

REAR VIEW

Historic Fight

A newspaper, yellowed by age, was thrown on my desk yesterday and proved to be highly interesting reading. The sheet, dated July 4, 1910, The San Francisco Call, carried six full pages of an event that rocked the sports world.

I refer to the Jack Johnson-Jim Jeffries heavyweight championship fight held in Reno, Nevada. Unfortunately, the stories related only to the pre-fight picture and I was disappointed that there was not some follow-up stories on the "busting" battle between the huge Negro and bear-like Jeff.



RED HURD

The papers (there was also a San Francisco Bulletin front section of July 6) mentioned only the banning of the snowing of the fight pictures were found in the Hall hotel under a rug during remodeling now going on at one of Klamath's oldest landmarks.

The papers are now the property of Fred Piper who generously loaned them to the Herald and News. Do you remember the outcome of the fight under the hot Reno sun? Johnson's huge brown fists crumpled popular Jim Jeffries in 15 murderous rounds. The appearance of Jeffries in the ring marked his attempt to regain the heavyweight fight crown.

I was particularly interested in the pre-fight coverage. The sports section of The Call was filled with pictures and articles. There were vivid colorful stories by Sports Editor William J. Slattery, F. R. Bechtold, Carlouist R. L. Goldberg, Fighters Battling Nelson and Tommy Burns, and many, many others.

The array of men assigned to cover the brawl for The Call reads like Who's Who in the sports and literary world.

They included Bechtold; Edward F. Cahill of The Call staff; Robert Edgren, sports editor of the New York World; Battling Nelson; Burns; J. W. Coffroth, devoted student of the ring and promoter; F. R. Bechtold; Carlouist R. L. Goldberg; Newspaperman Joseph Murphy; Goldberg; and Ashleigh Simpson, Call staffman.

Promoter of the fight was the greatest ballyhoo man of all time, Tex Rickard, who later stated the first million-dollar gate figure, featuring Jack Dempsey.

The take for this fight, incredible for 1910, was \$270,775. The total number of fight fans who witnessed this historic, gawdy event was 18,020. This number included, as printed in The Call, 18,709 paid admissions, 799 complimentary tickets, and 1500 who climbed over the fence (yes, The Call actually lists it this way).

Ringside seats brought \$50 and ranged down the scale to \$10. The fight game in those days was frowned on by religionists and various social clubs. This particular scuffle was barred from a California ring and moved to Reno.

Wow! What excitement there was in Reno! The "biggest little city in the world" seethed at a fever pitch. Fight talk showed everything else out of sight.

It would take much, much more space than can be spared to relate the pre-fight stories, accounts of both training camps, predictions, statements from boxing luminaries.

Just a few will have to suffice: Said Mrs. Jeffries after Big Jim had slept like a baby the night before: "I do not think anybody in the world could defeat my big husband."

Johnson was described as being "trained to the minute." Jeffries made the statement, "I'm as sound as a dollar." Both predicted victory. Neither would discuss fighting methods they would use in the ring.

Jeffries was determined before the fight and vowed to bring the title back to the white race. Johnson was "playful on the eve of the battle," a headline said.

Slattery's story starts out with startling force: "Prime and ready for the crowning effort of their lives, James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson are tonight dreaming of the minutes that must pass before they step into the ring to decide whether the white or the black race shall rule supreme over the pugilistic world."

As I said, I could go on and on... but I'm sure Piper would be happy to let those interested peruse this faded 39-year-old record of one of the greatest fights of all time.

Weather Man Governs Golf

Upon the weather will depend whether Reames country club women will hold a nine-hole blind bogey tomorrow on their regular golfing day.

Last week's play finished competition for the Oregon Women's Golf association cup with Donna Sprout winning the trophy. Babe Toranson won last week's bogey tournament.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Charlie Salas, 144, Phoenix, and Babe Herman, 140½, Los Angeles, drew, 10.

Kirilenko Surprise Mat Victor

Mad Russian Uses Stomping Toe Hold To Beat Dusette

Georges Dusette pitted his famous full nelson with a shake against the stomping toe hold of grotesque, taut-haired Leon Kirilenko last night at the armory. To the surprise of a howling crowd, the Gruesome One was the victor after only 12 minutes and 38 seconds.

Dusette won the first fall in 9 minutes, 8 seconds and left the Mad Russian in bad shape after shaking him like a rag doll in the center of the ring.

Kirilenko had previously escaped Dusette's specialty with mad dashes for the ropes.

But three-and-a-half minutes later, Kirilenko's hand was hoisted in victory after the crowd had settled down for what they thought would be the better part of an hour of wrestling.

The stomping toe hold turned the trick first in two-and-a-half minutes and left Dusette's leg numb and an easy prey for the third fall, accomplished in one minute flat.

A grapevine and a warhoo went the opener for the Yaqui Kid over swarthy Pete Bartu in 13 minutes, 20 seconds in the opener.

The grapevine was the clinching hold and the warhoo from the Kid's trainer, ol' Yaqui Joe, was the signal from the corner that started Bartu's downfall.

Yaqui Joe proved that he hadn't forgotten all his wrestling tricks when he dubbed for Bob Cummings, down with the flu, in the semi-windup.

However, Al Szasz won two out of three falls from the cagey Indian. Szasz used a cradle leg split for the first fall in 9 minutes, 12 seconds.

Ol' Joe came back to take the second fall, using rolling leg scissors, although he called it the Indian drop toe hold. By whatever name it did the trick in 6 minutes, 30 seconds after Joe had sidestepped the fourth of a series of flying butts Szasz was using to end festivities.

Szasz favorite, the whip wrist lock, gained the third fall and the match for the bouncing Hungarian.

After two whips, Joe eluded Szasz but Al closed in to apply a body press and it was all over. The deciding fall took 6 minutes, 10 seconds.

Everett Leach and Danny Dedmon wrestled to a draw in the newsboy opener.

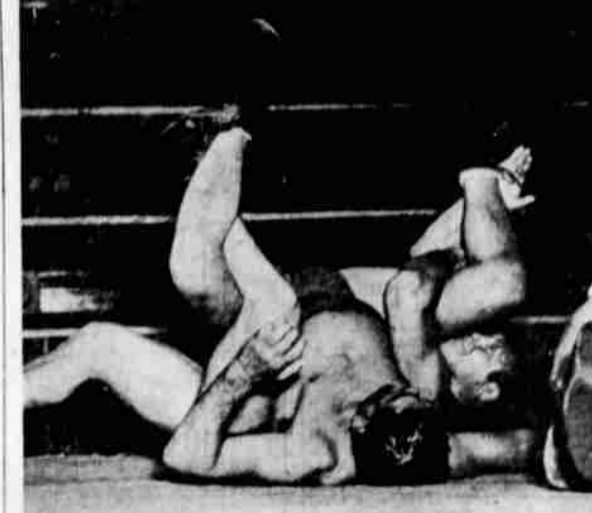
Boosters Name Nominating Body

Klamath Falls' new club, the Boosters, formed a nominating committee in Monday night's meeting to name candidates for the club's officers.

Nominating committee chairman is Guy Davis. Serving with him are Mario Pisan, Paul McCall, Ken Klahn and Harry Todd.

A president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and board of directors will be elected soon.

The club, which replaces the now-extinct Quarterback club, chose as its motto "Sportsmanship Makes Friendship," and its purpose the promotion of sportsmanship and competitive amateur activities.



ROCKABYE BABY

Al Szasz, on bottom, applies the cradle leg split on ol' Yaqui Joe to win the first fall in the armory semi-windup last night. The Bouncing Hungarian won two out of three falls and the match over the veteran Indian grappler.

No Shoo-In MINNESOTA HAS NO CINCH IN MICHIGAN

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 20 (AP)—On paper at least, Minnesota's powerful undefeated Gophers should beat Michigan Saturday—but look out, anything could happen.

It figures this way: Minnesota beat Northwestern by two touchdowns, 21 to 7. Northwestern beat Michigan by one point, 21 to 20. Thus, on paper, Northwestern appears about equal to Michigan and Minnesota should beat the Wolverines by two touchdowns.

If that were all there was to it, Head Coach Bernie Bierman could sleep well as Minnesota heads for Ann Arbor. The squad leaves tonight for Jackson, Mich., where they will work out tomorrow and stay overnight.

But what bothers Bierman and the rest of the Gopher coaching staff is the number of times the underdog in the long Minnesota-Michigan series has upset the dope and won.

Michigan has the edge in the series, winning 24 games and losing 13. Two games ended in ties.

But the thing that really gives Bierman and his aides the jumps these days is the memory of last year's game. Minnesota was the underdog and lost all right 27-14, but only after giving Michigan some anxious moments.

The Gophers held Michigan to 22 yards by rushing and for a while

Owls Open Cage Drills

Oregon Tech basketballers will launch practice Monday afternoon in the Owl gym.

Coach Skeet O'Connell will welcome back a veteran squad. All the regulars who racked up a 500 cage record last year will be on hand. Gene Hifiker is not as yet on the campus but will check in about October 27.

Chuck Warren will report for casaba duty when the football season ends.

O'Connell said yesterday he was having some difficulty in lining up a full schedule. He has about five open dates to fill.

Huskies Point For California Upset

SEATTLE, Oct. 20 (AP)—The University of Washington Huskies entrain at noon today for their Saturday football engagement at Berkeley with the University of California.

The Huskies wound up their training in a prolonged session that finished under the practice field lights last night and included an hour's scrimmage against the Freshmen.

Guards Jim Foster and Bill Burnett, seniors, were named co-captains for Saturday's fray. Thirty-eight players will make the trip.

Two sophomore backs — Gene Norton and Jim Wiley — will carry much of the ball-carrying load for the injury-riddled Huskies Saturday.

Coach Howie Odell worked the two rookies hard in yesterday's practice, and had another sophomore, Ernie Furnis, seeing duty at the fullback spot.

Both Norton and Wiley saw considerable action in the second half of last Saturday's game with Stanford.

Eighteen-Year Decision Made

OXFORD, England, Oct. 20 (AP)—After due consideration, Oxford university coxswains have accepted a challenge to row a boat race against the Cambridge university coxswains.

The match is set for Saturday. Cambridge issued the challenge 18 years ago.

Sanders Sticks With Backfield

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20 (AP)—Thirty-seven UCLA football players will leave by plane for Pullman, Wash., tomorrow morning, and the same backfield will take the field against Washington State that started against Santa Clara.

Coach Red Sanders looked over the squad and listed Julie Weinstein or Jim Buchanan at quarter, Ernie Johnson and Howard Hansen or Bob Watson at the halves and Cliff Schroeder ready to roll at fullback. Sanders juggles his backfield for offensive and defensive purposes.

Don Hunt returns as a first string end. He was a regular last year.

star of the Gonzaga team, was born in Germany and fled that country with his parents during the war. Although he has applied for U. S. citizenship, Huttenbach still is considered an enemy alien because there is no formal peace treaty with Germany.

Huttenbach and Gonzaga Athletic Director Archie P. Sherar appealed to authorities in Ottawa yesterday for permission to enter Canada. He was rejected at the border last year.

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