

Chicago Battler Loses Fight.: Army Wants Oregon Grid Stars.: Wrestlers Ready for Go

ROPER IS BEATEN BY M'CORMICK

Chicago Battler Unable to Hold Up Against Irishman's Speed—Nearly K. O'd.

By Bob
DUBLIN, Ireland, in the person of Boy McCormick, wipped Chicago, in the person of Captain Bob Roper, off the pugilistic map last night. The affair took place under the auspices of the Milwaukee Boxing commission before a capacity house. It was estimated that 4000 fans and fannies crowded into the pavilion to see the giants battle.

The smiling, sorrel-topped Irish gladiator held the supreme hand in all of the 10 rounds without exception. He outboxed, outfought, outgeneralized and outlasted the big army captain from the first bell to the last. Roper was on the verge of a knockout time and again. His own gameness and ability to clinch close to the shore were all that saved him from a furiously bashed and bloody head.

McCormick's right hand was hurt in the third round and he had to content himself with favoring his left after that.

DRIVEN TO ROPES
McCormick started his victorious proceedings as soon as the bell brought the men together by rushing from his corner and driving a vicious left hook to Roper's stomach. It was this blow and others of its kind which had a great deal to do with McCormick's easy victory.

Roper was driven to the ropes twice in the first round from attacks to the midsection and fustian about the head and face. His only showing in the first round was when he swung a right to McCormick's jaw as the latter backed away.

Roper lifted McCormick from the floor in the second with a smashing right to the stomach. The blow enraged the Irishman and he tore into Roper like a furious banshee, raining blows and soon had the latter on the ropes again.

The third was all McCormick, as was the fourth. In the latter canto Roper was staggered by a right to the jaw and showers of lefts and rights to body, face and head.

ROPER SWINGS WILDLY
Roper weakened perceptibly in the fifth and in the sixth he began to swing wildly and hold on when he could lay hands on his opponent. The seventh went to McCormick by 100 per cent.

The army captain rallied faintly in the eighth and planted two left hooks to the eye and crossed his right to the head. McCormick was merely angered by the onslaught and fought Roper until the latter could scarcely hold his hands up.

The ninth found Roper a habitant between the land of sleep and consciousness. Torrents of lefts and rights struck his head and face and body. His grip was tenacious and the Irishman could not keep him out of a clinch long enough to finish the fight.

Roper valiantly tried to rally in the tenth, and while his heart looked willing, his hands and feet were traitors to the attempt. He soaked McCormick with two rights and a left to the mouth, swelling the boy's lips, but a moment later the Dublin product had him hanging on for dear life, a position in which he was supinely resting as the bell ended the fight and Referee Denver Ed Martin raised McCormick's hand.

"I put up the most miserable fight of my life," said Roper. "I don't know what was the matter. I was slow and simply could not get going."

Sig Hart, Roper's manager, was furious at his principal's showing and blamed it on lack of condition. "I fooled him," was all McCormick had to say. "He expected me to fight him one way and I fought him another. When his plans were upset he didn't know what to do."

BAIRD GETS DRAW
Roper outweighed McCormick by about 24 pounds and towered over him by two inches. McCormick's weight was

Ten-Round Goes At Presidio Are Ordered Stopped

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—No 10-round fights here. Boxing enthusiasts were given today over the order of Brigadier General Blufford, putting a stop to 10-round bouts at the Presidio. The commanding officer, contending long distance matches were in violation of the state boxing law, even if they were staged on a government reservation, declared he no longer would sanction fights of more than four rounds.

given as 165, while report said Roper weighed 180. Lieutenant Earl Baird of Seattle and Harry Pelsinger of San Francisco provided as classy a boxing and hitting contest for 10 rounds as was ever witnessed by local boxing enthusiasts. These boys are no doubt the cleverest boxers of their weight on the coast and a longer battle between them will have to be staged to settle the question of supremacy. In the ninth round the boys were fighting so furiously they didn't hear the bell and their seconds had to pull them apart. Referee Roy Kendall called the fight a draw.

HAYES HAD SHADE
Tommy Hayes and Mike Pete whanged away at each other for six fast rounds to a draw, but Hayes plainly had a shade. He worked a right swing to Pete's stomach time and again that entitled him to victory. Hayes easily took the first four rounds while Pete was entitled to the last two.

Neil Zimmerman met a tartar in Lackey Morrow of Tacoma. It was the first time Neil had met a man who was strong enough to make him cover up. Zimmerman took the fourth and fifth rounds, while two and six went to Morrow. The other two were even. The bout kept the crowd on its feet and was bare of all evidence of dullness. It was called a draw.

John Boscovitch made a chopping block out of George Fiddler for two rounds, after which Fiddler's seconds threw in the sponge. Boscovitch verily tore Fiddler to pieces with a left hook.

Judge Martin W. Hawkins acted as timekeeper. The next show at Milwaukee will be held February 11.

Whitman College Beats Spokane Team

Walla Walla, Jan. 29.—The Whitman five walked over the Spokane university quintet for the second time when they beat the "C" last night, 27 to 14. Garver and Dement showed skill in finding the basket, Garver placing the ball six times and Dement annexing seven baskets.

The lineup: Whitman: Left forward—Paffley; Right forward—Garver; Center—Dement; Right guard—Wilson; Left guard—Field. Spokane: Left forward—Rich; Right forward—Gardner; Center—Gardner; Right guard—Field; Left guard—Field. Free throws—Holton 2, Referee—Leander.

British Polo Star En Route to Coast

New York, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Brigadier General P. J. Fitzgerald of the British cavalry, who arrived here yesterday, is to leave in a few days for California to look over the polo field. Believed to be a representative of the Huntington club of England, possessor of the international polo cup, he is thought to be here on a quest of mounts to be used by the English in defending the cup against the Americans in the proposed challenge games in 1921. He will watch the matches at Del Monte, San Mateo and Coronada and then go to Cuba.

MAT STARS ARE READY FOR CLASH

Joe Stecher and Earl Caddock In Condition for Championship Tilt.

How They Size Up	Stecher	Caddock
Age	20	20
Weight	154 lbs.	154 lbs.
Height	5 ft. 11 1/2 in.	5 ft. 11 1/2 in.
Reach	72 1/2 in.	72 1/2 in.
Wrist	8 1/2 in.	8 1/2 in.
Neck	17 in.	17 in.
Hand	10 in.	10 in.

By Henry L. Farrell
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—War whipped a lot of good boys but it didn't slow up Georges Carpentier. What did it do to Sergeant Earl Caddock? Did it sap his strength, undermine his vitality and another his lungs or did it make him stronger, more vigorous and hardy?

The spotlight focuses tomorrow night on Madison Square Garden, where Caddock and Joe Stecher are to grapple. Interest is general on the outcome, not only because the world's wrestling championship is at stake, but because it will furnish material for theorists, who have been swapping opinions on the war's effect on athletes.

WON MATCH IN 1917
Caddock threw Stecher in 1917 and won the world's championship title. Since that time, however, he has gone through a war, he has done a hitch at the front, lived in the trenches, slept in the mud and water, ate of army "chow" that he claims didn't agree with him, and finally was gassed in the Argonne. Stecher did his bit in the navy and didn't have such a strenuous time.

Opinion is running to the belief that it will be a question of physical ability and endurance and in this respect the talent is inclined to favor Stecher by a shade on the foregoing grounds.

CADDOCK IS IN SHAPE
Caddock looks fit and pronounces himself in perfect condition. But weak spots under the hide may crop out when he goes into a titanic fight of hours, where every nerve, every muscle and fiber is taxed to the utmost. Then there is the effect of the gassing to consider. Any doughboy who has had a taste of it knows that a victim does not overcome the effect of a good dose of poison vapor in a year or even more.

Caddock said today he had taken the outdoor cure and felt no ill effects from it in several bouts since he was discharged. But it may rise up and slap him in the face, so to speak, if Stecher gets one of his body scissors holds around his chest.

George Anderson Accepts S. F. Offer
George A. Anderson, manager of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club basketball team, has returned from San Francisco with the announcement that he has accepted a position with the A. G. Spalding & Bros. company with headquarters in the California metropolis.

He is associated with the Portland branch and the transfer to the San Francisco house comes as a promotion for honest and faithful service extending over several years. It had been known for some time that he was contemplating a move as he had been offered an opportunity to go to Honolulu, Hawaii, for the company. The board of directors of the "A. G." institution will act on his resignation at the weekly meeting next Monday night. A successor may be named at that time.

BASKETBALL GAME 6

Intercollegiate Basketball Standings	W.	L.	Pct.	For.	Against.
Washington High	2	0	1.000	65	24
Jefferson High	1	0	1.000	18	10
Franklin High	1	0	1.000	33	10
Benham Tech.	1	0	1.000	18	10
Hill M. Academy	1	2	.333	47	78
Columbia University	6	2	.857	89	39
James School	0	2	.000	38	89
High School Comm.	0	2	.000	20	102

BY DEFEATING the Hill Military academy basketball team, 40 to 13, in the Washington high gymnasium Wednesday afternoon, Coach Dr. W. A. Fenstermacher's Washington high trosser went into the leadership in the race for the 1919-20 title of the Portland Intercollegiate league. The cadets went into their third game of the season with a determination to win, but they were forced to take the defeat.

When the first half ended, the Colonials had registered 18 markers, while the Hill athletes had to be content with Tom Pollard's field basket. If Robinson's field basket and a converted free throw by Pollard, all for a total of five points. Both aggregations did more scoring in the last half than they did in the first. Referee Harry T. Smith had little trouble during the afternoon because the match was cleanly played, although hard fought throughout, and few fouls had to be called.

When Eddie Edmund ran into Major Irving Day in the second half he injured himself and had to be replaced by Hask. Irvine and Eagenovitch, Washington's star forward, were the features of the match, Irvine making 4 points while his teammate registered 17. Rowley at center was good for three while Edmund managed to ring three field baskets before he was taken out.

As usual, Lieutenant Tom Pollard was the West's star, making 11 in the scoring line, the lanky forward making all but two of Hill's points. The lineups:

Washington (40)	Hill (13)
Irvine (14)	F. (2)
Robinson (17)	P. (11)
Edmund (10)	G. (1)
Rowley (3)	G. (1)
Hayes (6)	G. (1)
Hask (3)	G. (1)
Wright (1)	G. (1)
McManus (1)	G. (1)

Referee—H. T. Smith. Scores—George Hask and Roger McAllister. Times—Keller King and H. Oppenheimer.

Although they have played but one contest so far, the Lincoln high hoopers have scored more points than any other team in the Portland Intercollegiate league. Last week the Raiders won from the High School of Commerce, 58 to 10. In the two contests played by Washington high, the Colonials have been gone for 65 points as against 24 for their opponents. The High School of Commerce, while the Raiders registered against the Stenographers.

Columbia university and Lincoln high will go together this afternoon in the Washington high school gymnasium, starting at 3:15 o'clock. It will make the second engagement of the 1919-20 campaign for both teams.

Two games are billed for Saturday night in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, and both are regularly scheduled matches of the Portland City Basketball league. The Y. M. C. A. Crescents are due to meet the Arleta quintet in the opening affair starting at 7:30 o'clock, while the M. C. A. Acorns and the Silent Five will start their fracas immediately after the first set to be completed. P. W. Lee, president of the circuit, is highly elated with the showing made by the league teams to date.

Mount Angel College, Mount Angel, Or., Jan. 29.—Although basketball is taking up most of the spare time, the student body of Mount Angel college held a meeting for the election of a yell leader for the 1920 athletic contests. John Graser, a sophomore of Albany, Or., was unanimously elected to the office.

La Grande, Or., Jan. 29.—For the first time in the history of Haines high school, the Haines basketball team came to La Grande to combat the local high school trossers last night. The visitors were no match for the La Grande squad and the final outcome was 70 to 12. O'Boots' Garrity made 24 points during the evening while Pete Stoddard was another star for La Grande.

Three more games will be played this afternoon in the junior grades "Jungle" league at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. Results of Monday's games follow: Cougars 10, Hawks 2; Tigers 3, Eagles 2; Buffaloes 6, Cougars 6. The Tigers are leading the circuit with five wins and no defeats, while the Eagles and Cougars each have won three and lost two. The Hawks have been unable to break into the win column as yet.

The South Parkway basketball team is preparing for the Chemawa Indians in the Portland Y. M. C. A. next Thursday night. A preliminary game will be arranged, according to the present plans of Manager Samuel Tessier and Captain Harry Hatter.

There will be no game in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club gymnasium Saturday night, due to the fact that the annual Oregon state swimming championships will be held in the "Winged M" tank and no counter attraction will be offered. Efforts are being made to line up a game for Cardinal and White for February 7 inasmuch as the Washington State college representatives will be unable to make the Portland stop that date. The club match will practice tonight, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

JACK SAYS HE WANTED TO ENLIST

Blackmail Enters Into Alleged Slacker Charges Against Heavyweight Champ.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Jack Dempsey is a member of the American Legion and also an honorary commander in the organization.

These honors were voted to Dempsey by Gordon post here, following passage of resolutions vindicating him on charges of being a slacker.

By Frank G. Menke
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—The woman whom Jack Dempsey divorced on the uncontroverted charge of infidelity has launched a most vicious attack upon him—after Dempsey had "refused absolutely to pay \$40,000 blackmail money which was demanded."

This is the defense and statement to-day of Jack Dempsey himself, who declares he has proofs to offer not only that the \$40,000 "blackmail" money was demanded, but that it was the former Mrs. Dempsey herself—the woman who now accuses him of being a draft dodger—who twice prevailed upon him to stay out of the service, once as an army aviator and again in the air branch of the navy. Dempsey, he says, can offer proofs to substantiate this statement.

DEMPSEY BLACKMAILED
"My former wife is asserting that she has letters in my own handwriting which are proof that I was a draft dodger. She offered to sell me these letters, through a representative, for \$40,000. I refused. Now she is declaring that in her own objection time she will reveal the contents of these letters," says Dempsey. "I cannot recall that in any letter which I sent my wife I made any such statements as she charges against me."

"At one time I decided I wanted to be an army aviator," says Dempsey. "I told my wife about it. She pleaded and begged me not to do it. She pointed out that I was exempt from military service by law and that I was her support. She told me that if I went away from her then she never could prove that she was going to be a good girl in the future. So I changed my mind."

CHANGES MIND
"Some time after, during another of her disappearances, I determined to join the airplane squad of the navy. To do this it was necessary for my wife to sign release papers. I sent them to her and she signed them before a notary public in Salt Lake City, saying she and I were divorced. I went into the navy. But hardly had she done this when she came to me and, with tears in her eyes, begged and pleaded with me not to go. So once more I changed my mind."

Kearns Asks for More Time
New York, Jan. 29.—(L. N. S.)—Jack Kearns has asked Charles B. Cochrane, the British promoter, for more time to consider his offer for the Dempsey-Caytoner match in London, according to a statement issued by the promoter here today. Cochrane will sail for England next Saturday, and in case he is not successful in landing Dempsey by that time, he will be represented in America by W. A. Brady.

BASEBALL
THE signed contract of Carl W. Spranger, the third baseman secured in a trade with the Regina team of the Western Canada league, was received by Judge McCredie Wednesday.

Spranger is boosted to the skies by Billy Spears, the former Portlander who will manage the Regina team this season. Spears has seen Spranger in action in many games and predicts he has a good chance of making the Portland team.

Final O. K. on an agreement to have the Beavers train at Ontario, Cal., this spring was received by Judge McCredie Wednesday in a telegram from D. D. McDonald, who announced that the contract has been signed. The players will be asked to report March 10. Transportation will be wired to the various players March 2 or 3.

Bert Niehoff, the former National leaguer who played with Seattle and Los Angeles last year, has been signed by Sacramento, according to reports from the Southland.

"Spider" Baum, the veteran pitcher of the Pacific Coast league, may retire from baseball this season. Baum is holding his contract up pending his final decision.

Carl Zamloch, the utility player of the San Francisco Seals, is due to walk the plank, according to reports. Zamloch is at present confined to his home with scarlet fever.

Ike Wolfner, the Portland player who was purchased by the Columbus American association team from Peoria last season, hit .304 in 28 games.

BOXING

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Battling Ortega, coast middleweight champion, and George Shade of San Francisco meet tonight in a five round scrap for the middleweight championship of the Pacific coast.

Billy Mascott, clever bantam, will meet Charley Moy in one of the special events. Joe Gorman, Portland featherweight, meets Jack Davis of Oakland in the semi-windup.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Jimmy Hanlon of Denver, Colo., knocked out Neil Allison of Waterloo, Iowa, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 round bout here last night.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Frankie Murphy of Denver won a decision over Willie St. Clair, hero of Sacramento, in a tame six-round bout last night.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Jimmy Wilde, British flyweight champion will enter the ring here tonight against Mike Erbe, a 6 to 5 favorite. The fighters will make 116 pounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Supporters of both fighters today were predicting victory for their favorite by the knockout route. Wilde is extremely anxious to redeem himself for his showing against Sharkey in his first American ring appearance here. Erbe, according to his manager, Mike Collins, is in the best shape for the scrap tonight of his career.

Oaks Get White Sox Hurler
Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Pitcher Frank Shellenbach has been sold to Oakland, Coast league, and Catcher Eddie Stump to the Des Moines team of the Western league, the White Sox announced today. Both men are youngsters.

Plestina Wins Wrestling Bout
Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Martin Plestina, heavyweight wrestling aspirant, defeated the veteran, Jess Westergaard, here last night in two straight falls. The time was 17:06 and 14.

America Will Send 4 Crews to Antwerp

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Two university and two boat club eight-oared crews probably will represent the United States in the Olympic games.

John Arthur Brown, chairman of the University of Pennsylvania rowing committee and member of the board of stewards of the Intercollegiate Regatta association, stated that the rowing branch of the Olympic committee, consisting of Fred Fortmeyer of New York, Henry Penn Burk of Philadelphia and Dr. George McGrath of Boston, would be asked to select the winner of the Poughkeepsie regatta, the winner of the Yale-Harvard race as the two best eights in the regatta to represent America.

Coast Crews Asked To Enter Big Event
New York, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—The action of the board of stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing association in shortening the Poughkeepsie regatta to three miles, was received with acclaim in rowing circles today.

The big rowing classic will be staged on July 1 and it is believed that the event will attract the biggest field in its history. The shortening of the race is expected to bring Princeton in for the first time.

Following its action in setting the date for the race, the board of stewards today prepared to send invitations to Annapolis, Princeton, Syracuse, Washington, Wisconsin, Stanford and California.

Mrs. Dempsey in Utah
Ogden, Utah, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Letters which Mrs. Maxine Dempsey declares will prove Jack Dempsey, who divorced her, is a slacker are in a safe at Wells, Nev., said Mrs. Dempsey, who is here.

Mrs. Dempsey has been the object of much curiosity here. She has asserted that she is being followed, and has asked for police protection.

ARMY TEAM BECKONS U. O. STARS

Bill Steers and Hollis Huntington Receive Offers From West Point Eleven.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 29.—That Eastern football coaches, who formerly limited their "scouting" territory to Eastern states, have extended their field to the West is shown by the fact that Bill Steers, Oregon's mighty quarterback and captain, and Hollis Huntington, star fullback this year, have received flattering offers yesterday to enter West Point military academy next fall to play on the army eleven.

Newspapers of the offer was made public last night from authoritative sources following a visit made to the campus Tuesday by Philip Hays, athletic director of West Point.

TO DECLINE OFFERS
It is understood here that neither man will accept the tempting offers made him. Huntington, who graduates this year, is too old to enter the academy and Steers told local athletic authorities that he had no desire to enter the military academy and that he would stay with Oregon. It is said that Hays is now in The Dalles talking the matter over with Steers' folks. It is not known whether Hays came West to seek the enlistment of other Western gridiron stars or not.

The offer comes following a season in which their individual efforts were important factors in Oregon's success. It was not until the Harvard clash that Hollis Huntington, playing his first game under Oregon colors, displayed his greater efficiency in the center. He was the individual star of the Webfoots and annexed 150 yards from scrimmage during the contest.

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