

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh Fullerton

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—A bunch of basketball coaches were arguing, which is hardly unusual, and Honey Russell was maintaining that it is impossible to teach New York boys a definite style of play.

"You don't have them together on the campus and you can't stop playing with other teams—in clubs and church leagues."

You teach them one thing and right away they go off and play some other style. . . if you have a dozen players, you need a dozen detectives to watch them. . . that helps to explain such things as Oklahoma's victory over CCNY the other night. It was a real team beating a brilliant collection of individuals. . . Southern California's Sam Barry, who admits that having Charmin' Bill Sharmen is just as good as getting 15 points handspun, came to town raving over Paul Senesky's performance for St. Joseph in Philadelphia. . . "I told my guard 'Get down his throat' and that's just what he did. So Senesky twisted around and shot them off his left ear," Sam moaned.

Casimir (Slug) Witucki, Indiana's off his physique for a group of admiring freshmen, reports Bob Cook, the eavesdropping publicist, "See their shoulders?" asked Slug. "Push-ups built them up; this stomach and chest—lots of situps; Look at these legs—running did it." . . . at that juncture line Coach the rear, observed the part of the Witucki anatomy that was bulging over the bench. . . "Looks to me, Slug, like you did a lot of horseback riding, too," Steve observed.

The national baseball congress is planning to sponsor 52 (that's right) state sandlot tournaments next year. California will have northern and southern division and Texas four groups. . . Ray Hickok, the belt manufacturer who presented a \$5000 belt to Middletown Champion Jake Lamotta, is offering a \$10,000 diamond-studded model next year to the "professional athlete of the year."

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CHAMPS IN ALL DIVISIONS UNINTERESTED IN TITLE FIGHTS

AP Newsfeatures

NEW YORK—What boxing needs is a shot in the arm, preferably a fighting champion like the old Joe Louis.

Although 12 championship fights were held the champions appeared more willing to engage in non-title bouts, being very cautious about laying their crowns on the line.

Louis retired officially as heavyweight champion in March but after Ezzard Charles outpointed Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago for the National Boxing Association title, Louis returned for a series of some 20 exhibition bouts.

"I ain't rich and I ain't poor," was Louis' best reason for returning

to the ring. It led boxing experts to believe that the Brown Bomber, who had been champion since 1937, needed ready cash. He denied any intentions of again fighting for the title.

Charles was accepted as the new champion except in New York state where the boxing commission felt that a series of heavyweight bouts would be the best way to get a new heavyweight ruler. Oddly enough, Charles defended his title here by stopping Gus Leanevich, ex-light heavy champ, in seven rounds in Yankee Stadium. Later Charles stopped Pat Valentino in eight rounds in a title bout in San Francisco.

Mike Jacobs, the promoter who paved the way for Louis' fame, retired because of illness two months after Louis "hung up his gloves." In hardly any time at all the International Boxing club, headed by Jim Norris, took over and promoted in partnership with Madison Square garden. The IBG had five outdoor fights, including the Charles-Walcott battle in Chicago, a middleweight title bout in Detroit and three bouts in New York ballparks. The outdoor fights showed only a small profit. The Jacobs touch and the magic name of Louis were missing.

The light heavyweight division is best described as stagnant. Champion Freddie Mills of England failed to defend his title.

Jake LaMotta of the Bronx, who beat France's Robert Villemain in Madison Square garden on a disputed decision which led to the suspension of a judge and the referee, Harry Ebbs, later won the middleweight crown. He took the title when Marcel Cerdan of France sustained a shoulder injury in their Detroit bout. The end came after 9 rounds.

Just when the middleweight division had aroused boxing interest, Cerdan, the most popular foreign fighter since Georges Carpentier, died with 47 others in an Azores plane crash. Cerdan was on his way here to face LaMotta in a return bout.

New York reinstated Rocky Graziano, former champion, and the two-fisted middleweight rallied to knock out a lightweight, Charley Fusari, in the last 56 seconds of a 10-rounder.

Welterweight champion Ray Robinson made only one title defense, beating Kid Gavilan of Cuba in Philadelphia. Sugar Ray, however,

fought 12 non-title bouts, scoring eight knockouts, winning three on decisions and fighting a draw with Henry Brim in Buffalo. Robinson drew suspensions in Texas and Massachusetts for failing to fulfill engagements in those states.

Lightweight ruler Ike Williams successfully defended the 135-pound crown twice, stopping Enrique Bonanos in four rounds in Los Angeles and beating Freddie Dawson in 15 at Philadelphia. The latter bout, in which Williams yelled "fix" cost him a \$500 fine. The champ said "a friend" telephoned him, saying Williams would lose if the Dawson

fight went the limit. Williams failed to identify the "friend."

In non-title bouts, Williams won six decisions, scored one knockout and lost two bouts to welterweight Gavilan in the garden. Williams also drew a suspension from the NBA for failing to go through with a California fight.

Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., regained the featherweight title by outpointing Sandy Saddler in a blis-

tering 15-round garden fight. Pep later stopped Eddie Compo in seven rounds in a title bout.

Manuel Ortiz of California made one bantamweight title defense, defeating Dado Marino in Honolulu. In non-title bouts he lost to Jimmy

Cooper in Washington, Henry Davis in Honolulu and Ronnie Clayton in England.

Rinty Monaghan of Ireland lost a

non-title bout to Terry Allen of England in London but later, in defense of his title, he and Allen fought a draw in Belfast. In between these clashes, Monaghan defeated Maurice Sandeyron of France in a title fight.

Air Given Grid Plan

MANHATTAN, Kas., Dec. 22 (AP)—An all-out football program planned for Kansas State college will be devoid of any "dealings under the table."

So says Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the college, who announced the school planned to shoot the works in football competition. Inducements offered players to come to K-State will be no mystery, he said. The number of jobs available and cash payments for the jobs will be listed publicly.

"We will have no dealings under the table," Eisenhower added. "Everything will be completely in the open, under the strict N.C.A.A. (National Collegiate Athletic Association) rules, of course."

Kansas State is a member of the Big Seven conference. Football at the school has been at a low point for the past five years. Last season K-State won its first conference game since 1944. Although weak in football, the college has turned out good basketball squads.

At present Kansas State provides 55 jobs in football and 22 in basketball, Eisenhower said. A maximum of \$60 monthly for working athletes has been provided.

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Sugar Bowl Is Mixture

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22 (AP)—To many sports fans the words "Sugar Bowl" mean only a football classic but actually the big game is only the climax of a week of events in the midwinter sports festival that opens here Monday with yacht races.

Boxing matches are to be held Wednesday, the same day a three-day invitational tennis tourney begins.

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Annual Fishing Law Talks Set

The state game commission's annual public meeting for discussion of 1950 fishing regulations will be held January 13 at 10 a.m. in the Portland office of the commission.

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