

Sports

English Heavyweight Seen Threat to World Champion

New York, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Jack Solomons, visiting British boxing promoter, declared today that Bruce Woodcock of England is a "definite threat" to the world heavyweight championship — that he might beat either Joe Louis or Challenger Billy Conn.

Solomons, who arrived yesterday by trans-Atlantic plane from London, emphasized that Woodcock is a much better fighter than was Tommy Farr of Wales, who gave Louis such close title opposition in 1937.

Woodcock Strong
Chatting with reporters in Madison Square Garden he said, "Woodcock, heavyweight champion of the British empire, is a big, strong fellow who is just as tough as Farr was; but he's a knockout puncher. He can put an opponent away with either fist. And he uses the bob and weave like Dempsey."

"I know it's natural for Americans to view with skepticism any new British heavyweight, because we've had so few good ones during the past 25 years. But let me warn you not to underrate Woodcock. He is not concerned with polite boxing. He fights in what we call the American style. He goes in to knock a bloke's head off. He's a railroad worker of Doncaster, weighing about 188 pounds, who'll be hard to wreck."

Would Draw 4 Million
What would an international heavyweight title fight draw in London? — between Woodcock and the winner of the June battle between Louis and Conn. Solomons — a husky, fair-skinned chap of 46, who drops his eyes and said, "It would draw a fabulous gate — perhaps as high as \$4,000,000. Wembley stadium seats more than 100,000, and tickets could be scaled up to \$150 or more. Why, only recently for a very ordinary bout between Woodcock and Jack Porter, ring sides were the equivalent of \$54 each."

Forty-four per cent of San Franciscans live in apartments or hotels, 41 per cent in single family houses, and 15 per cent in two-story family dwellings.

OWNER OF HORSE REFUSED TESTS; TRAINER CLAIMS

Arcadia, Calif., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Tom Smith, former Maine Chance farms trainer suspended on charges of stimulating Magnific Duel, said today Mrs. Elizabeth Arden, owner of the horse, refused New York racing authorities permission to make ephedrine tests.

"New York officials will have to give a final decision in my suspension on the basis of evidence and testimony at the hearing," Smith said.

He arrived from the east yesterday and paid a brief visit to his charges, now stabled at Saata Anita race track.

The New York racing commission, which suspended Smith for one year for allegedly stimulating Magnific Duel with ephedrine last Nov. 8, is expected to render a decision Jan. 10 on the trainer's appeal.

Hockey Results

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The Portland Eagles were back in fifth place in the Pacific Coast Hockey league standings today after defeating the Seattle Ironmen, 4 to 1, in a free-for-all slugfest here last night.

The Eagles broke a 1 to 1 tie with a three-goal attack in a blistering final period during which both squads played short-handed because of fouls that sent players to the penalty box.

BASKETBALL

By United Press
Marshall 50, Maryland 43.
Lehigh 57, Franklin Marshall 38.

Georgia Tech 52, Clemson 38.
Pittsburgh 67, Bethany 36.
Chicago 55, Depauw 54.
Illinois 62, Nebraska 51.
Beloit 52, Carroll 40.

CROWD LINES UP ALL NIGHT FOR SEATS TO GAME

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Fifteen thousand tickets to the New Year's Day Rose Bowl game between Alabama and University of Southern California went on sale today to football fans who had been standing in line as long as 26 hours.

Several hundred early birds were lined up all night, joking, playing cards, listening to portable radios and nibbling light lunches. Officials said it was the greatest Rose Bowl ticket rush in history.

The tickets, half on sale at the Civic Auditorium here and half at the Coliseum in Los Angeles, were all that were available to the public. The remainder of the Rose Bowl's 92,000 seats were set aside for alumni of the contesting schools, the Tournament of Roses, students and the press.

By noon yesterday, a dozen persons were in line at the Civic Auditorium with chairs, lunches and blankets, ready for an all-night vigil.

R. W. Tomlinson, 64, Baltimore, Md., got in line at 5 a. m. yesterday and was first when the doors opened at 8 a. m. today. The 28-hour wait was nothing, he said. Thirty years ago he stood in line 72 hours in Philadelphia to see a world series game.

JUNIOR VARSITY BEATEN, 55-14

Grants Pass, Dec. 21—Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Cottage Grove and the Weed "A" team in the "A" division and Reedsport, Glendale, Grants Pass junior varsity and the Grants Pass Wildcats in the "B" bracket survived the first round of the invitational hoop tourney here yesterday.

Medford Hi's junior varsity quint was beaten 55-14 by a strong Reedsport aggregation. Championship flight games today pit Klamath Falls vs. Weed "A"; Grants Pass vs. Cottage Grove, Reedsport vs. Grants Pass Wildcats and Glendale vs. Grants Pass junior varsity.

Scores yesterday were Klamath Falls 63, Eureka "B" 22; Weed "A" 35, Roseburg 34; Grants Pass 32, Weed "B" 23; Grants Pass junior varsity 29, Central Point 24; Glendale 2, Prospect 0 (forfeit); Grants Pass Wildcats 27, Kerby 23, and Reedsport 55, Medford Junior Varsity 14.

Lineups:
Reedsport 55 Medford JV 14
Mooney 10 f 2 Bebb
DeWitt 21 f 4 Singler
Thornton 8 c 2 Coghill
Pinnion 6 g Newton
Collier 5 g Werner
Deal 1 s 1 Carr
Durbin 4 s 2 Chezz
Morris s 2 Mottern
s 3 Baskin

SMOKIES SCORE WIN
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The M & O Smokies defeated San Diego, 63-56 in a thrilling overtime game at the Municipal auditorium here last night in an American Basketball league game.



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Harry Chipman
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Steelhead fishing on roe eggs is good in spots in Rogue river with best angling below Grants Pass, states Al Piche in his weekly fishing tid-bit. One angler caught eight at Gold Ray dam last week with the largest weighing a little better than 10 pounds, Piche said. Two of them were taken on number four hammered nickle spinners. Salmon have not started to take hold, due mainly to cold weather and low water level, Piche says.

Improved steelhead fishing is now going on in Applegate river around Applegate and Provoit and where Williams Creek flows into the Applegate. Numerous anglers have reported good catches of steelhead and cutthroats in the area.

Illinois river has reached the low water level and fishing is only fair but with the next rains the river is expected to rise at which time steelhead fishing will improve. The salmon run of the past four weeks is now over, Piche said.

Max Henne, United Air

Lines station manager here, came up with a good idea for a winter sports program for local youngsters the other day. Max's idea calls for soccer-football games played between teams formed in various sections of the city. Excellent sites for the games would be playgrounds of the various city grade schools and play to be held Saturday or Sunday afternoons, would be supervised by adults interested in seeing that children of Medford get plenty of healthy outdoor exercise.

Since Medford is not climatically situated for such favorite winter pastimes as skating and sleighing, Henne believes his soccer-football plan would provide recreation for at least 100 children every week-end.

Of course, regulation soccer-football equipment would not be available but a ball and a desire to play would be all that would be needed, Henne says. Adult supervision would be necessary and would be donated by men interested in seeing youngsters get good, healthy outdoor exercise.

We are vitally interested in seeing Henne's plan carried out and invite any adult who might be interested in supervising play or getting the thing started to call this department.

BELCASTRO WINS ARMORY TUSSLE

The winning streak of Rough Rufus Jones came to an abrupt halt at the hands of Pete Belcastro in the main event of last night's Medford armory wrestling card. Belcastro used just

three rounds to deal the Detroit Darky his first setback in the North Bartlett street arena. Belcastro grabbed the first spill in the opening round with a vicious uppercut to Jones' jaw and followed up with a body press. Jones evened the count in the second with head butts and a Boston crab and Pete won the deciding tussle with another uppercut and press in the third canto.

Because Promoter Mack Lillard was unable to get an outside referee, Ben Sherman agreed to handle the job and turned in an excellent performance, keeping Jones' dirty work in check most of the time.

The Gray Mask was held to a surprise draw by Herb Parks in the other half of the double main event. Parks forced the Mask to wrestle most of the time and Sherman slapped the Hood nearly every time he tried uncouth movements.

Angelo Martinelli took a one-fall decision over Sherman in the opener. Parks refereed.

NOTICE

ALL LOCAL UNION BARBER SHOPS WILL BE CLOSED Dec. 24 & 31 Both Days Preceding The Holidays

NEW SONJ HEAD
Washington, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey today announced the retirement of Ralph W. Gallagher, chairman of its board of directors, and appointment of Frank W. Abrams, vice president and director, to succeed him. Gallagher, whose resignation becomes effective Dec. 21, went to work for Standard Oil at the age of 16 as an oiler in a pumping station.

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