GOTCH-'HACK'BOUT DRAWS ALL EYES

Giant Wrestlers Both Preparing for Big Labor-Day Struggle.

BETTING FAVORS IOWAN

Humboldt Man Expects to Weigh 204 Pounds When He Steps on Mat—Russian Will Be 20 Pounds Heavier.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2. — (Special) — Thirty thousand persons are expected to see the wrestling match for the world's championship on Labor Day between Frank Gotch and Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion." Charles A. Comiskey's White Sox ball park will be the scene of the match.

Not since the "mill" between Johnson and Jefferies has a sporting event aroused such intense interest in Chicago. The sporting fraternity here is discussing the coming event to the exclusion of almost everything else except the close race between the Cubs and the New York Giants.

Gotch is a 5-to-4 favorite in the betting. A large amount of money has been wagered. Reports from Iowa are that Gotch is in the very best condition. His weight has been brought down to 207 pounds and it is believed he will step out on the mat carrying about 204 pounds, which is seven pounds more than he weighed at the time of the previous match.

While Gotch is the betting favorite, it does not follow that Hackenschmidt has not plenty of confident admirers. There are hundreds who believe he will show his superiority over the American in this match.

In that quarter one is told that the making of Gotch a favorite is largely a psychological process, due to the fact, first, that Gotch is the representative of the Nation that flies the Stars and Stripes and, second, because of the cleanness of his record in wrestling matches.

Some skepticism regarding Hackenschmidt's sincerity was raised this week because he did not seem to be working as zealously as a man ought for an event of the importance of this one. A suspicion was aroused that the Russian was far from being in top-notch condition.

In the Hackenschmidt camp there is scoffing at this doubt about the Russian's actual condition. Like some of the aviators who came to Chicago, Hackenschmidt fell a victim to the climate. The changing moods of the lake fastened a cold on him. The cold caused a slight stiffness in one of the shoulders of the wrestler. In addition to this Hackenschmidt suffered somewhat from a blister on the sole of one of his feet.

The past week has seen these temporary ailments dissipated. The Russian is now putting in some hard licks in his training. Not even the sporting writers have been permitted to see all that the Russian is doing behind the doors of his training camp on the far North Side.

In his finishing work Gotch has adopted a like policy of concealment. Day after day he wrestled in the open in Humboldt with "Farmer" Burns, Joe Rodgers, Reimer and the others. Thus he demonstrated anew his wonderful strength and quickness.

It has been a much-mooted question in Gotch's camp whether he should take the aggressive against Hackenschmidt or should let the Russian have the initiative. It is believed that Burns and Klank favor Gotch's going after his man from the start and keeping after him, on the theory that the Russian may be driven to mental panic. Gotch is said to have given his sanction tentatively to the aggressive plan of action, with the reservation that he will modify his methods if they do not seem in the actual combat to be wise. He is a believer in the practice of taking care of the developments as they come along and credits much of his past success to that plan of action.

Hackenschmidt outweighs Gotch by nearly 20 pounds, but expects to eliminate a few pounds before the match. "Hack" is taking eight full hours of sleep daily, indulges in long walks and slow runs, plays with the medicine ball and exercises vigorously with the weights. He will keep at it until Dr. Roller is satisfied that his condition is just right and then he will taper off on his work.

Gotch is giving much attention to the further development of the famous toe hold with which he has turned many a good man on his back and prepared the way for a fall. He also has been perfecting a new crotch hold which, according to his trainers, is a vice-like grip hard for any man to release himself from. The feature of this hold is that it paves the way to others which the champion uses with almost unfailing success.

FINAL TOUCHES ARE PUT ON

Gotch and Hackenschmidt Finish Their Hard Training.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Training ended, Gotch and Hackenschmidt are just waiting tonight. The two giants of the wrestling mat, who on Monday will clash in their world's championship match at the American League baseball park, completed conditioning themselves today.

Neither did much work in the way of training. Gotch, the champion, took exercise, while Hackenschmidt passed a day of idleness except for a brisk run in the morning and a light exercise in the afternoon.

Fear that Gotch would overdo his training has been the worry of the Iowan's camp. But the champion evidently knew what he was doing, for never a man, his admirers say, looked in better condition for a championship contest than did Gotch as he lay on a rubbing table after his final workout.

Beginning the day, Gotch started out on a ten-mile run. Then he returned to his hotel and rested. About 1 o'clock he went to the Chicago Athletic Association, where he tugged and pulled two wrestling partners around the mat for 30 minutes. Joe Rogers who weighs close to 300 pounds, was Gotch's first opponent.

The champion secured grip after grip on Rogers, only to release them and try for others. His work was lightning fast, but apparently he did not try for a fall, for he had several dangerous holds on Rogers and permitted him to get out.

Jess Westergaard, whom many critics regard as Gotch's nearest American rival, followed Rogers. Westergaard is lighter and much faster than Rogers, but could not solve the bewildering attack, nor cope with the speed of the champion. Both Westergaard and Rogers appeared more exhausted than the man with whom they were wrestling, for Gotch finished the hard tussle breathing easily.

Out in his camp on the shore of Lake Michigan, Hackenschmidt passed the day loafing, although he took a run in the morning and a few minutes of exercise later in the day. Trainers in the invader's camp declared he was in the finest possible condition and that his work was done. Short walks in the morning are in the programme mapped out for both men tomorrow. The remainder of the day will be passed in absolute rest.

It was unofficially announced that Gotch's weight after his workout today was 207 and Jack Curley, Hackenschmidt's manager, said the Russian tipped the beam at 224, which is more than he ever has weighed for previous contests. Gotch's handlers plan to send him into the ring at about 204 pounds. He will be heavier by eight pounds than when he defeated Hackenschmidt here three and a half years ago.

Betting odds on Gotch took a sudden slump today from reports of the Iowan's superb condition. Early in the week even money wagers, or four-to-five odds were obtainable, but today the best price was three to five while Hackenschmidt ruled at seven to five. Betting as a rule has been light, few wagers having been reported.

A new wrestling hold, called the "upender," which Frank Gotch has devised for special use in his match with George Hackenschmidt, was tried out today by the world's champion in a series of secret practice bouts at the Chicago Athletic Club.

The new hold is designed to upset an opponent who is heavier and stronger, and Gotch, after trying it on several training companions, declared himself highly pleased.

"I think I have discovered a new trick in the wrestling game, and if I am not mistaken it will surprise my opponent Labor day," said Gotch. "It looks like the goods to me, and is just what I want for my match with that big fellow."

The managers of the wrestling match announced that the sale of tickets had reached $70,000.

The rules for the match were issued tonight by referee Smith. In order that each wrestler will have to do his share of the work, rule 20 has been formulated to read as follows:

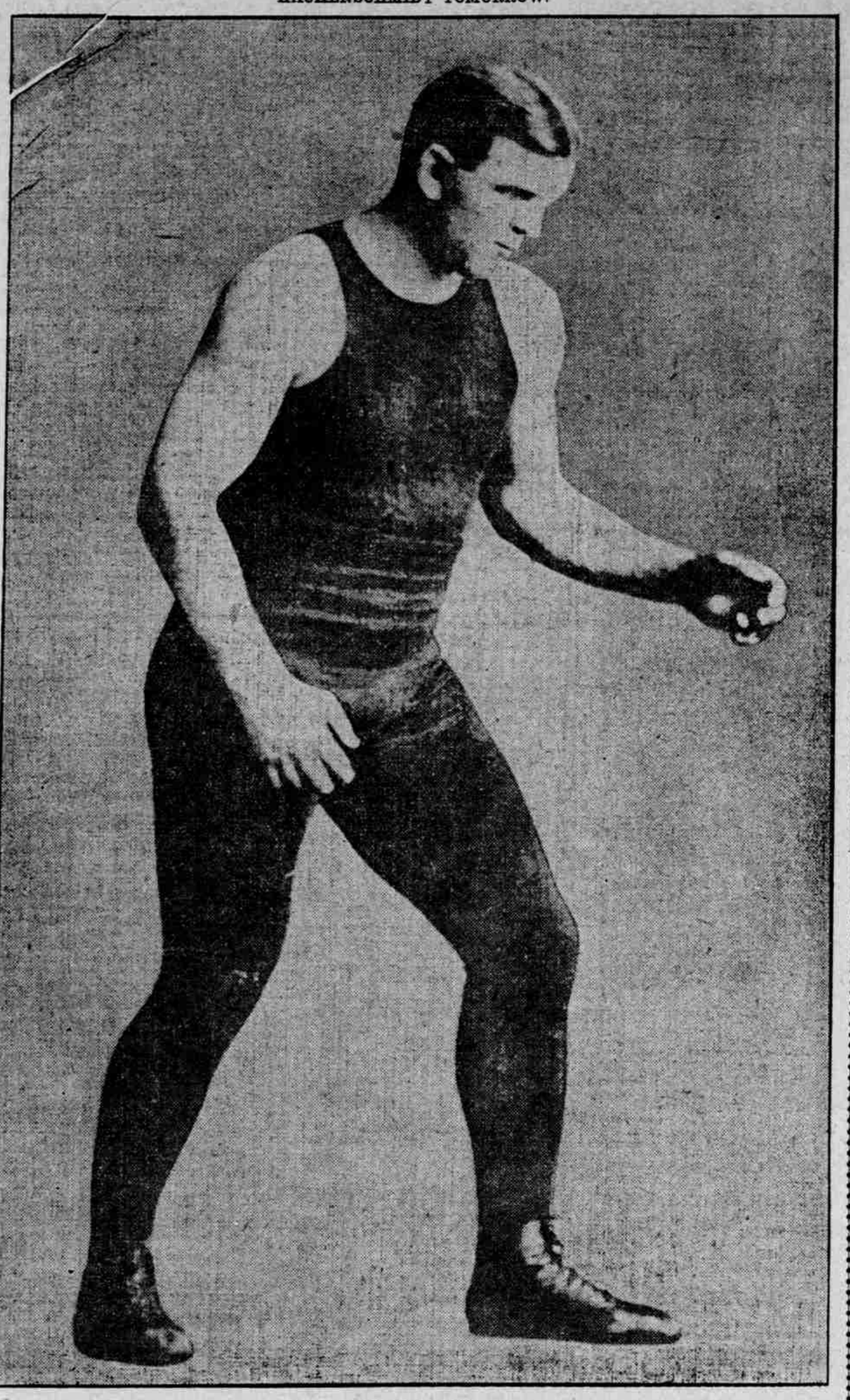
"Both contestants will be expected to do their share of the wrestling work. Should one contestant assume the defensive and persistently decline to act otherwise the referee, after warning him, may disqualify him and give the opponent the match."

Speed King Sets New Mark.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Bob Burman, driving his Benz car, made a new world's record of 1:37:87 for two miles in the automobile races at the Brighton Beach Motordrome today. He covered the first mile in :48:92, just one-fifth of a second behind his own record made over the same track last year. He hit up a tremendous pace in the second round and for the full two miles beat Ralph DePalma's time of 1:40:55 made last year at Syracuse.

Driving an Opel car from scratch in the free for all handicap, Burham won by a good margin from Hugh Hughes in a Mercer car, repeating a victory he had scored over the same car and driver on even terms earlier in the afternoon.

CHAMPION WRESTLER, WHO SAYS HE IS IN GREAT FETTLE FOR GRAPPLEFEST WITH HACKENSCHMIDT TOMORROW.



FRANK GOTCH.

GIANT AFTER TITLE

Huge Russian Considers Berg Good Stepping Stone.

MATCH THURSDAY NIGHT

George Lurick and Local Favorite to Try Conclusions in Catch-as-Catch-Can Bout Before Portland Grappling Fans.

Portland wrestling fans will see John Berg, the light-heavyweight wrestler, and George Lurick, the Russian "Giant," in action at the Baker Theater at catch-as-catch-can, two best out of three falls to a finish, next Thursday night.

The Russian has been touring the country, meeting all the light-heavyweight and heavyweight wrestlers that could be induced to go against him, and so far has not been defeated in the light-heavyweight class. This will be his first appearance in Portland, and he figures that a victory over Berg will put him in line for championship honors, as he believes that Berg will be one of the toughest men he will have to meet. However, he is very confident of winning, and is willing to back his chances with his own money.

On the other hand, John Berg is now at his best, and is a great favorite in Portland. Berg's name has never been connected in any way with a "shady" match. The last time he wrestled here he beat Walt Evans, the Southern champion, and one of the best men in the game. Evans is the man who was matched to meet Dr. Roller at Knoxville, Tenn., when Roller "forgot" to show up.

Berg is one of the toughest athletes in the game, and has lost no time in putting himself in condition for the contest. In addition to the main event a preliminary between Peter Buzukos and Strangler Smith will be staged.

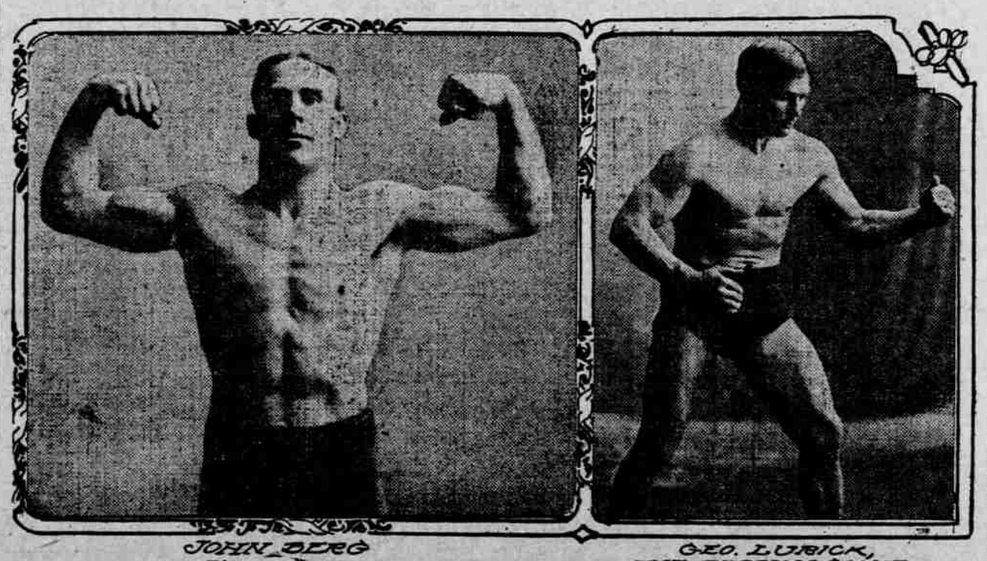
Smith and Buzukos have met in Portland before, Smith winning by a strangle hold. Buzukos has improved wonderfully since then, having won the lightweight championship, and says he will make short work of the Strangler.

Tom Brown, who has recently turned professional, will take on Sidney Noles, one of the best lightweights in the country, and the Japanese colony will send four of their best jiu jitsu wrestlers to make the evening interesting.

Victoria Wins at Cricket.

VICTORIA, Sept. 2.—Victoria won from the Frankfort cricket team of Philadelphia by 37 runs today.

PORTLAND WRESTLING FANS WILL SEE TOP-NOTCH HEAVIES IN ACTION ON THURSDAY NIGHT



JOHN BERG

GEO. LURICK, THE RUSSIAN GIANT

RAIN HITS TENNIS

McLoughlin's Victory Over Wright Not Great Surprise.

IRVINGTON PLAY WAITS

Tournaments Over Country Delayed by Elements—Larned to Make Stand of Career in Contest for Championship.

BY RALPH H. MITCHELL.

Rain interfered with the game of tennis both East and West last week, the National championship play at Newport being delayed three days, the International at Niagara-on-the-Lake one week, and the Irvington Club tourney here, at least a day.

Those participating in the Irvington Club tourney are requested to communicate with the steward at the clubhouse if the day's schedule does not appear in The Oregonian each morning.

Newport and the tennis experts of the country hardly received a shock yesterday when they saw or heard that Maurice McLoughlin defeated Beals Wright, ex-United States champion and internationalist, in the finals and thus secured the right to challenge Champion William A. Larned for the title of this country.

McLoughlin has experienced, like Bundy, considerable difficulty in getting his stride on the Eastern courts this year and for this reason he did not make championship showing in previous tournaments in which he has appeared in the East, with the exception of the New York state tennis title play, which he carried off in easy style.

Newport Play Superior.

His play, however, in the Newport tournament far outclassed his former style and he showed that there was a battle royal ahead of those who sought to keep the challenger's right from him.

Then, too, the game which Beals Wright has been putting up this year is almost equal to his former days and it was thought by numerous of his admirers that there was the chance of his "coming back" and winning the title again, or at least be the runner-up in this year's National play after he put Bundy out.

Wright's "south-paw" serve and strong return more than proved the undoing of every one of his opponents up to the time he met McLoughlin, who has been on his mettle all week. It cannot be said that the interference of the rain had anything to do with Wright's showing for the four-game match is evidence alone that both men were in fit condition at the start, but that the older man found the younger's endurance too much for him.

With championship play falling on Labor day, Newport undoubtedly will do itself proud to witness what promises to be one of the greatest tennis matches in the history of the game, for the Pacific Coast player is out to win from the veteran, Larned, who himself is just as determined to win for the seventh time the title, if possible.

McLoughlin's Chances Favorable.

It would be folly to predict who will win, but the chances as seen from this distance are in favor, though not greatly, of the Westerner. McLoughlin is almost a score of years younger than his opponent of tomorrow, but he is far from being the general that the veteran is. The Westerner has been playing more than Larned, is more active on the courts and his great 41-game match of yesterday is proof of his endurance qualities this year, which go to make up just a bit too much for the champion.

Larned, on the contrary, is reputed to have on his shoulders the greatest tennis head of any player in America, if not in the world, and his steady, consistent, heady game may bring about unexpected nervousness on the part of McLoughlin, which would win for the present champion honors equal to those so ably carried years ago in the history of American lawn tennis when R. D. Sears won the championship, apparently at will for seven years straight, 1881-1887.

With the arrival this week of the English team which will meet the Americans, Larned, Wright, McLoughlin and Bundy, for the right to play the New Zealanders at Christ Church in December, unusual interest is manifested in the makeup of the visitors. The team consists of Charles P. Dixon, Arthur H. Lowe and A. E. Beamish. The following from the New York Sun of recent date will be interesting reading:

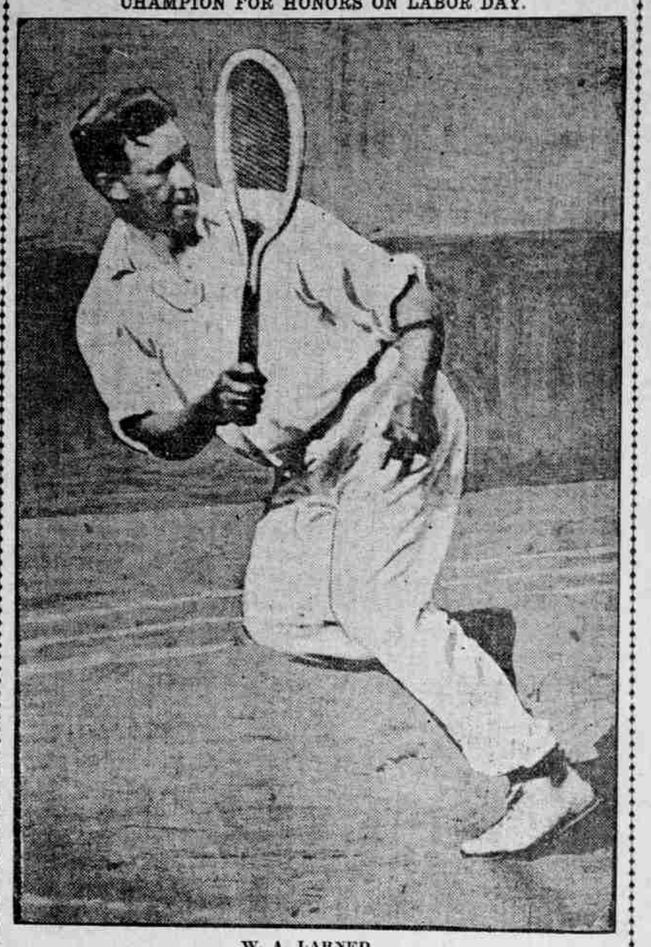
Only One Known Here.

Of the visiting teams only one is known here, and that is Dixon, who came on a similar errand in 1909. At that time he was very heavy and absolutely unfit for any sort of a gruelling contest. He opposed Larned in the singles and proved easy for the American champion. Since then Dixon has knocked off a lot of weight, and this year at Wimbledon he showed the best game of his life. Playing in rattling style all through, he reached the final round, where he had to bow to Roper Barrett. Dixon won the first two sets, but Barrett was too much for him and the latter won with the score of 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1. On his way to the final Dixon trounced such good ones as Major J. G. Ritchie and Max Decugis, the French champion, and who afterward won the doubles paired with A. H. Gobert. In the tussle with Decugis, the Englishman played a great game and at times made the Frenchman look like a novice, and won with the score of 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Dixon is a graduate of Cambridge University and was born at Grantham on February 7, 1873, so that as a tactician he should be at his best just now, though about his staying powers there might be some question for a man of his years. He learned the game at Nottingham and at the open tournaments around his home. His first titles of note were the championships of Surrey and Suffolk in 1900 and 1901. In the latter year he made his first visit to the Continent, which was attended with fair results. At Ostend he won the singles, and with Ritchie he annexed the doubles, and the following year he was again successful for the same events. In 1901 he was in rare form at Wimbledon, where he reached the final, but was forced to succumb to A. W. Gore, who also won the challenge round. Varying luck attended the efforts of Dixon at the nets between 1902 and 1907, and in that year and 1908 and 1909 he won the Cinque Ports championship at Folkestone. Paired with C. H. L. Cazalet in the Olympic games doubles, Dixon won the bronze medal. His chief wins during 1909 were the Middlesex singles championship and the open doubles at Dieppe with Ritchie. As a racquet player Dixon figured well and won the silver medal, representing Cambridge as far back as 1891. He is also something of a golfer and has won a number of prizes and medals at open tournaments.

Though he has never won a National title, Lowe ranks high among the English players, and with his brother, Frederick G. Lowe, has won important matches in doubles. This year at Wimbledon it happened that the brothers were drawn against each other and the Davis cup man defaulted in favor of his brother, so that his present form cannot very well be gauged. Beamish is more or less of a dark horse, but is said to be a player of splendid form. He is a tall man with a wonderful reach, which he uses to advantage, with a fine full swing of his racquet. At Wimbledon this year he reached the sixth round, where he went down before Roper Barrett after a four-set tussel, the score being 6-1, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3. In the fourth round Beamish relegated McNair, one of the hardest men to beat in the British Isles, but Beamish did the trick in straight sets.

PACIFIC COAST TENNIS EXPERT WILL MEET NATIONAL CHAMPION FOR HONORS ON LABOR DAY.



W. A. LARNED

M. E. McLaughlin.

M'LOUGHLIN IS VICTOR

EX-CHAMPION BEALS WRIGHT LOSES TO YOUNGSTER.

Pacific Coast Player Wins Right to Challenge National Champion Larned to Play Tomorrow.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 2.—The challenger of William A. Larned, of Summit, N. J., for the National lawn tennis championship will be Maurice E. McLoughlin, of San Francisco, who today defeated Beals C. Wright, of Boston, in the finals of the all-comers tournament, three sets to one. The scores were: 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Except in the second set, and for a few games in the third set, McLoughlin was always master of the situation.

The play started out briskly, Wright taking the first game and allowing McLoughlin but one point, while the Californian retorted by capturing the second at love. After Wright had taken the third, McLoughlin seemed to have settled down to his game. His accurate placing and sharp drives kept the former champion constantly chasing over the court, and the next four games went to McLoughlin, two of them at love.

With the games 5-2 against him, Wright made a desperate effort to save the set, taking the eighth game at love and also getting the ninth. His attempt to bring the set to deuce, however, failed, McLoughlin quickly taking the tenth game and the set.

The games in the second set seesawed until they were three all, the second and sixth, both of which Wright won, going to deuce.

Wright quickly took the seventh and eighth. McLoughlin brought the games to 5-4 by taking the ninth, but Wright allowed him but one point in the last game and took the set.

The third set was hotly contested. McLoughlin took the first game, 7-5. Wright rallied strongly, and in the next three games the Californian scored but one point. Then the players took alternate games until Wright had a lead of 5-3.

The one-time champion, with the set almost within his grasp, failed to show the strength needed at this critical point, and McLoughlin earned the set. Plainly exhausted, Wright dropped the next two games to McLoughlin, the Westerner taking the twelfth game at love.

The rest after the third set failed to revive Wright sufficiently, and the fourth, which McLoughlin won, 6-3, was almost a walkover for him. Wright tried to save himself in the final game, forcing it once to deuce, but McLoughlin had the necessary reserve strength to earn a victory.

McLoughlin will play Larned for the championship Monday.

An analysis of the points shows 137 for McLoughlin to 116 for Wright.

Conley and Rivers Ready.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2.—Each expressing himself as confident that he would win their scheduled 20-round fight here Labor day, Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles, and Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, feather weights, ended their training today. The winner will meet Frankie Conley here in a 20-round bout September 30.

Multnomah Wants Big Meet.

Multnomah is going to make a strong bid for the next Pacific Coast championship track meet, and when the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Association, of the Amateur Athletic Union, takes place in Seattle, Wash., September 24, the Multnomah Club's representatives will be to the fore in asking for next date next June.

Announcement of the selection of a date for the annual conference and election of officers was made yesterday by T. Morris Dunne, secretary of the organization.

Heretofore Multnomah has made a pronounced success of every track meet held under its auspices and there appears no reason why the club's bid should be turned down. As yet no other city has come to the front for the sanction and officials of the Portland athletic organization are confident that their request will be granted.

Representatives from Spokane, Seattle, Portland and Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., will be at the meeting to discuss athletic conditions and go over the situation thoroughly. They will make a review of the past season and arrange dates for coming events.

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