

# Roach 'Dies' After Boxing Injury

## Mix with Small Ends in Death

### Full Investigation To Be Made Today

By Jack Hand  
NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—Lavern Roach, handsome ex-marine idol of Plainview, Texas, died today of brain injury received last night in a 10th round knockout loss to George Small of Brooklyn. The end came at 12:50 p.m. EST with the patient in a deep coma at St. Clare's hospital, where he had been taken on a stretcher from St. Nicholas arena.

"The patient was in a deep coma," the hospital report read, "and there was respiratory failure with final cessation of heart action due to the after effects of a cerebral hemorrhage and brain damage."

Huddled at the bedside in stunned silence were the boxer's wife, Evelyn, and his manager, Johnny Abbott, who handled Roach's career since his days with the Cherry Point N.C. marines. Yesterday was his 24th birthday.

Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, New York state athletic commission physician, and four other doctors attended the stricken athlete after his last fight. Dr. Nardiello remained with the patient through the night until his death.

Only a handful, 1,832, waded through sleet and snow to see the middleweight battle in the ancient midtown club.

The district attorney's office announced a full investigation of the fight that resulted in boxing's first fatality of 1950. Ring Magazine records show 18 fight deaths last year, nine in the United States.

Chairman Eddie Egan of the New York state athletic commission, called an open hearing for 10:00 a.m. (EST) tomorrow. He said a preliminary examination indicated no infraction of the commission rules.

Small, shaken by the fatal accident, said, "I thought he was fresher than I was."

Roach, boxing's "Rookie of the Year" in 1947, was on a comeback when tragedy struck. Rushed in to a match with Marcel Cerdan, March 12, 1948, Roach suffered a bad beating that almost ended his career. This was a few months before Cerdan won the middleweight title.

Scorers of both judges and Referee Frank Fullam had the Texan out front in the first nine rounds of his last fight. A terrific right hand punch to the jaw, just as Roach was starting a left hook, smashed the Texan to the canvas for a count of nine in the last round. Seconds later, Small battered Roach to the canvas again and he collapsed flat on his back. Referee Fullam quickly stopped the fight without a count.

After Roach was half-dragged to his corner he came to and opened his eyes. Talking to his trainer he said, "damn it, this would happen." Two or three times he started to get up but sagged and sat down on the stool. Dr. Nardiello quickly gave him an injection and ordered a stretcher.

### NOW IT'S ROGUES

MEDFORD, Feb. 23 (AP)—The Nuggets have been taken over by the Rogues. It's all due to the fans, who voted on a new name for the Medford club in the Far West Baseball League. The club was the Medford Nuggets last year. Management had proposed "Larks" for a nickname, but the fans decided the players should be Rogues.

### Duck Pins

Commercial league at B & B courts Thursday night; B & B Wholesale 4, Willamette Amusement co. 8; GMC Trucks 2, Quality Use Cars 2, A. L. Cummings Heating 3, Willamette Valley Bank 1. High team series, Wholesalers, 2260, High team game, Trucks, 772. High individual series, Ario Young, Wholesale, 601. High individual game, Dave Spalding, Heaters, 192.

### Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Tolt, Oregon, February, 1950 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic survey, Portland, for the Oregon Statesman.)

Feb.	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER		
Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	
24	4:21 a.m. 6.1	12:21 a.m. 1.3		
	6:28 p.m. 4.9	11:12 p.m. 1.3		
25	5:41 a.m. 6.9	1:00 p.m. 1.8		
	6:29 p.m. 5.1			
26	6:41 a.m. 6.1	1:30 a.m. 2.8		
	6:48 p.m. 4.3	2:40 p.m. 0.7		
27	7:46 a.m. 5.5	2:45 a.m. 0.7		
	10:21 p.m. 4.5	2:35 p.m. 0.3		

It costs an average of 4.5 cents per pound to cut and wrap meat for self-service counters, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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### Finals Due Tonight

## Vikings in Lead Big Six Mat Meet

Salem high's undefeated wrestling Vikings climaxed a full afternoon of matches Thursday with Albany and Springfield to lead those two entries into the finals of the annual Big Six league mat tournament. Those finals will start tonight at eight o'clock on the Villa mats. They will find Coach Hank Juran's team ready to go with 10 title aspirants. Albany has eight qualified for the finals and Springfield five.

Juran announced pairings for the finals as follows, as those named Thursday won their ways through the prelim tussles:

98 pounds—Dryden (A) vs. Cooley (S), 104—Grate (A) vs. McGrady (Sp), 115—Southwick (A) vs. Matthews (Sp), 121—McLain (A) vs. Hutchinson (S), 128—Knupp (S) vs. Kubishta (S), 134—B. Broucher (Sp) vs. Logan (S), 139—Schirman (S) vs. J. Broucher (Sp), 146—Hodges (A) vs. Schweitz (S), 155—Harvey (Sp) vs. Stepper (S), 165—Lay (A) vs. Yellen (S), 175—Peterson (S) vs. Huffman (A), Heavyweight—Patrick (Sp) vs. Doerfler (A).

### Small Field Seen For Anita 'Cap

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 23 (AP)—The smallest field in the 13 renewals of the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap was predicted today. There are three trumping reasons for the scarcity of talent. The reasons: Citation, Fonder and Two Lea, riding under the devil blue silks of Warren Wright's Calumet stable.

It costs \$500 to enter a contender tomorrow and \$1,500 to start him in the mile and one quarter classic Saturday. The probable field consists of the three Calumets, Ben F. Whitaker's My Request, Charles S. Howard's Noor, Mrs. John Payson Adams' Mocha, Mr. Nat Goldstone's Solidarity, E. O. Stone and Sons' On Trust, Clifford Mooers' Old Rockport, and Anita King's Moonrush.

## Davis to Join Rams Eleven

FORT MONROE, Va., Feb. 23 (AP)—First Lieut. Glenn Davis, one of the greatest gridiron stars in West Point history, said tonight the army had accepted his resignation and he would join the professional Los Angeles Rams next season. Three times an All-America halfback on Army's undefeated teams of 1944, 1945 and 1946, Davis has seen little football action since he ended his college career. Since the Army-Navvy game of 1946, the "Mr. Outside" of the Black Knights' backfield has appeared only in a couple of charity contests.

### Look and Learn

- By A. C. Gordon
- Who were the three well-known "Lake Poets"?
  - What Colonial ruler in America had but one leg?
  - What is caviar?
  - What is the most massive tree in the world?
  - What does the prefix "pseudo" mean?
- ANSWERS
- William Wordsworth, Samuel T. Coleridge, and Robert Southey.
  - Peter Stuyvesant (1692-1672), director-general of New Netherlands, now New York.
  - Prepared and salted roe of large fish, especially the sturgeon.
  - The giant sequoia of California.
  - False; pseud.

### Greys, Blues Battle

## Juniors Near Loop Finish

JUNIOR HIGH STANDINGS

W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
P-Greys 8 1 .800	P-Pioneers 3 4 .429	L-Blues 6 1 .857
L-Blues 4 3 .571	L-Golds 0 7 .000	Tonight's games, all at 8 o'clock: Blue vs. Grey Pioneers at West Salem, Cards at Golds.

Salem's Junior high basketball leaguers romp into round No. 8 today in a trio of eight o'clock games, and it finds the quints at just about the end of their campaign for the season. Only two more rounds remain after today's.

Biggest game of the round is due at Parrish. In it the Parrish Greys take on the Leslie Blues in a game that will crack their current tie for the loop lead. Hank Landis' Greys and Harry Mohr's Blues each have won six, lost one to date, and the winner of the crucial tilt could be taking the big step for the 1950 title.

The other games have the Parrish Pioneers at West Salem and the Parrish Cards at Leslie to play the winless Golds. In their first meeting this season the Greys toppled the Blues, 37-34. The Greys later lost to the Cards for the only blot on their record.

### Stojack-Szasz Title Go Set

It'll be Frank Stojack against Al Szasz for the latter's Coast Junior Heavy mat title belt at the armory next Tuesday night, as the former WSC football All-American is handed his crack at the coveted championship as reward for his winning a tournament here a few weeks ago.

The spangled match will cap Matchmaker Elton Owen's weekly program and will find Stojack hot after the belt he once held for more than a year. "The Great Atlas" also will appear as the card Tuesday in the special tilt. Two other prelims will be added.

## Champion Has Weight Bulge

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 23 (AP)—NBA heavyweight champion Edward Charles had a 4½ weight advantage in his match with challenger Freddie Beshore were pronounced in "perfect shape" for their title match. They were examined by a New York state athletic commission physician five days prior to their 15-round title go in Memorial auditorium Tuesday, as required by law. Charles weighed 189½.

## Goin' After 'em

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after catfish as none of the large variety are found in our waters. The brown bullhead (Ameiurus nebulosus) is the most common of the western catfish. It is often referred to as the yellow catfish. It was introduced into California early in the century and then into the northwest. This little cat rarely exceeds one ft. in length but does on occasions, reach from 2 to 4 lbs.

### Willamette Boasts Numerous Small Catfish

Our own Willamette river has an abundance of the small catfish as do most of the overflow lakes and sloughs bordering the Willamette. One of the best catfishing areas is north of Salem in the New Era region. There is a back-water below the R.R. tracks that draws numerous catfishers. Devil Lake in Lincoln county has its share of catfish and the water and scenery are more appetizing than the same along the Willamette. On south, Siliteos and Tahnkenit lakes offer plenty of sport in the catfishing line. Those two lakes also have trout and black bass in them as well as crappie. In the late fall they also have a run of Coho salmon that come in from the ocean to spawn in the tributaries. The local catfishermen will have their own pet baits and methods of angling for the tasty but ugly critters, and each will swear that his own way is the best way in the world.

### Might Be Even a Whale for All We Know

A word of warning in closing. There have been a few anglers bent on a mess of catfish from the Willamette below the Oregon City falls who have had the thrill of something tremendous grabbing the hook and running off with the entire outfit. On most occasions it was assumed that the culprit was no less an individual than a 400 lb. sturgeon. However, a few of the old dyed-in-the-wool catfishers from way back seem to think it may have been the Loch Ness Monster.

This is the last week end of the steelhead season as far as the coastal streams are concerned. The season closes Tuesday, Feb. 28. The Statesman Junior Steelhead contest will close with the last day of the month and the date for the awarding of the prizes will be announced shortly thereafter. In the meantime you have three or four days to get in on the fun. Lots of races have been won in the stretch. Let's go fishing.

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