figures of sports, of business, politics and society, this spectacle was something to see.

Stribling made the big gamble and lost, but the crowd applauded him for it. Naturally enough, the personal sympathies of most of those in the arena, coming from the south, were with the Georgian. But he had neither the stamina nor the punching power to sustain an offensive that up until the last few rounds gave him the chance to win. Stribling threw everything he had into the first half of the fight. When his big bid for a knockout, in the fourth failed, he seemed to lose spirit.

### Kotsonaros Is Beaten By Bob Kruse, Oswego

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—George Kotsonaros, Hollywood heavyweight wrestler, suffered his first defeat in Portland last night, when he was unable to come back for the third and deciding fall in his match with Bob Kruse, Oswego, Ore., after taking the first fall with his pet sawing headlock in 13 minutes, 27 seconds.

When they returned for the second round, Kruse demonstrated effectively an offset for the Greek's deadly headlock saw. It was a butt in the stomach with his head. After much rough wrestling, Kruse finally got a punishing wristlock on his opponent which he was unable to break. Kruse took the fall in 26 minutes, 35 seconds. It required much physical effort to bring Kotsonaros' arm around to his natural position, and he was very wobbly as he left the ring. He was announced his arm was paralyzed and he could not continue. "Chet" Wiles, the traffic cop-wrestler-referee, and Jim Heslin of Australia, went 20 minutes to a draw in the preliminary.

### California Girl, Kidnap Found

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 28 (AP)—Emma Bettencourt, 14-year-old school girl of Centerville, Alameda county for whom posses of officers and citizens have been searching since Tuesday afternoon was found Wednesday with her alleged kidnaper, E. A. Porporalle, 26, in an automobile between Centerville and Niles.

Two residents of Centerville came upon the car of the missing pair when it had been stopped by a passing freight train. Driving alongside they recognized Miss Bettencourt as one of its passengers.

### La Grande O.-W. Team Will Play Portland Sunday

The La Grande O.-W. basketball team will have another chance at the Union Pacific championship of the Northwest; it was announced here today. Last Sunday the local quintet entered a tournament in Portland, with Seattle, Portland and La Grande competing. Seattle won from the other two teams but today it was learned that two of the Seattle players were ineligible and that it had been decided that Portland and La Grande play in Portland next Sunday, the winner to represent this district in the U. P. tournament in Denver Mar. 12 and 13.

The La Grande team plans to leave Saturday night, returning Monday morning.

### Allen-Washington Battle Is Draw

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 28 (AP)—Dell Allen, 147, of La Grande, Ore., and Buddy Washington, 146, fought 10 rounds to a draw in the main event of the American Legion boxing card here last night.

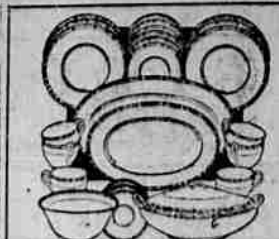
### Talkies Making Rapid Advances

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP)—Sound picture apparatus is now being installed in theaters at the rate of 250 units a month. O. L. Rice, vice president of the Western Electric company, in charge of the Hawthorne plant here, announced here. He estimated this year's output would aggregate \$40,000,000.

Rice said 1,271 theaters in the United States, 16 in Canada and 23 in other countries were equipped with audible picture machinery. The company has 1,682 unfilled orders for the United States, 57 for Canada and 125 for other countries. The British Isles, Germany, France, Australia, India, the West Indies and Central America now have talking pictures.

### BLACKWELL BEATEN

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—Olympic Kid Johnson, of Olympia, Wash., won a close decision here last night over Joe Blackwell, Eugene, middleweight, in a 10-round main event fight. In the semi-final, Young Jesse Willard, heavyweight, of Liberty, Mont., knocked out Jack Peterson, Astoria, in the third round of their scheduled six-rounder.



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### Coolidge Sends Report Prepared On Immigration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—President Coolidge has transmitted to congress a report prepared by government statisticians showing that if the national origins provisions of the immigration act become operative, immigration would be reduced by approximately 11,000 under the present total of 124,617, which is based upon the 1920 census.

The report was prepared by statisticians of the state, commerce and labor departments. It estimated that under the national origins clause, the total number of immigrants would be 153,714. The report was forwarded without recommendations.

Present immigration quotas are based upon the 1920 census figures. Unless legislation is enacted by congress this basis will be superseded July 1, by the national origins plan for computing quota allotments.

### Golf Balls For Dessert

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Golfers of Kelsey City are considering suggestions that they adopt a rule waiving penalties when golfers slip down golf balls. Two saurians sun themselves regularly, one on the second tee and the other on the fifth.

### FIGHT ROUND BY ROUND

ROUND 1—Stribling landed the first blow, a left light to the head as they danced carefully about the center of the ring watching for openings. Sharkey missed several left jabs in close quarters where he ripped a solid right to Stribling's ribs before the Southerner let him up. There was little action as the tall greyhound of the south danced with the New Englander and they measured blows. Stribling flinched as Sharkey's right bounced off his chin and in an exchange at close quarters. In another clinch, Stribling smashed his right hand four times on the side of Jack's head and Sharkey slipped to the floor but came up without a sound. They were clinching with Stribling pounding on Jack's head with his right at the bell.

ROUND 2—Sharkey bounced from his corner and flew to close quarters into a storm of Stribling's overhand rights. The tall lanky Southerner handled Sharkey like a small boy, despite the Bostonian's extra left and bulk, as they tumbled into another corner. There was a puzzled look about Sharkey's eyes as Stribling roughed him in a clinch, smashed a full right on his chin and then laughed when the sailor's own left hook found his chin. Sharkey kept the open but Stribling chose to rush and nearly drove Sharkey from the ring as both staggered with little respect for the rules. The crowd was hissing at the bell.

ROUND 3—Sharkey danced after Stribling as the Southerner stepped around him menacingly. The burly Bostonian forced Stribling to lead out the best the Southerner could do was a long tap to the ribs. Sharkey began to solve Stribling's style as he stepped in with a whipping right uppercut that smacked loudly on the Mason boy's body. A full swing left hook caught Stribling in the pit of the stomach and cut down his speed. Another cutting left hook, as Sharkey brushed his toe about the ring, cut Stribling's lip and the Southerner was spitting blood at the bell.

ROUND 4—Sharkey was full of confidence now and began to weave and feint with his head, shooting lefts to Stribling's head. As they returned about the ring, Jack patted his lighter foe into the Georgian's body. Stribling rushed Sharkey and nearly threw him through the ropes. Referee Lou Magnolia warned Stribling for his rough work and ordered him to keep his punches up. The southerner caught Sharkey with a smashing right to the chin that nearly floored the sailor. The big golt half dashed, bounced back into a right that landed under his heart. Sharkey danced away fighting for time and was back to normal when the bell sounded.

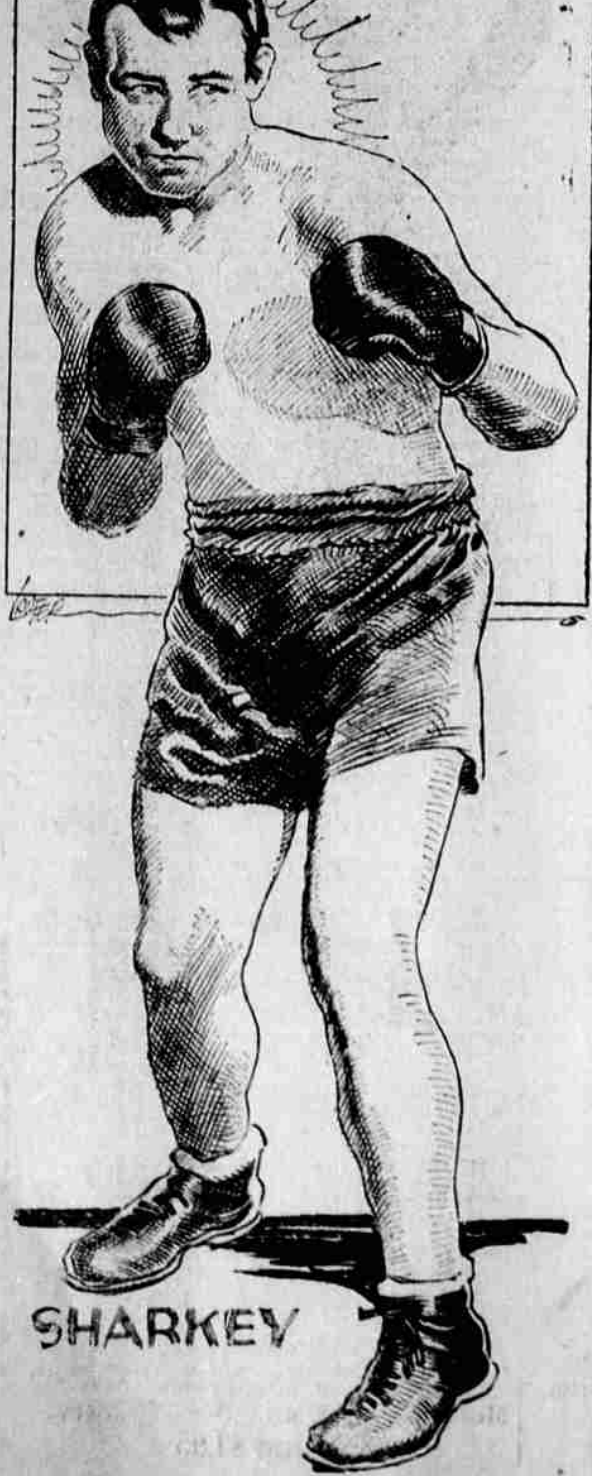
ROUND 5—Sharkey recovered quickly in his corner from the right that dropped on his chin like a lightning bolt. He tore after Stribling with a rain of left jabs and slugged right and left to the body until the referee warned Sharkey as the left hook in close dropped below the danger line. They fought closely and the referee was kept busy calling them apart when they were not dancing about the ring making lifelike jabs at each other. Sharkey blinched as the Georgian lifted a crackling left hook to his chin. Stribling fought in decent fashion, leaning in suddenly with straight left jabs that kept the sailor blinking. Another building exchange at close quarters brought more blood from Stribling's mouth but he was lashing back furiously with both hands at the bell.

ROUND 6—During the interval Referee Magnolia warned Sharkey's handlers against crowding from the corner. Jack bounced out and missed half a dozen shots at Stribling's weaving body. As he missed another long jab the Georgian lifted a left to Jack's chin. Stribling's

speed and strength in his lean arm bothered Sharkey but he danced in close and drew blood from the southerner's nose with short lefts. Again they were warned as Sharkey howled into Stribling's body with punches that sometimes shaded the belt line. Stribling bounced his left into Jack's face but ran into a two fisted storm as the furious sailor retaliated with a charge that drove Stribling all the way around the ring. The bell ended the rally.

ROUND 7—The fight was anything but sensational as the boxers measured each other carefully and either boxed lightly at a distance or grappled at close quarters. Stribling threw another long right into Sharkey's chin but drew the referee's censure again from a left hook that seemed to have landed on Sharkey's body. They opened

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