

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

TUFFY SEEMS SCHEDULED TO MEET SHARKEY

Decisive Victory Over Risko Gives Him The Big Shot.

By EDWARD J. NEIL
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (AP)—The search for an able-bodied citizen capable of giving plenty of battle to Jack Sharkey down where the palms wave in the hot sun of Miami seems to have ended in Gerald Ambrose Griffiths, tough, latern-jawed kid from Sioux City, Iowa.

Ballyhoo opens
While the dew still dropped from the frame of the tough one and Joe Humphries waved one was going aloft in token of decisive victory over Johnny Risko, the first clear note of the ballyhoo call rang out last night from the ringside of Madison Square Garden.

"He looks good," beamed the pump little matchmaker, Tom Wardle, who has been losing weight recently searching for the man to fight Sharkey in the second annual battle of the palms February 27. "I think Tuffy will get that shot."

Tuffy looks good
Tuffy did look good. The tough youngster with the shock of sandy hair belted old John Risko for ten rounds to win a rugged but easy decision, and stayed out there slugging until he had won nine of the ten rounds beyond question while losing one. There were no knockdowns for the \$42,466.39 worth of customers, and the rubber man was only slightly out about the face at the close, but was staggered in six of the rounds by Griffith's short rights to the chin and heavy body attack.

One casualty
The chief casualty of the evening was Referee Jack Denning, who lost a tooth in a tough skirmish in the sixth round when Risko accidentally butted him coming out of a clinch.

All signs indicate that Griffiths will draw the winter assignment in the sunshine. He is known to possess a large supply of white flannel pants.

Kruse Puts McLeod Over Ropes and Out

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28, (AP)—Bog Kruse, Oswego, Ore., after losing the first fall of his match with George McLeod, Nebraska, here last night, tossed McLeod over the ropes for the second fall, after five minutes of action, and so weakened the Nebraska there was no competition for the third and final fall. Kruse clipped McLeod with a rabbit punch and fell on him for the fall in less than one minute. McLeod took the first fall after 4 minutes, 12 seconds with a series of flying scissors. It was a very rough match from start to finish.

In the one-hour preliminary, Andy Brown, Cincinnati, outclassed Ken Jones, Seattle, taking two straight falls.

Babe's Salary Sets New Mark



By AL DEMAREE
(Former Pitcher N. Y. Giants)
It looks like Babe Ruth is going to get his \$55,000 for lambasting out home runs next year for Colonel Ruppert. Babe told me last spring that if he could hit forty home runs during the 1929 season he knew he would demand an increase in salary.

And if any of the fans are worrying about Babe's financial future they can save their tears. He has created a trust fund, the principal of which he cannot touch, that would provide him with all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life as long as he lives, if he never puts on a "monkey suit" the rest of his life.

The Bambino has been careless with his money at times in the past, but he had enough common sense to see that he couldn't go on hitting home runs forever and he acted accordingly.

There is no more pitiful sight in the world than a former great star who finally becomes known as only "an old ball player."

Baker High Given Clean Slate By Athletic Board

PORTLAND, Dec. 28, (AP)—The status of "legal guardianship" raised when La Grande high school protested the eligibility of certain Baker high school football players during the season just closed, appeared to have been settled today as the Oregon High School association prepared to throw out controversies that reared their heads during the year. At a preliminary hearing concluded late yesterday it was decided that high school players may move from one school to another, and that it is possible to have guardians appointed for them in the city in which they attend school, with no peril to their eligibility. This move was regarded as automatically reinstating Baker high school team, which was banned by the association during the football season.

Appointment of a state director of athletics was considered by the association, but no vote was taken on it. Possibility of an annual state championship football game was seen in discussion yesterday, by Roy C. Cannon, secretary of the association. Cannon declared he was in favor of such a championship game. The salary of the proposed director would be paid from receipts from this final football game, as well as from the state basketball championship games held each year in Salem.

MASTRO GAINS TECHNICAL KO OVER TAYLOR

Decision Comes as Result Of Peculiar Accident At End of Ninth.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28, (AP)—Earl Mastro, Chicago's contender for the featherweight championship of the world, today owned a technical knockout victory over Bud Taylor, the old Terre Haute terror—Taylor, victim of one of the most peculiar accidents in ring history, regarded the black mark against his record, while nursing a badly sprained back.

Incident Excites Crowd
The incident, which threw 17,211 spectators into hysterical excitement, terminated the second meeting of the pair, in the ninth round of their 10-rounder at the Chicago stadium last night.

Outpointed for eight rounds, but still waiting for a chance to end the fight with a knockout, Taylor almost accomplished his purpose in the ninth round when he floored the Chicago Italian. The intensity of his efforts proved his undoing. When Mastro regained his feet after a count of three, Taylor tore in for the finish, and in throwing punches fell through the ropes, wrenching his back.

Both Out of Ring
He carried Mastro with him, and it looked like a double knockout, until the Chicago sharpshooter managed to regain his feet at the count of five. Taylor, rigid and apparently paralyzed, could not arise, and Referee "Little Phil" Collins awarded the verdict to Mastro.

Mastro's Left Powerful
Mastro's left hand had built up a big point lead, but Taylor always was in there, trying for the finishing blow.

The crowd paid \$63,037 to see the return battle arranged after they fought a great 10-round draw recently.

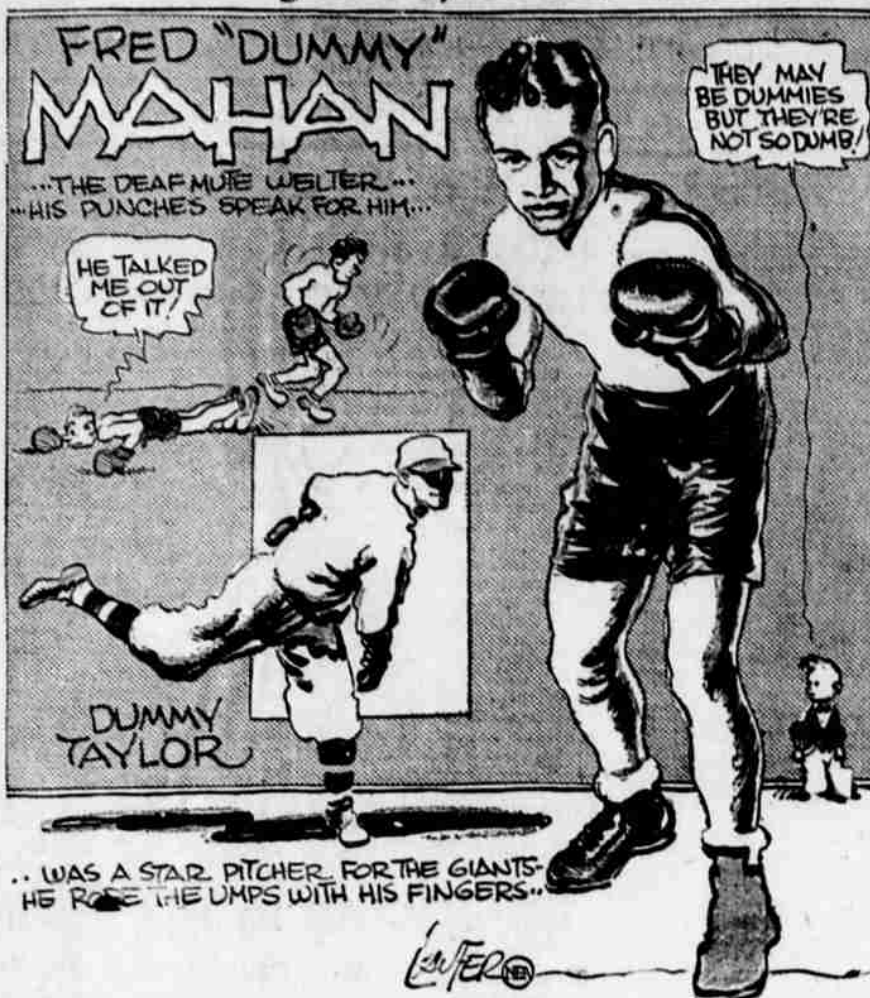
In the semi-final 10-rounder Hein Mueller, recent German heavyweight importation, won his second straight start in the United States, easily outpointed Eliezer Rionx, Canadian heavyweight titleholder.

Portland Fails To Take Second Place

SEATTLE, Dec. 28, (AP)—The Seattle Eskimos were still in second place today, although the Portland Buckaroos skidded three goals into the net last night, to win 3 to 0 in a Pacific Coast hockey league game. The victory was like Cuddy De Marco, Paul De Hate, Speedy Sparks and Johnny Preston. He was trained to almost skin and bones for his match with Mushy Callahan, yet managed to fluster Callahan twice.

Fred Winsor, who does the talking and listening for the Dummy, thinks the kid will overcome the defeat by the Akron Gorilla.

"Dummy" Mahan, Deaf-Mute Boxer, Fights Way Toward Welter Honors



By Wern...
(NEA Sports Writer)
One of the rarest specimens in the sport world is the deaf and dumb athlete. Out on the Pacific coast, a full-blooded Mexican kid, Fred "Dummy" Mahan, deaf-mute from infancy, is battling his way among the welter fighters.

Despite the fact that he was recently stopped by "Gorilla" Jones, the Akron beller, he is regarded as a corner by the California ring boys. Jones could probably knock out the welter champion Jackie Fields in an overweight match and that doesn't detract one bit from Jackie either. Jones really is a light middleweight and would have to cut off a leg to get down to 147.

Runs Up Kayo String.
But getting back to Mahan, the Dummy has knocked out 20 of his last 26 opponents. He is a two-fisted hitter and a pretty good boxer. He put the old Queensberry nap on good men like Cuddy De Marco, Paul De Hate, Speedy Sparks and Johnny Preston. He was trained to almost skin and bones for his match with Mushy Callahan, yet managed to fluster Callahan twice.

All of the Dummy's brothers and sisters are normal. The family comes from Tombstone, Arizona. Dummy started in the ring game early, fighting around the bootleg amateur clubs of Los Angeles. Here Winsor discovered him.

Today's Game Sees Passing Of Army's Great Halfback

By RUSSELL J. NEWLAND
Associated Press Sports Writer
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif., Dec. 28, (AP)—Army's Cadets and Stanford's Cardinals, football rivals from the extreme eastern and western sides of the country, will meet today in one of the year's inter-sectional classics, but the 70,000 or more persons expected will attend mostly to witness the gridiron antics of Christian Keener, Army halfback.

The "Red Knight" of West Point has been one of the most widely publicized young men of football in the last two years. Much has been written of his uncanny ability to elude would-be tacklers; his brilliant passing from the dead run, and his all-round "Lon Chaney" maneuverings on the field. In short, his far western audience will not be surprised today if he changes into a football and makes the winning touchdown.

The two best known members of the Cadet squad, "Red" Cagle and Coach Laurence "Biff" Jones, will make their final bows, and, strange enough, the football finales will be witnessed 3,000 miles from home, and in the first appearance of an Army team west of the Rockies. Cagle graduates, and Jones, the man who developed him, goes back into active service. Necessarily and without reservation, each wants to pass out of the gridiron picture on the crest of a great victory.

Those who make a close study of the game, however, favor the Cardinals to take the measure of the invading stalwarts. Where Stanford has but Cagle and his running mate, Johnny Murrell, fullback, to stop the Army boys will be called upon to halt the ball-lugging advances of nine backfield threats. The Soldier offense is built almost entirely around Cagle, and in supplement of Murrell's infrequent work. Coach "Pop" Warner charges all his behind-the-line men with the duty of gaining yardage. His various combinations are trained in deception and function on speed and power.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

At Seattle: University of Washington 29, De Noffes Oregonians (Eugene) 2.
At San Francisco: St. Mary's college 29, Oregon State 21.
At Moscow, Idaho: Gonzaga university 37, Idaho university 34.
At Los Angeles: Utah State 22, University of Southern California 29.
At Pullman, Wash.: Washington State 29, Ellensburg Normal 22.
At Los Angeles: University of California 44, Utah university 34.

Oregon Stages System Acquires Pacific Stages

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28, (AP)—The Oregon Stages system will on January 1 take over the operation of the Pacific Stages that run from Portland to Newport, Tillamook and Forest Grove. This will put under the operation of the Oregon Stages system the operation of all major lines in Oregon. The application to take over the Pacific line has not yet been filed with the Public Service Commission but will be shortly, it became known here today.

The Oregon Stages system is part of the General Pacific Coast operation which is interlocked with two other transcontinental units. The Southern Pacific company owns the Oregon Stages system and is one-third owner of the whole Pacific coast operation.

Great Turf Season Opens In Mexico

AGUA CALIENTE, Lower California, Mexico, Dec. 28, (AP)—A new page in the turf annals of the Pacific coast will be unfolded here today with the opening of the eighty-one day racing season at the Agua Caliente Jockey club's new \$2,000,000 track. Featuring the program which includes eight events, will be the 2,000 inaugural handicap, attracting eight starters for the mile and one-sixteenth distance.

Scimitar, winner of the Tijuana cup over the two-mile route last season, because of his superior condition, was booked as the favorite to win with Frankie Colville in the saddle.

Damascus means the abode of irrigation.

Rhinelander Case Settled in Nevada

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 28, (AP)—Leonard Kip Rhinelander member of a wealthy New York family, today is free, in Nevada at least from his octorous wife, Mrs. Alice Jones Rhinelander. The divorce, granted yesterday by the district court here, was not contested, and Mrs. Rhinelander was not represented in court.

The once wealthy New Yorker, now disowned by his family, who was 22 years old at the time of his marriage five years ago to the 28 year old Alice Jones, cited in his complaint that he had separated from his wife after she had "by her wiles and artifices, taken advantage of his youth and inexperience, and so dominated him that he was induced to leave his family, until they became estranged from him, causing him great mental distress and humiliation."

Rhinelander's attorney said the divorce decree included no property settlement, and that none had been agreed upon. He indicated that the separate maintenance allowance Rhinelander has been paying his wife each month said to be \$400 might be continued.

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