



STECHEER LAID LOW BY LEWIS; TITLE IS LOST

"Strangler" Holder of Wrestling Crown of the World Today

By CHARLES W. DUNKLEY Associated Press Sports Writer ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21. (AP)—Ed "Strangler" Lewis of Kansas City, today as undisputed champion of the wrestling world.

By defeating Joe Stecher of Dodge, Neb., claimant of the title in a three falls match at the coliseum last night, Lewis ended the career that has existed between them for seven years; since the time the "strangler" defeated Stecher in New York in 1920.

Lewis won the first fall after more than two hours of dreary wrestling, pinning Stecher's shoulders to the mat with a bar arm-half nelson and scissors hold on the arm in 2:15:32. He captured the third and deciding fall in 12 minutes, 50 seconds with a bar arm, or perhaps a double wristlock. Nobody was clear on the exact hold because of the excitement in the sudden finish.

Stecher won the second fall in a dizzy maze of quick action, lasting only 56 seconds.

Lewis, in a moment of carelessness, fell victim to a double wristlock and was pinned in such quick time that he was dazed.

In winning the second fall, Stecher, who had only lost two matches in 14 years previous to last night's defeat, showed the only flash of aggressiveness that he displayed during the entire contest. He was outgamed, outmaneuvered, out tricked and outwrestled.

Lewis although past the 35 mark, carried the battle to Stecher from the start. He displayed super-wrestling ability, quickness, and courage. He won fairly and decisively, never leaving a doubt as to the outcome after the men had been on their feet for an hour. The contest was dull and dreary to all concerned. It was dreary for promoter Tom Packs because the gate receipts failed to come up to his expectations. The attendance was around 5,000 with the receipts according to Packs, around \$50,000, perhaps \$60,000. The price of \$5 to \$25 for a ticket was the barrier to more customers.

FAVOR COLIMA IN BOUT WITH JOE ANDERSON

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21. (AP)—The "Pride of Whittier, Calif." and perennial favorite of Los Angeles—Bert Colima—will go to the post here tonight against formidable Joe Anderson of Kentucky and as usual will have the money as well as the good wishes of the fans behind him.

Despite the fact that Anderson has beaten both Leo Lomski and Dave Shade, who in turn have taken the Mexican's measure, Colima ranked a slight favorite with the general public last night.

The moon is out nearly every night now, and we all could be enjoying hobsled parties if we had some snow and some sleds.

At The Orpheus

Conflict between the old and the new is the basic theme of "Sensation Seekers," starring Billie Dove with Huntley Gordon which comes today to the Orpheus Theatre. In this motion picture of personal life in fashionable society is presented the spectacle of the hide-bound puritanism of yesterday trying to defeat the liberty of today, reducing every person to the rigorous discipline of dogma.

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Worked Emery Ball for Raise in Salary

Russell Ford Tricked Catchers So Battery-Mate Would Get Salary Asked in 1913

By BILLY EVANS

Fifteen years ago Russell Ford of the New York Yankees was the pitching sensation of the American League.

Literally overnight, Ford became famous, with what was considered a new-fangled spitball. By wetting the inside of the third finger and holding the ball in a peculiar manner, Ford was able to make the ball all but speak at his wish the ball would break in, out, down or up. That was the general belief.

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When Sweeney failed to report, Ford told the other catchers on the club that he had no idea how his "spitter" would break and it would be up to their skill to handle his offerings. What Ford did to the other catchers on the New York club with his mystery ball was a shame. They were stopping as many pitches with their chest protectors, masks and skip guards as their gloves.

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who seemed to be the only man who could catch him. His demands were met and he was given a rush order to report. As a matter of fact, Sweeney could have caught Ford while sitting in a rocking chair. The ease with which he handled his stuff, after the other catchers had bungled the job, naturally made him look like a real star.

Now for how the mystery ball was finally run down. After Ford was forced to retire because of a bad arm, Sweeney told several other pitchers on the New York club the secret. A piece of emery paper in the glove. Ford had the paper on a rubber band that worked under his short sleeve but the other pitchers using the trick delivery merely put a piece of the emery in their glove after cutting a hole in the center.

One day Pitcher Ray Keating, using the Ford system of deception, twice struck out Eddie Collins, not without much protest on Eddie's part. Collins, when he came to the bat for the third time, didn't even put his bat on his shoulder but used it as a cane as he watched the ball break mysteriously.

The umpire, after Keating had broken over two strikes, rushed out to look at his glove. In getting the emery out, prior to handing the glove to the umpire for inspection, part of the emery paper broke off, leaving a piece about an inch square in the glove. That discovery marked the end of the emery ball as well as all other trick deliveries.

had to work for a living and went out to do it as Bobby Jones was when he gave back the \$50,000 horse and went to work for the Southern railroad.

Mary Browne has refused to make one move to get herself back in the good graces of the golf association and she has refused to permit any efforts in her behalf.

For Miss Browne to apply for reinstatement would be for her to admit that she had been a bad little girl. She seems to have been honest and fair. She certainly has been more to the credit of golf and tennis than some of those who have made a fortune out of it. It is understood that the new officers of the golf association are more liberal in their attitude. It is difficult to believe that they will stick by a hard rule from a hard old-day of the association.

A dry rider in Illinois got one to 14 years for killing a man. A Michigan man got life for having a pint of gin. It's just as Extra Meeker says, the world is getting better and better, day by day.

Hooks and Slides

Case of Mary K. Brown. There has been some discussion recently of an organized attempt to have Miss Mary K. Browne restored to the status of an amateur golfer.

It will be recalled that Miss Browne gave very good and frank reasons for accepting the cash offer of Charles C. Pyle to join the tennis troupe of which Miss Suzanne Lenglen was to be the queen and Vinnie Richards the king. And that after those good reasons were given the regime in charge of the golf association decreed she should not compete in amateur championship competition, as her conduct had been detrimental to the game.

Anyone who knows Miss Mary K. Browne knows that her conduct never has been detrimental to any game.

Since that time, however, there

has been installed a new regime in charge of the golf association—one that this column believes will devote its heavy business session to weighty deliberations and out to singing, an art at which one former executive devoted himself almost exclusively.

No Effort of Her Own. Miss Browne, since this new regime has started, has been led to believe that if she will ask reinstatement or have some influential body ask that she be restored to good standing she will be permitted to enter the amateur tournament this year.

Some time ago an open tournament was arranged in the south and it was thought that Miss Browne would enter. She didn't enter and it wasn't because some members of the golf association thought she was flirting to get back in good standing.

It was because she couldn't afford to get away from her business interests and spend the money to get south and back.

There are reasons to believe that Miss Browne was just as magnanimous when she said she

Who's Your Favorite Wrestling Champ?

NEWS ITEM
TOO MANY CHAMPIONS IN MAT GAME.

MUSTAFA REALLA
THE LATEST WRESTLER TO CLAIM THE WORLD'S TITLE. MUSTAFA WAS FOUND IN THE WILDS OF HEJAZ, WRESTLING THREE CAMELS AND A BULL. WHEN INTERVIEWED, MUSTAFA SAID: "THE CAMELS WERE TOUGH, BUT IT WAS EASY TO THROW THE BULL!"

DIZZY DUGAN
DIZZY DID YOU EVER SEE A HORSE FLY?
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SOME OF THE BOYS HOLD SO MANY CHAMPIONSHIPS THEY CAN LOSE ONE AND BE NONE THE WORSE FOR IT.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL STILL BE CHAMPION OF ROMANIA, SIAM, ZANZIBAR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

1 Minute Interviews

Tommy Loughran Says: In another year I hope to have developed myself into the position of the logical challenger for the heavyweight championship, and even though it may sound egotistical, I expect to win the championship.



In the next year I am going to fight as often as possible and I am going to try to increase my weight, although I feel I

Tommy Loughran do not need many more pounds to get into the heavyweight class. Dempsey didn't weigh much more than I do now when he won the championship from Willard, and Gene Tunney wasn't a giant when he beat Dempsey in Philadelphia.

It seems, though, that the public thinks only a big man should be the challenger and I am young enough to believe that I will come into more weight naturally.

I am not going to desert the light-heavyweight class. I intend to give every contender in the class a chance to win my championship, and when the time comes that I may have cleared up every challenger I am sure that the boxing commissions will not make me give up my title to fight as a heavyweight.

I have found that form remains with you only as long as you continue to use it, and I am not going to get rusty waiting for the big chance. I have fought Tunney and I think I know him. I also have worked with Dempsey under circumstances that made me know that I could hold my own with a heavyweight.

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