

In the World of Sports

COMPLICATIONS LOOM FOR RING BOUT IN MIAMI

Undercurrents Indicate the Choice of Lou Magnolia as Referee and Lack of Ring Code May Cause Trouble—Interest Gains.

By Edward J. Neil. (Associated Press Sports Writer.) MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 20.—Now that a referee has been named who is satisfactory to both Jack Sharkey and Young Stridling, youthful gladiators in the fast-paced fight of the north and south, it would seem that the way is paved for a comparatively peaceful conclusion of the fight Jack Dempsey built.

It would seem so, but the undercurrents and loopholes in arrangements that brought about the naming of Lou Magnolia, tall New Yorker, in place of Johnny Brascil, Boston veteran, as referee of the heavyweight match one week from tonight, really indicate just the opposite.

Magnolia, one of the most capable referees in the east, gained the assignment unexpectedly after a protracted and somewhat violent meeting last night of the fighters' managers and Jack Dempsey. The rugged New Yorker, a demon worker on fighters of the eluding type, replaced Brascil, and also Jack Sheehan, the alternate named by the Massachusetts state athletic commission.

Through the technicalities of fight contracts, it was explained that the Massachusetts commission merely was asked for an opinion on the qualifications of referees, that the managers were able to get together and choose a man both refused to accept a few days ago.

The possible complications, however, are manifold. Since Florida has no boxing commission and no ring code, a set of regulations acceptable to both boxers must be arranged. Conferences started today with the Sharkey camp set stubbornly against any but Massachusetts rules, which preclude draw decisions, and the Stridling forces equally determined that New York state regulations shall rule the contest.

Squad Only Started. There is a chance also that the referee squabble has only started. Last winter the New York commission ruled that referees licensed within the state could not officiate indiscriminately in other sections of the country.

Since the New York board has a working agreement with the Massachusetts commission, which seems to have been flouted after acting in good faith, the well-informed believed that Magnolia might not receive permission of the home state to travel south.

The match is picking up momentum each day. Visitors, arriving in flocks, have taxed housing facilities of Miami Beach to the utmost, although accommodations are being found in neighboring towns. An addition to the arena will be completed tomorrow.

Financially, the struggle for success is over. The cash receipts to date stood at \$256,000, the approximate cost of staging the match. Officials said that, with the exception of federal taxes, additional receipts during the coming week will total the Miami Sports Garden corporation profit.

Three officials for the bout, all timekeepers, have been chosen. They are Remy Dorr of New Orleans, H. Stridling, and uncle of the boxer, and James Downing of Tampa.

Webfoots to Swim. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The University of Southern California swimmers will meet the fast paddlers of the University of Oregon here Friday night in a meet and water polo game. The Webfoots of Oregon boast of some of the "fastest paddlers" in collegiate ranks.

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EXPECT KLAMATH SKI RACE RECORD WILL BE LOWERED

FORT KLAMATH, Feb. 20.—(Special.) The record that is set in the 4 1/2 mile trip next Friday, Feb. 22, will probably be lower than the six hours and 18 minutes record of last year. There have been watches on a number of the racers while training and their time for the trip was less than six hours. Just what these boys will do in the race, is hard to say.

A bit of news came to the ears of the racing committee yesterday concerning two of the men entered in the main event. John Peterson was declared champion racer of northern Sweden in 1925. About the same time Alex Persson was showing a clean pair of heels to his trail fellows in southern Sweden. When the national meet was held, Peterson was sick and Persson got his name on the "Wanderer," the king's trophy for all Swedes. Both men have only been in this country for a short time and it is hard to understand all they say but their actions speak loud of ability. A few days ago Persson had the misfortune to strain his leg muscle by too strenuous training and what did Peterson do but sit down in his chair and never make a stroke on his skis until Alex Persson was training again.

The 4 1/2 mile race means little to these two men. If these two are the last men, it will still be a race. It is a fire that has been smoldering for three years and it promises to be a hot blaze on Feb. 22.

Wm. Baldwin of Baldwin Hardware Co. has asked the racing committee for permission to raise the purse of Baldwin Hardware Trail Breakers to one hundred dollars. Last year the purse was seventy-five.

The California Oregon Power Co. has placed entry blanks in the hands of every scoutmaster in southern Oregon for the 299-yard dash for Boy Scouts. Two boys from each troupe will be allowed to register for that event. If the present plans mature there will be more than fifty boys in the race.

The big silver trophy for the 4 1/2 mile event has attracted some of the best skiers in the country. The training fund, the Crater Lake Ski club has maintained for the racers has created a fine feeling toward the club members and every racer intends to finish or die in the attempt.

One of the new features of the ski meet is the Forest Rangers Fire Fighters Race. Entries from every forest district in southern Oregon have been received and it promises to be one of the most interesting as well as the most instructive of all the events of the day.

The judges for the day will be Hutz B. Rankin, supervisor of Crater National Forest; E. W. Price, managing director of Crater Lake National Park Co.; and C. C. Seeley of Southern Oregon Highway department.

Martin Palmer, of the Crater Lake National Park Service, stopped at the Fort Klamath Hotel on his way into the park. Mr. Palmer is Col. Thompson's personal representative, and will cooperate with the Ski club in the care of the racers on February 22.

This is Martin's second year in this capacity and the ski club expects things to go more smoothly because of his presence.

EVERETT CUE MAN GAINS LEADERSHIP AMATEUR TOURNEY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—(AP)—M. C. Wallgren, Everett, Wash., cue artist, took the lead in a match for the amateur 18.2 ballline billiards championship of the Pacific coast here last night by defeating Joe Chamaco of Los Angeles, 300 to 249 in the first block of a 300-point match.

Trading Chamaco 25 to 107 at the end of the tenth inning, Wallgren gave an exhibition of high-class billiards with a beautiful run of 26, to take the lead which he never relinquished. Chamaco's high run was 28.

Horseshoe Champ



Blair Nunamaker, Cleveland, is the new horseshoe pitching champ. He won the eleventh annual tournament at St. Petersburg, Fla.

BEST WRESTLING SHOW OF SEASON EXPECTED RIALTO

An evening entertainment of excellence is promised at the Rialto theatre next Monday evening when Tom Alley, member of the "Crucifix" hold, will meet Jim Healin, light heavyweight champion of Australia, in a finish match. On the same card, in addition to a preliminary moving picture of the Gus Sonnenberg-Strangler Lewis world championship wrestling match will also be shown.

These pictures are said to be the best of their kind ever exhibited and will demonstrate how Sonnenberg used the flying tackle to such advantage that he defeated Lewis.

Lewis is on the Pacific coast only for a short time while en route to New York City and later to Europe, and his appearance in Medford is one of the few he will make while in the country. Alley appeared in Medford to good advantage a short time ago in a match with Sailor Jack Wood— one of the best matches seen in Medford for months.

BILLY TOWNSEND PULLS COMEBACK TO QUELL INDIAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Billy Townsend, Vancouver, B. C., lightweight, apparently on the road to dreamland in the fourth round of his thrilling battle with Pedro Amorador, the fighting San Blas Indian of Panama, came back in the sixth round to win on a technical knockout. Billy was floored for the count of eight with a smashing left hook in the pit of the stomach as the fourth ended. The blow took all his wind and made him sick. He took no punishment and was senseless in the fifth. They came out for the sixth with Billy somewhat revived and with the round about half over, Townsend shot his fist twice against the same Indian's jaw. Amorador staggered up at the count of eight and Townsend was setting to deliver the finishing punch. Referee Gorman stepped between them and stopped the battle.

In the preliminaries Fred Kelly took a decision over Bobby Vernon; Billy Church knocked out Sammy Goldstein in the third round; Frankie Varnecke and Bob Judd went six rounds to a draw and Sam Warren got a technical knockout over Speed Murphy in the fourth.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Mush Callahan, junior welterweight champion, won a technical knockout over Frankie Fuente of El Paso, Texas, here last night in the fourth round of a 10-round bout, when Fuente's hands threw in a towel to save Fuente further punishment.

Fuente was knocked down twice in the second round, once in the third and was off his feet three times in the fourth before the fight ended. Callahan weighed 147 and Fuente 142.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Ernie Peters, the Chippewa Indian from Chicago, and Speedy Dado, flashy Philippine flyweight, fought a whitewash 10-round draw here last night. Knocked down for a no count in the first round, Peters made a strong finish in the last canto to earn a draw. The decision was not altogether popular with the crowd.

Clatskanie—Plans under consideration for establishment of bus service between here and Astoria.

Cushman—Owen Brothers lumber mill changes hands.

LOCALS COAST INTO PLACE IN HOOP TOURNEY

High School Team Virtually Assured Trip to Salem as District Champs—Leading State Contenders Same as 1928.

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BUTTER RECOVERS FOLLOWING DROP

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Butter grades today recovered some of the decline experienced Tuesday. Standard extra went up half a cent to 43 1/2 and the firsts to 42 1/2. Standard extra eggs took an advance of one cent to 31 and medium extras half a cent to 29 1/2. Local offerings were said to be unexpectedly small.

Another shipment of new Idaho potatoes reached the market today at 25 cents a pound wholesale. Mexican tomatoes were more scarce and up to \$3.50 to \$3.75. Green peas from Guadalupe were selling at 17 and 18 cents a pound wholesale. Fruits and fresh meats were unchanged.

THE MARKETS

Livestock. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Cattle and calves; steady; no receipts. Hogs; steady; receipts 90, direct. Sheep and lambs, quotably steady; receipts 290 on contract.

Produce. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter—Standards and prime firsts half a cent higher. Extras, 46c; standards, 45c; prime firsts, 43 1/2c; firsts, 43c. Creamery prices: Prints 3c over standards.

Eggs—Standard extra eggs one cent higher; medium extras, half a cent higher. Fresh standard extras, 31c; fresh standard firsts, 29c; fresh medium extras, 29 1/2c; fresh medium firsts, 29c.

Milk—Raw milk (4 per cent), \$2.55 cwt. delivered Portland, less 1 per cent. Lutterfat, station 45c; truck, 46c; delivered at Portland, 48 1/2c.

Poultry, onions, potatoes, wool, nuts, hays, casaca bark, hops—all steady and unchanged.

San Francisco Butterfat. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Butterfat local, San Francisco 52c.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Revival of activity and strength in the railroad shares, based on the filing of new merger plans by the Baltimore & Ohio and Van Swerich systems and the increase in freight car loadings, featured the resumption of the upward price movement in today's stock market trading from the market until after the holiday.

Various specialties rose smartly in the last hour, several to record peaks, despite a marked contraction in the volume of trading. Crowley Radio touched 107. Grand Stores, Interstate Department Stores, Advance Rumley, and Louisiana Oil preferred mounted 5 to 6 points. United States Steel rose over 3 points in active trading. The closing was firm. Total sales approximated 2,800,000 shares.

OFFICE ASSISTANT PREVENTS ESCAPE SALEM PRISONER

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