

KID CHOCOLATE IS GIVEN EDGE IN FIDEL FRAGAS

Cuban Loses Throne Chance By Extra Poundage—Decision Unpopular at Ringside—LaBarba Aggressive Throughout Fight.

NEW YORK, May 23. — (AP) — Kid Chocolate, Cuba's ebony boxing ace, has not yet reached the top of the bantamweight class, but his finger-tips are groping at the peak. The "Kid" lost a possible chance for recognition as champion when he came in overweight for last night's victorious battle with Fidel LaBarba, his outstanding rival for the vacant throne. Before the fight started the New York state athletic commission decided not to recognize the winner as the logical successor to the title.

Chocolate failed to gain a decisive claim to recognition through last night's furious battle, although the Cuban kept his record of 147 fights without a defeat unblemished. Both proved to the 18,000 excited fans that they were outstanding among the contenders.

A close vote of the two judges and the referee gave the decision to Chocolate after ten furious rounds. The ringside experts were inclined to call it a draw, while the fans favored the Californian. One of the judges voted no decision, while the other and the arbiter within the ring decided in favor of Chocolate.

LaBarba's steady aggressiveness carried plenty of weight with the crowd, which rewarded him with a larger share of its hoarse cheers after the decision was announced. He rushed and slugged through every round except for a brief period near the middle of the fray when both boys were glad enough to take a breathing spell. He failed, however, to land as cleanly as the Cuban did or with such telling force.

The smiling, skillful Kid proved time after time that it is close to boxing suicide to miss an attack directed at him. Every time Fidel failed to land with one of his furious rushes the "Kid" had him in danger. Chocolate's best chance came in the seventh round when LaBarba missed his first wallop and the Cuban sent him staggering to the ropes with a storm of blows, but his greater strength and experience enabled him to weather the storm and he came back to stagger Chocolate with a burst of speed.

ENTRY LIST FOR OPEN GOLF PLAY LESS THAN 1928

NEW YORK, May 23. — (AP) H. H. Ramsey, chairman of the championship committee of the United States Golf association, announced today that 1,001 entries were filed for the 33rd competition for the open golf championship of the United States. Entries closed Tuesday.

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS

Pacific Coast League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Minion	27	.518
Los Angeles	22	.561
Oakland	20	.526
San Francisco	20	.526
Hollywood	25	.490
Sacramento	25	.431
Portland	20	.392
Seattle	19	.365

National League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	19	.679
St. Louis	19	.655
Pittsburgh	15	.556
Boston	14	.500
Philadelphia	13	.500
New York	10	.485
Cincinnati	11	.378
Brooklyn	10	.345

American League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	20	.714
St. Louis	16	.632
New York	16	.593
Detroit	19	.559
Cleveland	15	.485
Chicago	12	.375
Washington	10	.370
Boston	8	.275

Hard Hitting Billy Will Trade Punches Here With Jack McCoy



Billy Church.

Jackie McCoy, up until a few months ago a boxing sensation in Seattle, will meet a hard hitting fighter Monday at the armory in the person of Billy Church of Portland, and in preparation, he has been in exceptionally hard training for the bout. Church is expected to arrive in Medford the latter part of this week.

OUT & KEELER'S GOLF BAG

By O. B. Keeler. I strolled out toward the long practice tee on the hilltop at the Pinehurst country club and rubbed my eyes. True, it was rather early in the morning. But that was no valid reason I should see a young man out there hitting big driving shots while standing on one foot. I approached cautiously and investigated. It was perfectly true.

HELEN AND EDITH LOSE IN QUARTER FINAL NET JOUST

PARIS, May 23. — (AP) — Helen Wills received the first setback of her 1929 tennis campaign today when she and her fellow-Californian, Edith Cross, were beaten in the women's doubles quarter finale of the French championships by Lili D'Alvarez of Spain and Kees Bouman of Holland. The scores were 8-6, 6-4.

Coast League Yesterday

W.	L.	Pct.	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	7	.733	3	3	1
Portland	5	.591	3	3	1
Roberts, Pitt and Warren; Metcalfe and Woodall.					
San Francisco	6	.610	1	1	3
Seattle	1	.103	1	1	3
Jacobs and Reed; Fusch, Pipkas and Steineck.					
Oakland	5	.520	3	3	2
Mission	3	.318	2	2	2
Jeffcoat and Read; Krause and Hoffman.					
Sacramento	0	.000	3	3	1
Hollywood	7	.717	1	1	3
Bryson and Severoid; Hulvey and Cook.					

INTEREST GROWS IN OPENING GAME BASEBALL SEASON

Plans are being completed for the first baseball game of the season next Sunday afternoon at the fairgrounds, between Ashland and Medford. The game will start at 2:00 o'clock. The diamond has been put in good shape for the opening contest. There ought to be a large crowd in attendance, as there is considerable interest in the opening game.

Ashland, under the direction of Polk Ninsinger, is rounding out a fast team, with several recruits from the Normal school. Medford will also have a strong lineup. Jack Hughes, of the high school will start on the mound.

It is expected that in another week, Klamath Falls and the Owen-Oregon teams will be ready for battle, and formally in the rejuvenated southern Oregon league. There is also talk of teams from Grants Pass and Gold Hill.

The team will operate on a strictly amateur basis, with no salaries paid, and each team has solemnly sworn that when the race gets hot they will not start importing stars, that dent the team's wallet. A portion of the gate receipts for each game will be put in a "jackpot" for the champion.

LADY NET STARS SAY BARE LIMBS HELP TO PLAYER

LONDON, May 23. — (AP) — The stockings fad may be the mode among women players at Wimbledon this year.

While Helen Wills was appearing bare-legged in Paris today, Helen Jacobs and two English women tennis players arrived from America declaring their intention of not being "handicapped" by hose in this year's international competition at the famous English stadium.

"This stocking business is merely a question of comfort and greater freedom on the courts," said Miss Jacobs. "In California a year nearly everybody played without stockings and it undoubtedly helps one's game. At Wimbledon I shall not wear stockings."

Miss Evelyn Coker and Mrs. John Hill, Miss Jacobs' English companions, who have been visiting the United States, expressed the same attitude.

"Mrs. Hill and I are determined to play at Wimbledon this year without stockings," Miss Coker declared. "I do not mind what anybody says."

Record Ram Sale. SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 23. — (AP) — The ninth western ram sale closed with a record sale of 1,446 rams and ewes, bringing a price total of \$66,682.

Attorney Missing. SAN FRANCISCO, May 23. — (AP) — Police revealed that John F. Cassell, well known attorney, had been missing three days.

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Justice Returns. SALEM, Ore., May 23. — (AP) — Justice Harry H. Belt of the state supreme court, and Mrs. Belt returned last night from New York and Washington. Justice Belt attended the American Bar Institute in Washington.

Beers Heads N. B. C. NEW YORK, May 23. — (AP) — Fredrick Beers, formerly vice president, has been elected president and a director of the National Biscuit Co., succeeding Roy E. Tomlinson, who becomes chairman of the board of directors.

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