

# Mecca and Klamath Cubs Take Basketball Lead

## Old Timer Manages Monroe

Local Fighter Claims Attachment to Coast's Well Known Sporting Writer, Tim McGrath

By JOE PIGNEY  
There is one man on the Pacific coast who keeps alive the memories of the illustrious old timers of the boxing world. It is Tim McGrath of San Francisco, and in his scrap book—survived even by the book full of reminiscence fostered by Klamath Falls' Sammy Gordon—there are stories picked up back in the gory old days of John L.

While McGrath lives heavily in the past, he is by no means unaware of the fighting developments of today. McGrath was once a great fighter himself, and pulled on the gloves at the ancient Crenshaw theater where such stage stars as John Drew and Nat Goodwin were spectators. Each time he finished a bout he made a habitual little speech to his followers, saying, "And, ladies and gentlemen, I could have fought a whole lot better if I wasn't so hungry."

Usually his humor brought on a burst of laughter and a shower of coins, but once a stale loaf of bread was heaved into the ring. And, as the story goes, McGrath completely lost his appetite after that, and turned to managing and sports writing.

This tale of Tim McGrath is not so remote to Klamath Falls as it appears. When McGrath quit the ring he became interested in every young boxer who showed possibilities, and right here is an ambitious fighter who claims Tim McGrath as his manager.

This youngster, Frankie Monroe, will appear on Herb Owen's fight program at the Legion hall next Monday night. Herb Owen has an enormous capacity for condensing a week's work into a couple of days. Owen arrived in Klamath Falls Sunday, bringing with him the description of his initial boxing promotion for the Klamath Falls commission, and then left Tuesday to go to work on his weekly Friday night card at Eugene. Herb will be back again Sunday to finish off the last of the pre-flight arrangements.

There is no use having wrestling and boxing in Klamath Falls unless they become both high class business as well as high class entertainment. The finances of athletic adventures here has been unsatisfactory, and so, after all, it may be an excellent thing old obligations can be wiped out with the start of the new regime. The boxing commission has been partly reorganized, a brand new promoter has been installed, and a fresh group of fighters will show in the Legion hall ring.

One of the first announcements of the commission made through Owen was the reduction of the purse list. There will be a 50 per cent cut in the complimentary tickets, and that should mean plenty in the re-establishment of boxing and wrestling as profitable undertakings.

To counter the cut in purses the admission prices have been slashed. The Legion hall is open to every pocketbook.

One optimistic pugilistic enthusiast from Colorado has just about decided to make his home in Klamath Falls. If Pete Becker, the white boy from the Rocky Mountains, can defeat the tough Chief Thomas, blood-thirsty Indian from Coquille, he will stick right here and meet all comers.

Roy Craft, sporting editor of the Register-Guard at Eugene, is thoroughly convinced of Herb Owen's promoting ability and sagacity. Craft writes: "This Snell-Ambrose match is one we've been wanting for Eugene as the boys fought here before. Owen gave them a good spot on his last Eugene fight card, and they battled through six slugging rounds and finally ended in a draw. Neither is a boxer. They're fighters and stand toe to toe when they get in the ring."

"I think Klamath Falls will like Herb Owen. Here in Eugene we're glad to learn of his being made promoter. With two good fight towns in which to stage cards, he should be able to get the best available talent."

## ITALIANS AND HENLEY LOSE FIRST GAMES

The Klamath Cubs and Mecca stepped in the lead of the City Basketball league Tuesday night by winning their ends of the opening double header. The Cubs defeated Henley in the most brilliant game of the start of the season 41 to 21, and Mecca ran away from the Sons of Italy, 26 to 16.

The Cub-Henley game was won by the sharp-shooting of Robertson, Cub forward, who rushed in 18 points to the basket. Henley was handicapped by the absence of one star and the crippling of another.

Walters, guard, led the Mecca quintet to its first victory by scoring 17 points. Gliovani starred for the Italians.

Cubs				
	FG	FT	PF	TL
Robertson, f	7	4	0	18
Palmer, f	3	0	0	6
C. Martin, c	2	0	1	4
Swigert, g	4	0	1	8
Crawford, f	2	0	0	4
Schumaker, c	0	0	0	0
Hicks, g	0	0	1	0
Hart, g	2	0	2	4
	20	4	5	44

Henley				
	FG	FT	PF	TL
Haley, f	5	0	1	10
E. Kiser, f	2	0	1	4
Relling, c	3	1	1	7
Booth, g	0	0	1	0
Hill, g	0	0	1	0
Duval, f	0	0	1	0
	10	1	7	21

Mecca				
	FG	FT	PF	TL
Clayton, f	2	0	1	4
Crochet, f	0	0	1	0
Huston, f	1	2	3	4
Estes, f	1	2	3	4
Kerney, c	3	0	2	6
Van Busen, c	1	2	1	4
Stewart, g	1	0	1	2
Walsh, g	0	0	2	0
Walters, g	8	1	1	17
Laurenson, g	2	2	0	6
	21	0	14	50

Sons of Italy				
	FG	FT	PF	TL
Robustelli, g	0	0	0	0
Pastega, g	0	0	0	0
R. Gliovani, g	3	4	3	10
Confari, c	1	1	2	2
N. Gliovani, f	1	0	1	2
Rossi, f	0	1	0	1
Harry, f	0	0	1	0
	5	6	7	16

Referee: Wakeman.

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**Pray Willing To Take Post Edgren Left**  
FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 6. (AP)—Ed F. Pray, Fresno business man, announced today that he was a candidate for appointment to the State Athletic Commission to fill the vacancy created yesterday by the unexpected resignation of Robert Edgren, boxing critic and cartoonist.

Pray would not disclose the identity of his backers but said that he had been approached during the past week and would be glad to accept the appointment if it occurred.

Edgren resigned because of dissatisfaction with the way in which the commission was functioning.

**Lewis Victor In Mat Match**  
TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 6. (AP)—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, former heavyweight wrestling champion, defeated Roland Kirchmeyer, Stillwater, Okla., in the seventh round of the main event of a wrestling exhibition here last night. Kirchmeyer missed a flying scissor, knocking himself unconscious, and Lewis pinned him for the only fall as Kirchmeyer was unable to continue.

In the preliminaries, Dr. A. P. Millikin, Los Angeles light-heavy, won two out of three falls from Tom Ray, Tacoma.

Fruit stains may be removed by sponging with lemon juice and then washing with hot water.

## Herb Owen



Herb Owen, recently appointed matchmaker for the Klamath Falls Boxing commission, will make his debut here next Monday night at the Legion hall with a boxing card featuring 30 rounds of fighting. Owen has scheduled three six round bouts and three four-round bouts.

## CHICAGO AMATEUR BOXERS VICTORS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6. (AP)—A troupe of amateur boxers from Chicago, invaded Los Angeles last night and captured five out of eight bouts scheduled with local amateurs.

The card was arranged to promote interest in amateur boxing and was attended by a large crowd.

The fights were sponsored by Bishop John Cantwell of Los Angeles and San Diego.

Actor In "Charge"  
Johnny Hines, motion picture actor, was master of ceremonies, and the referee and others in charge of the bouts were dressed in evening clothes. Each fight went three rounds, with two judges and the referee giving decisions.

The results: George Haberski, Chicago bantamweight, defeated Ray Campo, Oscar Chanlan, Chicago featherweight, defeated Frank Comanche.

Johnny Fuentes, Los Angeles featherweight, defeated Anthony Marcy of Chicago when he made a strong finish.

Eugene Higgins, Chicago lightweight, won an unpopular decision over Hoyt James, protege of Jim Jeffries.

Scotty Sylvano, 147-pound captain of the Chicago team, had an easy time dispatching Hughie Owens, Los Angeles, flooring him once in the second round.

Max Marek, Chicago middleweight, made a strong finish to win from Mike O'Hara in a slug-fest match.

Sailor Joe Bennett of the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, took a close decision from Joe Perache, Chicago.

Jim Ferran, Los Angeles, ended the card with a one-sided decision over Stephen Sakal, Chicago heavyweight.

## RING VETERAN HOLDS FAITH IN EX-CHAMP

The following article was written for the United Press by Jack McAuliffe, first world lightweight champion under the Marquis of Queensbury rules and the only champion who never lost a fight during his entire career. McAuliffe retired in 1933 after holding the lightweight title for nine years.

By JACK MAULIFFE  
Only Unbeaten World's Champion (Written for the United Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (AP)—While the sports axiom that "they never come back" is true in most cases, Jack Dempsey—37 years old and out of the ring for four years—has better than an even chance of becoming the first world heavyweight champion to regain the title.

For that matter Dempsey really won back his title in 1927 even though Referee Dave Barry's infamous "long count" robbed him of his just deserts. When, and if, Dempsey knocks out Max Schmeling, in the opinion of many ring men it will be the third time that he has won the championship.

Jack Still Young  
Dempsey's comeback attempt cannot be compared to those of other champions. Dempsey at 37 is a younger man by five years than was John L. Sullivan when he was 34 and met defeat at the hands of James J. Corbett.

The different life led by the two men will have its effect. In Sullivan's day there were no gymnasiums in every city and the only exercise he had for 19 years was holding glasses.

Dempsey, since the day he first put on the gloves, always has had a gymnasium available and has done a bit of work every day.

Two Liabilities  
Two things will take fight ability away from any man. They are:

Fat on the inside which takes wind away. In training to remove that, a fighter weakens some other part of his system.

Laying off and not fighting regularly—the real cause of Dempsey's first defeat by Tunney.

Dempsey never got fat on the inside and is honest to himself and the public in what he is doing today. Going through the sticks, meeting all comers and knocking them out with 10 and 12 ounce gloves is giving Dempsey a chance to regain his form.

**Kruse Defeats Axel Anderson**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6. (AP)—Bob Kruse, 192, Portland, Ore., continued his winning streak last night by defeating Axel Anderson, 215, New York grappler, two falls out of three.

Kruse took the first fall in 18 minutes with arm locks but lost the second in 11 minutes when Anderson clamped on the headlocks. Anderson was outsmarted in the final fall, succumbing in four minutes to a body slam. In a preliminary, Nick Velocoff, 220, Bulgaria, drew with Lee Papiano, 212, Italy.

**Polo Association Will Hold Session**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (AP)—The august United States Polo association will sit in solemn session tomorrow and at the close of its meeting the United States may find itself without a 10-goal player for the first time in memory of the oldest dirt-replacer at Meadowbrook's international field.

This, of course, means only one thing: Tommy Hitchcock is believed due for a cut in handicap. For years Hitchcock has been to polo what Babe Ruth is to baseball, Dempsey was to boxing and Hagen to golf. You spoke of polo and you spoke of Hitchcock.

Jugoslavia is planning to electrify state owned mines in five provinces at a cost of more than \$17,600,000.

Wills-Overland company reported October sales 32 per cent above those for October, 1930.

## RED SOX WANT TO START YEAR AGAINST WEST

By BILL KING  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
BOSTON, Jan. 6. (AP)—If the Boston Red Sox could start the American League race against the western clubs instead of the slugging easterners, President Bob Quinn and Manager "Shono" Collins would be a happy pair.

But the schedule, they expect, will again get their team off on the wrong foot for the Sox have some 20-odd games with the slaughtering Athletics, Yankees and Senators before meeting up with any of their western peers.

Prospects seem bright with one of the best pitching staffs in either league, a fair catching department, an infield with only one doubtful spot and a well-rounded and veteran outfield.

"Hustle" Is Watchword  
"Shono," whose watchword is "hustle," has moved the spring training camp from Pensacola to Savannah.

Collins will start for Georgia next month with about 32 players, the smallest spring training squad in many years.

It is likely that last year's hurling corps will again carry the burden. The veterans include Wiley Moore, Danny Macfadyen, Horace Lisenbee, Ed Durham, Ed Morris and Jack Russell. Collins has high hopes that young Bob Klins, a relief worker last year, will get going and that old Pete Donahue, a great right-hander with the Cincinnati Reds years ago, will be able to come back.

Second Base Worry  
Bill Sweeney is booked for another whirl at first base and Hal Rhyme, shortstop, is counted upon for another year. Marty McManus seems to fill the third base hole nicely, leaving only second base to worry about.

The outfield includes Webb, Tom Oliver and Al Van Camp, a veteran trio.

Charlie Berry, who watches over the pitchers, will again be called upon to do most of the catching, with Eddie Connelly, Howard Stripling and "Red" Hargrave, formerly of Detroit and late of Baltimore, battling for the relief job.

## Japan Paradise For Umpires of Baseball Games

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (AP)—The umpire's paradise is Japan, says Jack (Beans) Reardon of the National League.

"No Japanese player ever talks back," says Reardon, "none ever disputes a decision and not even the spectators razz the umpire."

Reardon accompanied the Major league outfit which recently completed a tour in the Orient.

## Yale Mentor Heads Grid Coaches



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Possibility of the bout being Battalino's final defense of the 125-pound crown is based solely on the prospect that the Hartford Italian may resign his championship after the fight.

Feldman is not rated as a formidable opponent and has little chance of a small club fighter virtually unknown outside of New York, is conceded a chance of victory only because Battalino who has been building himself up for competition in the lightweight class, may be weakened in making the featherweight limit.

Battalino already has defeated every recognized contender for his title and is rated by boxing leaders as the best featherweight champion of modern times. Feldman, a small club fighter virtually unknown outside of New York, is conceded a chance of victory only because Battalino who has been building himself up for competition in the lightweight class, may be weakened in making the featherweight limit.

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**Kansas Will Hold Relay Despite Cost**  
LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 5. (AP)—The Kansas Jayhawkers assumed an early lead tonight in their basketball game with Colorado university and won, 41 to 22. Colorado won the first game Monday night, 35 to 22.

**WALLA WALLA WINS**  
WALLA WALLA, Jan. 6. (AP)—Walla Walla high school defeated McLaughlin Union high of Milton-Freewater 23 to 16 here last night.

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