

Emile Griffith vs.

Hurricane Carter

# Cold Pittsburgh: fight site

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — On this coldest December 20th in Pittsburgh's history, the snow-festooned city will be treated tonight to what shapes up as a red hot fight between world welterweight champion Emile Griffith and top middleweight contender Rubin (Hurricane) Carter.

Griffith's 147-pound title will not be at stake in this nationally televised 10-rounder at the Civic Arena, but his prestige as "Fighter of the Year" and his hopes for a shot at the middleweight (160-pound) crown will be hanging on every punch. His prestige will plummet and his middleweight hopes will drop to zero — the temperature outside — if he loses.

## Aerial show ... Mira, Shiner in North-South go

MIAMI (UPI) — George Mira should have plenty of what he lacked during the regular season when he teams with Dick Shiner of Maryland to make a passing show of the annual North-South All-Star game Saturday.

Pittsburgh's Dec. 20 record of four above zero was established in 1884. Slugger Carter of Patterson, N.J., also will be risking his chances of soon challenging middleweight ruler Joe Giardello.

Mira, an All-America last year, had a losing campaign with Miami's Hurricanes this year, primarily because his receivers couldn't handle his passes.

Griffith, 24, of New York, is favored at 2-1 to beat the 26-year-old Carter because of his speed, ruggedness and combined boxer-puncher proficiency, and because of the success pattern in Emile's three latest bouts — two with middleweight contenders.

## Clay gets lippy again, says he's 'most colorful'

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI)—Cassius Clay called himself the "most colorful fighter in the world" in a letter of apology to the Arizona Highway Patrol for a traffic ticket.

But he and Shiner should both have plenty of catchers on the South's All-Star squad, and Coach Tom Nugent has made no secret of his plans for making the most of the throwing abilities of the two quarterbacks.

But a justice of the peace said if the fighter doesn't appear he'll issue a warrant. Clay was cited Dec. 9 for driving without a license near Dateland, in southern Arizona.

"We've got to go for the passing game," Nugent said. "With Mira and Shiner both available, it's our best bet."

Clay, who fights Sonny Liston next year for the heavyweight crown, said in his letter:

"In answer to this card (citation) I apologize. I was in such a rush to get one of my staff to a dentist is the reason I took the wheel.

"I am the most colorful fighter in the world today and I trust all of you will be my fans."

The Rebels will be shooting for the South's 10th win in the 16th annual game, proceeds of which go to Variety Children's Hospital.

The fighter also enclosed an autographed photograph of himself.

The kickoff will be at 4 p.m., and this year's game will be nationally televised (ABC).

Nugent and his Southerners had better have a good pass defense as well as offense to come off best against the Yankee team of Michigan's Bump Elliott.

## Oregon to begin full workouts

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — The University of Oregon will begin full squad workouts Saturday in preparation for its Sun Bowl game against Southern Methodist at El Paso, Tex., Dec. 31.

Only 22 players were on hand in an informal workout Thursday because the school is in the midst of fall term examinations. The Ducks drilled on passing and quarterback Bob Berry was on target throughout.

Another light drill was scheduled today.

The Ducks will perform in the Sun Bowl without the brilliant Mel Renfro at halfback. He recently inked a contract with the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League after being declared out of the Sun Bowl game anyway because of a severe hand injury.

## Pacific Lutheran rates UPI 9th

NEW YORK (UPI)—The United Press International small college basketball ratings with first-place votes and won-lost records through Saturday, Dec. 14, in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. Evansville (15) (4-1)	258
2. Grambling (7) (6-0)	235
3. West. Carolina (4) (7-0)	220
4. Wittenberg (4) (2-1)	218
5. Pan American (1) (4-1)	204
6. South Dak. St. (3-3)	152
7. Tennessee State (2-2)	91
8. Fresno State (3-2)	72
9. Pacific Lutheran (1) (4-1)	63
10. Southeast Mo. St. (4-0)	45
Second 10—11. Oglethorpe 38;	
12. (tie), Southern Illinois and	
Puget Sound (1) 26; 14. (tie),	
Kentucky Wesleyan and Lama	
Tech 22; 16. Ohio Wesleyan 18;	
17. State College of Iowa 15; 18	
(tie) Prairie View and North-	
eastern 11; 20. (tie), Hofstra,	
Augsburg (1) and Massachu-	
setts (1) 10.	

LONDON'S FATHER DIES  
BLOCKPOOL, England (UPI)—Jack London, father of former British heavyweight champion Brian London, was found dead in his home Thursday night. The elder London, 49, defeated Freddie Mills for the British and Empire heavyweight crowns in 1914.

## Owens shuffles Bowl backfield

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI)—Coach Jim Owens shook up the University of Washington backfield Wednesday with the exception of quarterback Bill Douglas after three days of practice for the Rose Bowl.

Owens demoted halfbacks Dave Kopay and Ron Medved and fullback Junior Coffey from the first team, replacing them with halfbacks Dick Wetterauer and Steve Bramwell and fullback Charles Browning.

"They've just done a better job at practice," Owens said in explaining the elevation of the new trio to the first string, signified by purple practice jackets.

Christmas fund for needy children will get 10 per cent of the gate, after taxes. Griffith gets a flat guarantee of \$20,000 from the gate and TV. Carter receives \$7,500 and expenses.

Both fighters have predicted knockout victories although neither has done a Cassius Clay and named the round.

If tonight's fight lives up to expectations as a thriller, promoter Litman of Pittsburgh and promoter Harry Markson of New York's Madison Square Garden (television producer) will join forces in a "big-money" offer to Giardello for an April 3 defense against the winner at Pittsburgh.

Griffith seeks his 39th victory and 14th knockout in 43 bouts. His four defeats were on decisions. He never was stopped.

Carter's 21 fights resulted in 17 victories (11 by knockouts) and four defeats. He was stopped by Gonzalez last March 30 on a cut brow.

Two judges and a referee will decide the fight on a five-points-must basis.

It will be televised nationally by ABC at 10 p.m. (EST).

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