

# Fans in Competition With Fighters at Bout

New York—Welterweight Jimmy Archer, a fighting stevedore from Pier 88, will get his first main event at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 20, for scoring his 12th straight victory Monday night at St. Nicholas Arena.

Archer, 22, won his second consecutive split decision over Tony DeCola of Brooklyn in their return TV 10-rounder. Jimmy took the first split verdict over 21-year-old DeCola in the same ring on Sept. 30.

During the Archer-DeCola main event, four fist fights broke out among the rival admirers, and police ejected the principals from the arena.

Archer weighed 148 pounds; DeCola, 147.

Matchmaker Billy Brown of the International Boxing Club, which has no apparent connection with little St. Nick's, was at the ringside Monday night, and signed Archer for a Dec. 20 fight against an opponent to be agreed upon later.

Coincidentally, Archer's 19-year-old brother Joey—also a welterweight—scored his 12th straight victory at St. Nick's Monday night by winning every round in the six-round semifinal with Paul Griffin of Brooklyn.

It was Jimmy's 15th victory.

## Webfoots Aiming For Jinx Break

Eugene — The Oregon Ducks, presently leading the Pacific Coast Conference, will be out to break a jinx Saturday against Southern California in Los Angeles—where the Ducks have beaten the Trojans only once, and that was 16 years ago.

Coach Len Casanova said end Ron Stover suffered a slight concussion against Washington last week end, and Bob Peterson, Oregon's only healthy center, was hurt, but both should be ready for action against the Trojans.

## THREE IRISH CENTERS OUT

South Bend, Ind.—Three Notre Dame centers may be lost to the team Saturday when it meets Oklahoma. Bob Scholtz has a bruised knee, Ed Sullivan has an ankle injury, and Dave Hurd is recuperating from an appendectomy.

# SPORTS

## 49ers Owens Claims He's LA Ram Fan

By GLENN STACKHOUSE  
San Francisco.—R. C. Owens, the rookie flanker back whose pogo-stick pass catching has had the San Francisco Forty Niner opponents talking to themselves this year, is a man with confessions to make.

Since he was in knee pants, the 23-year-old Santa Monica boy has been (you should excuse the expression) a Los Angeles Ram fan.

He first saw Y. A. Tittle play football when he was 13 years old. That's when the now-famous San Francisco quarterback was a rookie with the Baltimore Colts.

This admission probably makes the balding Y.A. feel like groping for the rocking chair and slippers.

Even at the tender age of 10, young R.C. (that's my name—just plain R.C.) was determined to one day become a pro football player.

"I got the idea early," he says. "But I sure never dreamed I would wind up catching passes from the same player I watched with the Colts."

Owens, who has found a home in Kezar stadium, is undoubtedly the most sensational rookie in pro football this year due mainly to his uncanny ability to pull passes out of the stratosphere. He has broken up three football games with circus catches this year.

Although he is only six feet, three inches tall, R.C. confounds his defenders by consistently out-jumping them for the high ones. He attributes his ability to his extensive college and semi-pro basketball training.

**A Matter of Timing**  
"It's really mostly a matter of timing," he said. "I was always a front line man in basketball and you develop real timing going after those rebounds."

From the stands, Owens appears to go about 15 feet into the air for those sensational two-handed grabs of his. He, himself, doesn't know actually how high he gets.

"A basketball ring is 10 feet from the floor and I used to specialize in the two-hand forward dump shot," he says. "My elbows would be about even with the rim."

Rearing into the air with a couple of defenders on your neck is not the most gentle phase of football, R.C. says. "You get a lot of hips and elbows in the scramble. You just have to learn to concentrate on that ball and forget the other guys."

That terrific Y.A. to R.C. combination is far from a prayer play. It's practiced a lot and the two are just plain getting good at it.

"Tittle throws me those floaters that just sort of 'hang' up there," Owens says. "We work on it over and over in practice and we're connecting with about 50 to 60 per cent of them."

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**HALFBACK INJURED**  
Stanford, Calif.—Al Harrington, Stanford's right halfback and place kicker, suffered a broken jaw in the game against Southern California last week end and will probably be limited to kicking conversions for the remainder of the season.

**UCLA HURT WITH INJURIES**  
Los Angeles.—UCLA team physicians are examining tackle Jim Dawson and tailback Don Long, who were hurt in last Saturday's Washington State game, to determine whether they can drill this week.

**TIGERS SET FOR UCLA**  
Stockton, Calif.—The College of Pacific Tigers are all set for their game against the Bruins of UCLA Saturday, according to Coach Jack Myers, "if the Humane society will allow it."

**JUST LAIKA DOG**  
Santiago, Chile.—Unarmed civil and military authorities today were looking for the practical joker who parachuted a dog into a Santiago suburb Sunday, touching off a rash of reports that Sputnik II had ejected his canine passenger over Chile. Police took custody of the parachute and the dog, which was unharmed by the drop.

## Indians' Group in Another Meeting to Select Manager

Cleveland, Ohio.—Frank Lane, who resigned earlier today as general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, was named today general manager of the Cleveland Indians.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Cleveland Indians' board of directors met today amidst reports that Frank Lane, general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, would be named to a similar post with Cleveland.

The directors were scheduled

## Rocket Line Showing No Signs of Slowing in NHL

Montreal.—The high-scoring "rocket line" of the Montreal Canadiens—Maurice and Henri Richard and Dickie Moore, showed no signs of slowing down today in the National Hockey League scoring race, again rating 1-2-3.

The 36-year-old Maurice Richard added a goal and three assists last week to boost his point total to 23 in Montreal's first 13 games, one more than his 21-year-old brother, Henri. Four points back of the Richard brothers was linemate Dickie Moore with 18 points.

to name a successor to Hank Greenberg, fired last month, and reports persisted that Lane would get the post.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer flatly predicted late Monday night that Lane would be named Greenberg's successor. However, Tribe officials refused to comment on any of the reports.

The Plain Dealer said Lane conferred in Chicago Sunday with two Indians vice presidents—Nate Dolin and George Medinger. The officials earlier interviewed Bill De Witt, former general manager of the defunct St. Louis Browns.

De Witt reported was dropped from consideration because he refused to accept anything but a three-year contract.

## GOLF PLAY POSTPONED

The mixed two-ball golf tournament planned for Rogue Valley Country club last Sunday was postponed because of wet weather. It is intended to hold the event next Sunday.

Brooklyn.—Marvis Meshach, a Blairtown, N.J., basketball and baseball star, has been signed by the Dodgers and assigned to their Kokomo, Ind., farm club.

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