



SPORTSMATTER

By Frank Getty
(United Press Sports Editor)

The "Wildcat" is loose again and welterweight boxers with weak chins are scurrying for cover.

Reinstated recently by the Kansas Athletic Commission, "Ace" Hudkins of Nebraska is proving once more along the trail to the title.

Although prevented at present from engaging Joe Dundee, the welterweight champion, in a scrap for the crown, Hudkins is not letting the dust gather too thickly upon the canvas of his path.

"Ace" will take on Jack Zivic of Pittsburgh at Detroit next month, after which we will know more about his chances against Dundee.

The champion cannot oblige Hudkins at present because of an unfortunate occurrence out in Los Angeles. It seems that a California promoter had promised Dundee \$50,000 for his end of a title fight with the Nebraska Wildcat, but had expected Joe to take part of the purse in climate, sunshine, free air, etc., etc.

Joe and his manager, Max Waxman, were familiar with the air and all that sort of thing, so they sat in their hotel room behind a strong-arm bodyguard and declined to proceed. The fans tore up the chairs and tore down the ring and the boxing authorities suspended everyone connected with the affair.

Dundee will be meeting Hudkins one of these days, however, and if Joe has kept the form he displayed in winning the championship in stopping Walker and

Freeman and in whipping the stuffing out of all the other welterweights around the place, he should have little trouble in putting an end to the Nebraska's dream of a title.

It probably will not be long now before the authorities who have banned Dundee because of the California affair relent and permit the welterweight champion to do his stuff.

The Kansas authorities had enough on the "Wildcat" to bar him for life. They exposed him in the act of arranging a match with Sid Socklyn, one of his sparring partners, who was somewhat thinly disguised as "Young Battling Levinsky of Australia."

Boxing bodies, quick to inflict penalties and hand out suspensions, are equally quick to forget and forgive.

Phil Kaplan, New York mid-dleweight, was ruled out for life for deliberately fouling George Courtney, only to be reinstated some few weeks later by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Other incidents of this sort have been frequent.

One recalls the famous fracas in the office of the New York commission when Johnny Reiser, son of the famous "John the Barber," assaulted Patsy Haley, the white haired but still pugnacious referee. The younger Reiser, coached by his father in the affair, came off second best as it was, but was promptly suspended for life. His reinstatement was merely a matter of course.

Things of this sort do not tend to increase the already abbreviated respect which the boxing racket generally has for its various governing bodies.

If Stanford Defeats Pittsburgh, It Will Be First Victory For The Westerners Since 1923

PITT PANTHERS



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There's always this matter of sectional pride to be considered in any intercollegiate football game, especially the Tournament of Roses affair in which Pittsburgh, of the east, and Stanford, of the west, will clash on January 2.

That is to say, outside of winning for dear old Pittsburgh and dear old Stanford, as it happens to be this year, the entries usually become imbued with a wild desire to win for all those fans east of the Mississippi river and all those farther west, respectively.

New Pittsburgh, a standard-bearer of eastern football, finds itself with a great reputation to uphold in this coming game because of the satisfying results (to the fans east of the big stream) that have been marked against the westerners in the past few years.

No western entry in the Tournament of Roses game has been able to win since 1923. Then

Southern California trimmed a Penn State eleven by a 14-3 count.

Since then the only thing the westerners have had to cheer about the night after the game has been a couple of very unsatisfactory ties. The Navy tied Washington in 1924 and Alabama tied Stanford last New Year's Day.

In between her last victory and this year, the Pacific coast entry has suffered two defeats that were quite stunning.

Notre Dame's Four Horsemen gave the Cardinals a healthy wallop in 1925, and Alabama unseated a spectacular one-quarterbacking drive that sent the Washington Huskies down in defeat in 1926.

Knowing all this well, Mr. "Gibby" Welch and his Pittsburgh playmates feel as if nothing less than a victory will be due any raucous cheers the night of January 2. And, of course, it must be remembered that Pittsburgh made a claim for national grid honors which would not be diminished in the least

by a decisive victory over Pop Warner's brigade.

It was due largely to this game, Mr. "Gibby" Welch said, that Pittsburgh remained undefeated in the east this season, although eleven on a slow field, held the Panthers to a scoreless tie.

Mr. Welch's forte is running with the ball. Slow fields are a terrible handicap to him. Dry fields are not. He showed that many times this season, especially when he returned kickoffs against West Virginia and Nebraska for touchdowns. The first was for 105 yards, the second for 97 yards.

As a result of Mr. Welch's running activities, and a good bit of cooperation from his playmates, Pittsburgh clinched the lights of West Virginia, Drake, Nebraska, Carnegie Tech, Penn State and a couple of other eleven this fall.

It is also said that Mr. Welch recently scanned over the list of backfield stars who have performed in other Tournament of Roses games—the Four Horsemen, Ernie Nevers, Poley Hu-

bert, Hoge Workman, Eddie Casey, George Wilson, Johnny Mack Brown, Harry Wilson and many others.

And after a proper amount of serious reflection, it dawned on Mr. Welch that January 2 would be a good day to inscribe his name in big red letters among those greats. Not that he isn't a great, mind you, for he was chosen almost unanimously for All-America this year, but merely because—well, because.

Don't think for a moment that Mr. Welch is all that Pittsburgh has to depend on in this Tournament of Roses game. Names you'll hear a lot of that day include Hagan, Booth, Parkins, Wasmuth, Cutler, Donchess. An off the Pitt line is a great line, from end to end.

The Panthers will likely enter the game a slight favorite to win if they don't allow too many baguette stories to worry them, but they're going to have no easy time carrying the colors of the east, and maintaining the prestige that is now that of the east, in this Tournament of Roses game.

CARDINAL TEAM HOP TRAIN FOR SOUTH TONIGHT

Aerial Game Will Be Ace in Hole Against Pitt Panthers

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. Dec. 29. (AP)—Thirty-eight members of the Stanford University football squad will leave tonight for Pasadena to meet the powerful Pittsburgh University Panthers in the annual tournament of roses game on January 2. The Cardinals depart for the southland with the knowledge that they are facing on Monday the team their own coach, "Pop" Warner, has characterized as the best in the east, but Warner believes that 60 minutes of real football at top speed will give the Stanfordites an even chance for victory despite their inconsistent play this season.

The strength of the Panther line, which has limited opposition to three touchdowns this season, will probably cause the Cardinals to resort to the aerial game. With Bill Hoffman tossing the long passes, and either Frankie Wilton or Dick Hyland shooting the short ones, Stanford is well equipped for an overhead game.

While the Cardinals' starting lineup has not been definitely announced, it is generally accepted by critics that the three doubtful positions, left end, quarter and right half, will be filled by Johnny Preston, Mike Murphy and Don Hill, respectively. Preston has a bad knee that may preclude his playing very long, in which event "Mush" Muller will take his place. Murphy, it appears has definitely succeeded Spud Lewis as field general.

The Pittsburgh squad is scheduled to arrive in Pasadena Saturday in time for a short workout that afternoon.

No Luck For Lane

Bill Lane, boss of the Hollywood Pacific Coast league club, lamented his poor luck when he returned home from the Dallas minor league meeting. He said he had gone to Dallas feeling sure that he would be able to get Johnny Neun, a first baseman, from Detroit. Three other American league managers were in the line ahead of him.

There is no champion. The New York boxing commission was asked recently by the Illinois commission for a ruling on the heavyweight wrestling champion. Information was asked whether Joe Stecher or Ed Lewis held the title. The New York decision was that there was no champion.

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Pitt Panthers Undelected in Regular Games

Pittsburgh's football squad was the only major team in the country to go undefeated during its regular football schedule. One tie, however, was marked against it. It is because of this splendid record that the Panthers are going to represent the east against Stanford of the west, in the annual Tournament of Roses game at Pasadena on January 2.

Here's the dope on the Panthers' games this season:
Pittsburgh 48, Thiel 0.
Pittsburgh 33, Grove City 0.
Pittsburgh 40, West Virginia 0.
Pittsburgh 32, Drake 0.
Pittsburgh 23, Carnegie Tech 7.
Pittsburgh 52, Allegheny 0.
Pittsburgh 0, W. and J. 0.
Pittsburgh 21, Nebraska 12.
Pittsburgh 30, Penn State 0.
Total: Pittsburgh, 279; Opponents, 20.

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The 1912 world series between the New York Giants and Boston Red Sox was the stage for the best bit of regular ninth-inning pitching that I have ever called balls and strikes in.

WARD HERO OF FIRST

It is baseball tradition that the team that wins the first game of a short series, nine times out of ten emerges victorious. That explains why the players are under such a mental strain in the opening of any big series. The big stakes and the importance of the game have a tendency to take the players' heads up and, therefore, not do their best.

In the first game of the 1912 series Joe Wood, then an outstanding star of the American League, went into the last half of the ninth inning with his club holding a 4-3 lead over the Giants. McGraw's club, in an effort to avert defeat, staged a desperate rally. In the twinkling of an eye Wood found runners on second and third and only one man out.

The game was played at New York and at this stage the Gotham fans were raving mad. It sure was a ticklish situation for the great Wood.

A base hit meant two runs and the ball game for New York and a terrific setback for the Boston Red Sox. Wood, the ace of the Boston staff, had been started to get the edge in the series.

JOE DIDN'T BLOW

What did Joe Wood do? Blow? I should say not. He went about his work in a business-like manner just as if it were an ordinary ball game. In the most approved style he set down the next two hitters, the dangerous Fletcher and the remarkable pinch-hitting Otis Crandall, on strikes, and he didn't waste many balls doing it.

It was a thrilling finish, for Wood had been pressed hard throughout the game. Going at top speed from the first inning to the finish, he registered 11 strikeouts.

Hod Eller's six straight strikeouts in the 1919 series between Cincinnati and Chicago was easily the most sensational bit of super-pitching I have ever witnessed. In the second inning, and third as well, he set six White Sox players in a row down on strikes.

Some of the glory that should

ANNOUNCE BEAR GRID LINEUP

California to Clash With University of Pennsylvania December 31

BERKELEY, Cal. Dec. 29. (AP)—The mystery as to what the starting lineup of the University of California football team would be in the game with the University of Pennsylvania here December 31, was cleared up yesterday, when Head Coach "Nibs" Price, selected the eleven men who will lineup at the kickoff.

The lineup announced by Price is practically the same as that started in all of the Bears' games this year. (Phillips and J. Dougray were named at ends, Captain Coltrin and either Green or Fitz at tackles, H. Gill and Kaufman at guards and Riegels at center. The backfield consisted of Evans at quarter, Lem and Newman at halves and either R. Dougray, Cockburn or Schmidt at fullback. The selection of Lem for one of the half-back posts came as somewhat of a surprise, as Price has had him working out with the third string during the practice sessions last week.

With such a performance was somewhat dimmed by the fact that Eller used a trick delivery, the emery ball, to fool the Chicago batters.

Herb Pennock, in the 1927 series, turned in the most nearly perfect game I have ever seen, when he retired 22 of the Pittsburgh players in order before a man reached first base.

JOHNSON WAS STAR

To Walter Johnson goes the credit of working the most thrilling extra inning battle I have ever seen in 22 years of arbitrating. It came in the 1924 classic between Washington and New York; the final game of the series, after Johnson had twice been defeated.

With this score a tie at 3-3, Johnson took over the pitching burden in the ninth. Manager Harris having used up all his available pitching in holding the Giants at bay.

In trouble every inning, Johnson always arose to the occasion and prevented scoring, five strikeouts in four innings proving a great help.

Washington finally put over a run in the twelfth, winning the game and series, making Johnson a hero after it seemed he would be the goat.

Mara Making Money Now
Tim Mara, owner of the New York Giants football team, said it cost him \$69,000 last year fighting the rival Pyle-Grange team in New York. Mara and Pyle are now working together and they say they got all their money back and more too in the series between the two teams for the championship of New York.

Mr. O'Goofy just came in and said he heard that the reason the Navy wasn't going to play the Army in 1928 was that the Army boys were planning to use Jack Pershing in the backfield.

MANY KLAMATH PEOPLE VISIT CENTRAL POINT

Former Klamath Teacher Marries Medford Man; News Notes

(Special To The Herald)

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., Dec. 29.—A marriage of interest to many Klamath Falls residents is that of Miss Margaret Huntoon, Lloyd Williamson of Medford. The ceremony was performed in Portland on December 28. Mrs. Williamson has a studio in Medford and teaches school at Central Point high school. She is a former Klamath Falls teacher and has many friends in Klamath county.

C. Bowman of Merrill spent a short time in Central Point last week at the home of his son, Leonard Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazier of Merrill were the guests of Mrs. Frazier's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in Medford on Christmas.

Miss Maud Carleton of Klamath Falls spent Christmas in Central Point the guest for her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Carleton. Miss Carleton returned to Klamath Falls on Wednesday.

Captain O. C. Applegate and daughter, Mrs. Rachel Applegate Solomon spent the Christmas vacation in Medford at the home of Frank Applegate, a son of Captain Applegate.

W. H. Head of Klamath Falls is visiting his aunt and uncle,

Mr. and Mrs. Head, who live just out of Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jacobs and daughter of Klamath Falls visited in Central Point last week. Mr. Jacobs attended a meeting of the Rotary club in Medford. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hermonston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Merritt left Friday for Merrill for a short visit with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Merritt and their daughter, Miss Edna Merritt. They returned to Central Point Saturday evening. Miss Edna Merritt returned with them and will spend the week in Central Point. Their son John Merritt is also in Central Point for the Christmas holidays. He will return Monday.

John Merritt is employed at the American National bank. Mrs. Homer Moore of Medford has left for a visit in Klamath. She will spend Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Ross Ambrey and will visit in Merrill with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Whitlatch.

Miss Pearl Johnson and brother Eldon left for Merrill, where they visited relatives. They expect to drive with their father to California to visit relatives there.

William Hulet spent the day in Medford recently on his way to spend his vacation in Merrill.

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LAWSON NAMED PRESIDENT OF KLAMATH CLUB

J. A. Lawson of the Klamath Sporting Goods Store was elected president of the Klamath Rifle club which organized and elected officers last evening. Ray Tatlow, vice-president; Jack Frost, secretary; Rex Lowman, treasurer and W. K. Smith, field officer were

others elected to serve for the year.

A shooting range is being built in the basement of the Biscoe hotel for the use of the club. Already more than 25 sportsmen of this city are members and the organization hopes to increase the membership to at least 50 within a short time.

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