

World's Wrestling Championship is to Be Determined in the Caddock-Stecher Contest

J. STECHER FAVORITE IN MAT GO

Grapplers Ready for Championship Match—George Bothner Will Referee Contest.

By Jack Veleck
NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(U. S. N. S.)—Earl Caddock and Joe Stecher will match brawn and skill in a gigantic struggle for the world's heavyweight catch-as-catch-can wrestling title here tonight with more than 10,000 fans looking on.

The contest should be a record breaker in several ways. It will be the first time for a match in this country to be decided by one fall and indications are that new figures for attendance and receipts at an indoor match will be established. Promoter Jack Curley expects a \$30,000 house.

BOTH IN SHAPE
George Bothner, veteran wrestler and trainer, will be the referee. While Caddock is probably the more popular of the two wrestlers, Stecher has been made a favorite in the betting. Broadway odds are 6 to 5.

That the struggle will be a supreme test of endurance, not to mention skill, is practically certain. Both Caddock and Stecher claim to be in prime condition. There will be no allis on this score. Confidence is pretty evenly divided between the rivals. Caddock has already declared that he expects to win with the "head scissors." Stecher is equally sure of victory.

STECHER HURRY
Of hope to be the undisputed world's champion after tonight's match," said Stecher today. "Why, I haven't even considered losing."

"Caddock is a wonderful wrestler, but I think I can beat him. I expect the body scissors to win for me—that and greater endurance. It is true that Caddock got out of that hold at Omaha, but getting out of it greatly weakens a man."

Stecher will have an advantage over Caddock in weight.

Lewis Beat Drank on Mat
Boston, Mass., Jan. 30.—(U. S. N. S.)—(Strangler) Lewis today holds a decisive victory over Tom Drank, whom he threw in straight falls in a wrestling match here.

Troeh Leads Shooters in South
Houston, Texas, Jan. 30.—Frank M. Troeh of Vancouver, Wash., shattered 198 out of 200 targets in the second day's program of the Sunny South handicap. C. G. Spencer topped the professionals with 187.

New Heavyweight Sought in England Britain Tired of Playing the Third Fiddle

By Charles M. McCann
LONDON, Jan. 30.—(U. S. N. S.)—Britain, the home of fistie art and long capital of the pugilistic world, feels keenly humiliated at playing third fiddle in the boxing game. For years most of her champions have been summoned pat away by scrappers from other countries. Now British sporting men have determined to make a supreme effort to snare a real champion by bringing back her long lost laurels to the British Isles. Horatio Bottomley, prominent in sporting circles and editor of John Bull and a string of other newspapers, has started a searching expedition to find a champion to wrest the championships from the United States.

Sammy Gordon Is Barred From the Ring in Vernon

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—Matchmaker Wadhams of the Vernon fight club announced that Sammy Gordon, Portland pugilist, had been barred from further participation in fights at Vernon as a result of suspicion that all was not honest in his fight with Danny Edwards, Oakland negro, Tuesday night.

JIMMY WILDE WINS FROM MIKE ERTLE VIA THE K.O. ROUTE

St. Paul, Battler Takes Trip to Dreamland in Third Round of Milwaukee Bout.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 30.—(U. S. N. S.)—Jimmy Wilde today boasted his first American knockout. Mike Ertle was his victim, going down in the third round last night for the count. As a result of his victory last night Wilde now has two wins to his credit on his American expedition to one defeat.

The knockout was of the clean variety. Wilde's right meeting Ertle's chin squarely. Betting favored Wilde 10 to 7 when he entered the ring. It was Ertle's first experience in slepland. While the quick end of the bout came as a surprise there was never any doubt of the superiority of Wilde. He went strong from the start and all three rounds were his. Ertle went into the bout with a cut on the nose and Wilde quickly opened that up. From then on Ertle was smeared with gore.

Wilde's attack was by far the best he has shown so far and Ertle was clearly overmatched. Wilde appeared in superb condition and declared after the knockout that he was only "getting warmed up."

Ertle just made the required 15 pounds at 3 o'clock, while Wilde entered the ring at 158½ pounds.

Rariden Signs With Reds
Bedford, Ind., Jan. 30.—(U. S. N. S.)—William A. Rariden, "Bedford Bill," who was the leading catcher of the Cincinnati baseball team last season, has signed for the season of 1920 with the Cincinnati Reds.

Baker High at La Grande
Baker, Or., Jan. 30.—The Baker High school basketball team is in La Grande waiting for the whistle to blow to start tonight's La Grande High-Baker High game.

Dependable Overcoats

Bottomley has commissioned A. G. Hales, a leading authority on boxing, and Eugene Corri, world's famous referee, to test a still hunt until a suitable recruit for the fistie crown is found. Bottomley will provide for training and maintenance of the "find."

"America now holds the world's heavyweight crown and France has the European honors," Bottomley said.

"Therefore, preferring to see one of our own boys hold the laurels, I have commissioned Hales and Corri to scour the British Isles for a British champion of the world. If they find a lad of sufficient promise he shall lack nothing in the way of training, instruction and maintenance."

BEAVERS NOT AFTER FIELDERS

Mac Expects to Close Deals Within Few Days for .300 Hitting Outfielders.

By George Bertz
DEALS that will strengthen the Portland Beavers' outfield for the 1920 Coast league pennant chase are nearing consummation, according to an announcement made by Manager Walter McCredie.

"I have several .300 hitting outfielders in view," said Mac, "and I expect to close for a couple of them in the very near future."

TAGGART IS LIKED
"I like this fellow Taggart of the Columbia club of the American association. He is a corking good player. He can hit, run bases and cover a lot of territory."

"Bill Clymer wants Frank Walker and I am willing to give him Walker for Taggart, but he evidently plans to hang onto him as he has offered me every other outfielder on the Columbia club, including McCarty and Bailey."

Official averages of the American association give Taggart a batting average of .293 for 151 games during the 1919 season. He scored 97 runs and made 152 hits for a total of 235 bases. He stole 33 bases.

HURLERS TO THE MARKS
There will probably be no monkeying with holdout pitchers on the Beaver team this season. Curve artists appear to be numerous this season and Mac does not intend to do a lot of bickering with those who want more coin.

The big fellow is mighty well pleased with the addition of Cunningham and Polson. Polson has been boosted to the skies to Mac by friends in the East.

DENVER LEGION NOT TO LET UP IN FIGHT AGAINST DEMPSEY

Injustice Done All Legion Posts By Action of Milwaukee Members, Says Resolution.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 30.—(U. S. N. S.)—Declaring that the action of Gordon Barber post of Milwaukee in electing Jack Dempsey to honorary membership in the American Legion is illegal, Leo Leyden post of this city, where the agitation against Dempsey originated, today forwarded resolutions to the Milwaukee post saying that a grave injustice had been done all American Legion posts by the Milwaukee local in placing the stamp of approval upon the champion heavyweight pugilist. The national constitution of the legion bars from membership those who have not served in some military capacity, according to the resolution.

Jack Accepts With Pleasure
Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 30.—(U. P.)—"Comrade" Jack Dempsey, the world's leading heavyweight pugilist became an honorary member of the American Legion today, when he accepted the membership tendered him by Gordon Barber post here. Jack's telegram of acceptance read:

"Received telegram from post exonerating me from charge of being called a slacker and draft dodger. Will prove to the world my innocence. Accept with great pleasure the honor conferred upon me by electing me honorary commandant of Gordon Barber post."

Posters announcing the coming Chemawa Indian-South Parkway basketball game in the Portland Y. M. C. A. gymnasium next Thursday night have been circulated through the efforts of Manager Samuel Tessen of the Portlanders. The Indians defeated the Oregon Aggie Freshmen, 24 to 21, at Chemawa Wednesday night. A preliminary game featuring the South Parkway seconds or one of the Dunlavy park contingents will be staged, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Centralia, Jan. 30.—Centralia high school's team in the Southwest Washington Basketball league faces two important games tonight and tomorrow. The first will be played with South Bend and the second with Raymond, both on the foreign floors. Chehalis plays Montesano on the latter's floor tonight and Montesano goes to Olympia for Saturday night's game. Aberdeen is idle this week.

Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 30.—The Onalaska Men's club basketball team administered a defeat to the Chehalis high school basketball team at Onalaska Wednesday evening, the score being 27 to 22. Chehalis was in the lead, 22 to 13, in the first half, but couldn't hold the lead.

Palo Alto, Cal., Jan. 30.—Stanford university and Washington State college of Pullman, Wash., are ready to play their basketball game here tonight. The Cougars arrived here this morning looking fit. It will be the first time in the history of the Cardinal institution that a Stanford quintet has met a Northwest team.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 30.—What the Oregon Aggie basketball team does against the University of Washington will be watched with interest by members of the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate conference. The two quintets meet in Seattle tonight and again tomorrow night.

Brewer Billie and the Oregon Agricultural college freshmen hoopers were Portland visitors for a while Thursday. The "Babes" are making a tour of the lower Columbia district and play in Astoria tonight and tomorrow night.

STEELHEAD FISHING
The big rain has brought in a run of our favorite steelheads, also some fine big salmon trout. The season is open for both of these winter fish—and we have the right sort of good tackle.

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