

Sports STRIBLING HURT RIB BUT READY NOW FOR FIGHT

'Pa' Gives Inside Dope On Injury Four Days Ago That Threatened to Keep Son From Ring—Ready Now to Fight, Is Claim.

Associated Press Sports Writer. MEDFORD, Feb. 25.—(AP)—By way of adding another fantastic touch to this strangest of fistic affairs, it may be told in detail today how a displaced rib came close to dislocating the striding-sharkey heavyweight tilt from its expensive moorings.

'W. L. will be in there to fight Sharkey if we have to take him up the aisle in a wheel chair, but we won't need to, and W. L. will be in shape to give Sharkey the light of his life.'

This did 'Pa' Stribling, looking proudly at his tall, black-haired son, conclude his description to the Associated Press today of an injury that 'W. L.' met in training four days ago and which came close to upsetting completely the carefully laid plans for the 10-round match to a referee's decision, scheduled this Wednesday night at Flamingo park.

The essentials now are that Stribling, in spite of several days of acute pain from the rib injury, is pronounced by physicians as fully fit to fight; that there will be no necessity to try to substitute Paulino Escudon or any one else for the southerner; or face a possible postponement. But they have been a flock of anxious inquirers for the principals, as well as promoter Jack Dempsey.

'It all happened during a brisk workout last Wednesday,' said 'Pa' Stribling. 'W. L. let loose a terrific right. He felt some twinges at the time, I think, but continued and we did not discover until an examination afterward that he had dislocated an upper rib—only about an eighth of an inch—but enough to be extremely painful and dangerous.'

'It naturally affected W. L.'s nerves and he also developed a slight attack of neuritis in his right arm, to make matters worse. We worked on him with massages, it was very painful and I don't mind admitting we were mighty worried. But he has come around fine.'

'There's nothing the matter with W. L.'s right hand. You saw him hit and hit plenty with it yesterday. He is ready to go now. He will fight, and he will win.'

So seriously did those backing the battle regard Stribling's injury that actual overtures were made to Johnny Buckley, Sharkey's manager, looking toward the substitution of Paulino. Buckley, however, flatly rejected the idea, holding that his man had trained especially to meet a boxer of Stribling's type. Sharkey, according to his manager, is willing to fight Paulino or any other outstanding contender, providing he beats the southerner. Paulino will be here today, anyway. He was named by Tex Rickard as alternate.

PHANTOM FINN TO FEEL DISPLEASURE A. A. U. OFFICIALS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Unless he can find a good alibi for his non-appearance at the National A. A. U. championships, Paavo Nurmi may do a competitive 'fade out' for the next six months, by request.

There is no reason to doubt that A. A. U. officials are more than a little peeved over the 'Phantom Finn's' failure to run, as scheduled, in their own championships at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

Hugo Kurst, who is generalissimo of Nurmi's campaign, said on Saturday that Nurmi had gone stale and that the famous runner was suffering from a bad cold.

But some critics of the great Finn have another explanation for Paavo's failure to run. These observers declare that Kurst learned on Saturday afternoon that Elmo Purje, another and younger Finn, would start in the steeplechase instead of the two-mile flat race in which he was to have met Edwin Wide, the Swedish schoolmaster. Nurmi already had been charged with side-stepping a duel with Wide when he entered the steeplechase and some critics contended that Purje, rather than Paavo, was formidable a rival as Purje in the steeplechase, decided not to run at all.

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FRIDAY GAME FOR DECISION ON HOOP TOURNEY PLAYERS

With the state tournament a little more than two weeks ahead, the Medford high school basketball team will play the deciding game with Ashland next Friday night at the Armory. A victory will clinch the southern Oregon district championship.

The Ashland team after a disastrous season awakened last week and scored two victories, defeating Grants Pass by a point Friday night, and winning from Klamath Falls Saturday night, by two points. The Klamath Falls team a month previous handed them a 42 to 21 licking, so the reverse was in the nature of a comeback.

The Lithians are still hoping for a reversal of form, and a victory over Medford. The team is cocky and confident, might get something handed to them.

The overwhelming defeat last Friday night of the Pelicans, according to Klamath Falls papers, was the most astounding thing that has happened in that neck of the woods since the Modoc war. Medford high defeated them 61 to 24. The Pelicans had won 23 straight games and were suffering from the delusion they were unbeatable, and the Klamath Falls Herald says "that the five members of the team were the most dumbfounded five men in America," when the final whistle sounded.

'They could not understand how any team could put the ball thru the hoop with such lightning rapidity,' the paper continues.

The Pelican center was touted as a "rough and ready player." He was opposed by Red McDonald, and had both the roughness and readiness eliminated from his system by the end of the first quarter.

Rodney Schuler saw the game, and says all he could hear after the first 14 points was Klamath fans saying, "It can't be possible."

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BUTTER: Portland Dairy Exchange net wholesale prices (cubes); Extras 45c; standards 44c; prime firsts 43c; firsts 43c. Creamery prices prints 3c over cube standards.

EGGS: Portland Dairy Exchange (not basis) fresh standard extras 30c; fresh standard firsts 29c; fresh medium extras 29c; fresh medium firsts 28c. Prices to retailers 1c 3c over exchange prices.

MILK: Raw milk (4 per cent) 22.55 cwt. delivered Portland less 1 per cent. Butterfat, station 44c; truck 45c; delivered at Portland 48c.

POULTRY: (Buying prices)—Live heavy hens over 4 1/2 lbs., 21c; medium hens 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 lbs., 21c; light under 2 1/2 lbs., 18c; springs 24c; ducks, Peking 25c; some high; colored ducks 18c; turkeys, No. 1 hens 30c 3/4; toms 32c 3/4; capons 33c 3/4.

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