

# In the World of Sports

## TAR IS FAVORED BY WISE MONEY ON BATTLE EVE

### Strange Episodes Feature Final Hours of Beach Balhoo—South Strong for Strib—Betting Light—Odds Even to Shade.

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 26.—

The melodrama of Miami Beach, that strange and mystifying flat affair left upon the sand dunes here by Tex Rickard, is moving toward its climax in a series of episodes that need only a little soft music, the strumming of a few guitars, to make the fantasy complete.

It is strange, yet also true, in its tropically colorful background and in its astonishing assurance of financial success, but still mystifying, to see far as who shot at Jack Dempsey yesterday just before the dawn and what will happen in the ring when W. L. (Young) Stribling, the heavyweight pride of the south, and Jack Sharkey, the Boston sailor, fight for ten rounds to a referee's decision at Flamingo park tomorrow night.

No heavyweight "elimination" ever has had so fantastic a setting of a succession of such preliminary events as this, not even Tex Rickard, were he alive to see his boom venture near completion. You would recognize the almost finished product of promotion and balhoo, Tex never would have "seen anything like it."

It was the day before the actual hostilities began beneath the palm trees, the calcium lights and possibly the moon, but the boys still are walking around, arguing, and trying to find out what it is all about, and why.

### Much Mystery

There is a whole nest of mystery to keep up the old college spirit—whether one wants to know who shot at Dempsey, and why—or what significance, if any, may be attached to the acknowledged rib injury, and reported hand injury to Young Stribling in a training mishap just a week before the fight.

There are plenty of answers, just as there has been plenty to talk and write about outside the actual fight itself. But the most conspicuous reasons for it all are unquestionably Jack Dempsey and the balhoo—Dempsey, the old mauler, playing successfully at his new role of promoter; and the balhoo, with new words and music inspired by the balmy rephrases of Florida's shores.

This is the south's first heavyweight fight of national interest since the palmy days of New Orleans as a flat center and few of those in the gathering here can recall that. This is a major bid for fame by William Lawrence Stribling, 24 year old Mason youth—the son of an acrobatic father and the father of an acrobatic child, who has helped enliven the training proceedings.

### Sentiment for "W. L."

Stribling, because he is to fight before a southern gallery of friends, relatives and admirers, is the sentimental favorite, the hope of Dixie, but Sharkey, the hard-punching sailor, is the choice of

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## Baskets and Bankboards

By FORREST C. (PHOG) ALLEN  
(President, National Association of Basketball Coaches)

Why do so many senior-year athletic captains fail to measure up?

I have seen athletes perform brilliantly in their sophomore and junior years, only to fail as players in their senior years, with the burden of an athletic captaincy placed on them.

Athletics, as conducted today, are work, not play. Critical and cold-blooded groups through our athletic arenas to analyze and to criticize every play and every mis-play of the athletes involved.

In other days, coaching was an avocation. Today, it is a vocation, in which the coaches too often hold their positions on their record of wins. As a result, the athletes become the coach's meal ticket. They must work for him and they must win for him.

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Last season, and are not to be treated lightly.

Salem is also considered as a strong contender. They have a game left with Chemawa before they have a clear claim to their district honors. As usual, the Salem team is the target for a number of the men who have participated in the games elect an honor captain for the season just completed.

In this way the captain gets the honor without the responsibility, which has seemed in many instances to interfere with his technique and brilliancy as a player.

## SALEM DRAWINGS IN TOURNEY WILL OCCUR ON MAR. 12

From the looks of things at this writing, the state basketball tournament at Salem, March 13, 14, 15 and 16 will be a marked success from the start, and barring the unexpected and the upsets, Astoria, Tillamook, Marshfield, Salem and The Dalles are assured as representatives of their respective districts.

Medford is practically assured of the southern Oregon championship for the sixth consecutive year. Ashland is now in the throes of a sturdy comeback effort, and are primed for the battle of their lives next Friday night when they meet in the deciding game of the series.

If Medford wins, it will be the first time in years that a local team had a breathing spell before they went to Salem. Usually, they have come from a hectic struggle with Ashland to the tourney. Also, this year none of its first string men are injured. Melvin is in tip-top shape. Last year he had a bum foot that slowed him up, and on the eve of the game with Washington high, he cut his hand, trying to appropriate a tin sign that was worth a dime and greatly to be desired. Barring a fit of temperment, Medford has the best chance in years to win the coveted crown.

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## ALLEY MAINTAINS MASTERY ON MAT IN HESLIN MATCH

A strange climate, poor condition and the famed "crucifix" hold brought defeat last night at the Rio teatro to James Heslin of Australia in 35 minutes at the hands of Tom Alley of Lookout, Mont. Heslin suffered an injured shoulder as the result of the first fall and the second came in less than 15 seconds. However, up until Alley clamped on the "crucifix," Heslin held the advantage over his opponent, who for the greater share of the time was attempting to break loose from the Australian's holds.

Heslin opened the match with a rough and set a hard pace for Alley to follow, but Heslin's recent long

ocean voyage and the fact that he has not been able to keep in the pink of condition, caused him to slow his pace. Alley, who had tried repeated times, again tried for the "key-throw" and obtained the hold, tying Heslin into a helpless knot. Heslin attempted to guard against Alley's taked hold, and for the first part of the match held him off successfully. He took the offensive and the crowd was beginning to think that Alley had at last found his master.

After losing the first fall, and though his shoulder was aching, Heslin came back for the second, with one arm dangling at his side. This made him an easy victim for Alley, who grabbed the arm and took the fall in record time. Arrangements are now being made for Alley to meet George Kotonaros, the Hollywood Greek, here in two weeks.

In the first preliminary of the evening, Curly Woods threw Mickey Riley in eight minutes in a handicap match in which he agreed to throw Riley in 15 minutes.

The feature of last night's program was the showing of the Stronger Lewis-Gus Sonnenberg wrestling match in Boston. The pictures were unusually clear and demonstrated the use of Sonnenberg's flying tackle.

## Wrestling

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Gus Sonnenberg, the flying tackle heavyweight wrestling champion, successfully defended his title last night, tossing Stanislaus Stasick in two straight falls.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Strangler Lewis, ex-world's heavyweight wrestling champion, defeated Kola Kwarant, giant Russian, in a finish match at the 71st armory here last night. Tossed out of the ring after an hour and 13 minutes of wrestling, the Russian could not continue and Lewis was awarded the decision.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Jack Reynolds, welterweight wrestling champion, successfully defended his title here last night by throwing John Carlin in straight falls.

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—

Bob Kruse of Portland defeated Pat McCarthy of Sydney, Australia, by taking two straight falls here last night. Kruse took the first in 19 minutes with a Boston crab and used a body slam to take the second in 15 minutes. The weights: Kruse, 200; McCarthy, 192.

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Billy Edwards, Kansas City heavyweight wrestler, took two falls out of three from Leo Papiano, north-west matman, in a rough contest here last night.

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