

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

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BOSTON — Jackie Blair, 134½, Dallas, and Lulu Perez, 131, Brooklyn, drew, 10.
DETROIT — Virgil Atkins, 152, St. Louis, outpointed Henry Hank, 149½, Detroit, 8.
CHICAGO — Bob Boyd, 160, Chicago, knocked out Jimmy Welch, 160½, Columbus, Ohio, 4.
HOLYOKE, Mass. — Bobby Courchesne, 128½, Holyoke, outpointed Florentio Osorio, 128½, New York, 8.
GALVESTON, Tex. — Eddie Bertolino, 138, Galveston stopped Sidel Hernandez, 137, Mexico City, 3.
NEW ORLEANS — Joe Dorsey, 168, New Orleans, knocked out Lou King, 162, Chicago, 6.
HARTFORD, Conn. — Larry Boardman, 137½, Marlborough, Mass., outpointed Curley Monroe, 136½, Worcester, 8.



QUICK QUARTET—Prep school track stars, now backfield men, pose on cinders to illustrate the speed Illinois can muster. Left to right are J. C. Caroline, Abe Woodson, Mickey Bates and Harry Jefferson. (NEA)

Caterpillars Roll In World Hoop Tournament

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The United States, represented by the Peoria (Ill.) Caterpillars, and Brazil shaped up as the two top teams as the final round of the second World Basketball Tournament got underway Wednesday.
 Both were impressive in the elimination round, which reduced the field to eight teams. The Caterpillars crushed both Canada and Peru while Brazil had easy going against Paraguay and the Philippines.
 Others qualifying for the final round, in which each team will play seven games, are Uruguay.

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QUICK KICKS

By CHET SMITH
 Written for NEA Service
 When Dr. Clarence W. Spears was coaching at Minnesota he came up with a halfback who was a sleeper — a big, long-legged youngster who could run like the wind that blows across his native North Dakota.
 Since Big Ten freshmen play no outside games and the lad arrived unheralded from a small high school, the Doctor reckoned he had a secret weapon.
 Minnesota opened its conference grind against Northwestern. The Phenom was kept on the bench in the opener that preceded the game with the Wildcats. Now he was ready to be turned loose.
 The Gophers were to leave Thursday night. On Wednesday, Dr. Spears got a call from the dean. His hidden ace had been declared ineligible — for cutting too many classes.
 Dr. Spears called the boy to his office.

"We've been counting on you," he snapped. "You had a chance to make a name for yourself. Why would you cut classes?"
 The kid was all apologies.
 "Dr. Spears," he explained, "I'm real sorry. But you see, I've never been to Chicago. And I didn't own a necktie."
 "I didn't want to go to a big city like that without one, so I took the afternoon off and went downtown and bought two real pretty ones."

John Drebing, one of the country's better-known baseball writers, recalls that one of the saddest days in his life was when his editor discovered he could also turn out a football story.
 "It was an accident," he recalls. "They were short of men and I was drafted. Unfortunately, what I wrote made some semblance of sense. Actually, I didn't know what was going on and still don't."

"I wandered into the Polo Grounds one Sunday afternoon and found the New York Giants playing the Washington Redskins. Thinking I might find Horace Stoneham to talk baseball, I was strolling past the press box when an old telegraph operator friend beckoned me.
 "Gimme a lift," he pleaded. "I know from nothing about football."

"That made the two of us, but you can't desert a man at a time like that so I sat down and we went to work."
 We were moving along handsomely with not a squawk from the other end of the wire. I was so impressed with our job that I told my friend to ask our clients how we were doing. There was a brief pause before the instrument began clicking out the answer.

"What are they saying?" I asked, and my friend leaned over and whispered:
 "They say everything is fine, but how are we going to get the ball back in the park?"
 "According to their chart, it's now out on Eighth Avenue."

In 1937 when Delaware Park first operated, revenue to the state from that racing meeting amounted to \$225,474. In 1954 the track's thoroughbred race meeting produced a record \$1,640,449 for the state's coffers.

Rams Title Hopes Take Sharp Drop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hopes of the Los Angeles Rams to climb back into the running for the National Football League's Western Conference title took a sharp dip Wednesday.

Deacon Dan Towler, the divinity student seems lost to the team for a time.
 While sprinkling his lawn Tuesday, Towler slipped and his bad knee gave way. He was taken to Queen of Angels Hospital and after long manipulation the injured joint responded enough for him to walk, in a tight brace.

With Skeet Quinlan still on the injured list and Towler a very doubtful starter, the only runner Coach Hampton Pool has for his backfield in next Sunday's game against the world champion Detroit Lions is Tank Younger.

Pool doesn't think a one-man backfield will do, so quarterback Norman Van Brocklin probably will have to throw passes all day.

Sports Notes

Paul Matz and Dan Shannon, co-captains of the Notre Dame football team, were teammates at Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago. Both played there under Terry Brennan, present Irish Grid mentor.

Yale football coach Jordan Oliver is employed by a Los Angeles insurance firm during the off-season.

Godwin Ordway, West Point line-man, comes from a family of soldiers. His great grandfather was a general. His grandfather and father were colonels.

Joe Adcock was the only regular on the Milwaukee Braves to bat over .300 in 1954. He hit .308.

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