

While Famous Boxers Engage in Thrilling Contests on Land Battleship, Navy Officers Gather In Many Recruits

BOXING BOUTS LURE RECRUITS TO NAVY

20,000 Throng Union Square Park to See Spirited Contests on U. S. S. Recruit.

GREB A DOUBLE VICTOR Beats Jim Coffey and Joe Bonds—Welling Among Participants.

Had the prediction been made a few years ago that a series of boxing contests would be staged on the after deck of a battleship anchored in the city park at Union Square, and that 20,000 spectators would applaud the skill of the fighters, it would have been set down as Jules Verne dream.

Patriotism was the keynote of the enthusiasm that stirred the great gathering, and the rapidly with which recruits to the navy arose, their names in application forms showed that the boxers and the musicians had not given their services in vain.

The same procedure was one of the most remarkable of the many spectacular and inspiring rallies that have taken place since America entered the war.

Ring on After Deck. On the after deck of the Recruit a ring had been pitched, and the plash covered ropes were the same as are used in the New York Athletic Club when boxing bouts are held to obtain money for war funds.

All the vacant space between the ring and the after turrets was filled by women and brightly uniformed naval officers, and hundreds of the gentler but patriotic sex being in attendance. Camera men snapping the spirited scenes hung from the rails, while in the center of the ring sturdy athletes buffeted each other with gloved hands.

In the park on the port side of the ship was stationed the band of the Recruit, discoursing lively airs between bouts, and surrounding the park on all sides were the onlookers, massed in solid battalions and cheering vociferously. Speeches and boxing exhibitions were given by the officers.

The vocal tenor of the U. S. S. Recruit marched into the ring and sang a song with this chorus: We'll bury the Hun, the sea-of-a-gun, On the banks of the German Rhine; On the Kaiser's right divine; He thinks the war is done, But the Hun, Hun, Hun, will be done, done, done.

The crowd considered that song rather thin and demanded an encore. The boxing entertainment that held the great crowd until the last blow had been struck, and many spectators had been brought to the ring by the contests. The bouts were by no means of the exhibition character that makes bouts for benefits, but were fought on the merits of some of the leading boxers in the country were competitors, and they exerted themselves in a manner to win the hearty approval of all the spectators.

Mike Leonard Referee. Mike Leonard, who a quarter of a century ago was one of the leading lightweights of the country, and who as known as the Beau Brummel of the ring, was in the service of the United States, arranged the bout with the assistance of the athletic committee of the New York A. C.

In justice to Leonard and Halpin, it must be admitted that a more liberal selection of bouts never was staged in any cause, patriotic or otherwise. Harry Greb, the sensational Pittsburgh middleweight, and formidable contender for the title of the world champion, was in the service of the United States, and he was in the ring at the same time and let them box alternately.

Joe Welling Boxes Controversy. Next in general interest was the bout between Joe Welling, one of the best lightweights in the world and a strong contender for the lightweight championship, and Frankie Coffey, known as the Pride of the New York Five. Each won a brace of victories. Welling's victories came in the javelin throw and the shot put, and Frankie triumphed in the high jump and the 100 yard high hurdles. Welling also was placed second in the discus throw.

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Something Unusual for a City Park—Crowd Watching Nation's Leading Boxers in Ring of U. S. S. Recruit



HARRY GREB (Left) and JOE BONDS (Right) in first outdoor boxing tournament staged in a city park. JIMMY BLUTE and JOHNNY LISSÉ BOXING.

Poly Prep Victor, but Declines Own Trophy

Scores 65 Points in Scholastic Track Meet, Then Presents Point Prize to Manual—Graeb a Triple Winner.

Poly Prep athletes yesterday swept the boards at the first annual outdoor meet of their organization at Poly Field, Brooklyn. The Dyker Heights lads rolled up the overwhelming score of 65 points, but overwhelmingly presented the point trophy to Manual Training, which finished second with 28 points.

Individual honors fell to Vincent Graeb, a Manual Training student. Graeb captured three events. He was first home in the senior 100 and 200 yard dashes and captured the running broad jump. Graeb started the day by capturing first place in the century, defeating a select field in the fast time of 19 4-8 seconds. A few minutes later he captured the 200 yard run.

Wernicke Point Winner. G. Wernicke and P. W. Francis were the chief point scorers for Poly Prep. Each won a brace of victories. Wernicke's victories came in the javelin throw and the shot put, and Francis triumphed in the high jump and the 100 yard high hurdles. Wernicke also was placed second in the discus throw.

Schaefer Wins Half. Schaefer, who finished second to Bernard in the mile, captured the 800 yard run in easy fashion. The best Bernard could do in this event was fourth place. Schaefer led from the start, and at the end was five yards in front of G. Grace of Poly Prep. J. O'Brien of Erasmus Hall was third. The finishing lid covered the distance in 2:13 2-5.

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STUYVESANT ROLLS UP TWENTY RUNS

Obtains 18 Hits Off Scoville of T. H. H.—Results of Other Games.

Stuyvesant High School yesterday won its fourth straight P. S. A. L. baseball game by defeating Townsend Harris Hall in City College of New York Stadium. The score was 20 to 2. Scoville, the Townsend Harris pitcher, proved easy for the Stuyvesant lads. He was touched for eighteen hits. The score: Stuyvesant 20, Townsend Harris 2.

Brooklyn Prep yesterday enabled his team to defeat the Adelphi Academy nine at Adelphi Field by 11 to 1. He struck out eleven men. Eckman also starred at bat, getting three hits and driving in two runs. The score: Brooklyn Prep 11, Adelphi Academy 1.

By shutting out the Boys High nine yesterday at Prospect Park by a score of 3 to 0 the Brooklyn Manual team took the lead in the standing of the Brooklyn schools. Kuzel, Manual's slugging man, allowed only one hit. The score: Brooklyn Manual 3, Boys High 0.

The Hackley High School nine yesterday easily outplayed the De Witt Clinton High School nine at the score of 9 to 6. The score: Hackley High School 9, De Witt Clinton High School 6.

By bunching their hits in the first inning the Kingsbridge nine easily defeated the Newman School team by the score of 12 to 5. Evans, the Kingsbridge hurler, starred at bat, getting four hits. The score: Kingsbridge 12, Newman School 5.

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Jucosa, Manual Training High School's croquet pitcher, yesterday blanked the Boys High nine at the Parade Grounds. He allowed only one hit. The score was 2 to 0. Jucosa struck out twelve players and issued one base on balls. The score: Jucosa 2, Boys High 0.

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MERCERSBURG LAD BETTERS RECORD

Swede Shatters National Two Mile Figures by Covering Distance in 9:51 2-5.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—Allen Swede, distance runner extraordinary of the Mercersburg Academy track team, today broke the national scotch record for two miles when he romped home a winner by many yards in this event in the annual interscholastic championships of the middle Atlantic States, staged by the University of Pennsylvania.

Swede's time for the event was 9 minutes 51 2-5 seconds, a fifth of a second better than the record established by Charlie Boynton of Newark Central High at Princeton in 1914. The Mercersburg runner wasn't pushed during the last three-quarter mile.

Bob Crawford of Flushing High School was expected to give Swede a hard battle for honors, but decided to concede in the half and mile events instead. He won the mile run in 4:18 and was unable to do better than third in the half mile.

Jimmy Curran's pupils had an easy time in winning the team prize, the Mercersburg athletes scoring 55 points, while St. Benedict's School of Newark scored 18 points for second place. Haverhill Tech was third with 17 and Baltimore Poly fourth with 16. Flushing High School of Long Island was fifth with 12 points.

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However, it appears that Britt had some doubts about the advisability of facing another round with such short notice, and therefore, when Welling scaled two pounds over the stipulated weight the New England champion quickly declared off the contest. In order not to disappoint the ticket buyers Britt consented to go on with his sparring partner, Shaver O'Brien, who

Jersey Boxing Board Adopts Excellent Rules

By CROSS COUNTER. Was more than two pounds over weight. This performance by Britt seems to show that Massachusetts needs a boxing commission to suspend a chap like Britt.

Col. Miller has practically abandoned the idea of putting Willard in the ring with Fulton, and there is small chance of the pair coming together during the war period at any rate. It is questionable if Willard ever will defend his title in the ring, and under the circumstances the best thing for him to do would be to formally announce his retirement from the ring.

As was to have been expected, protests have been filed with the commission against open air boxing in the Newark Velodrome. It does not appear that a community which has welcomed Sunday bicycle racing in the Velodrome can convincingly object to week day boxing in the same arena.

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MUST GET EARLY START IN TENNIS

The Former Violet Sutton Gives Valuable Hints to Girls Interested in the Sport.

BENEFITS ARE MANIFOLD

The famous Sutton sisters of southern California have won so many tennis events that they are qualified to speak with authority concerning the sport. Consequently there will be more than a little interest in the opinions of Violet Sutton, now Mrs. Hope Doug of Santa Monica, who is believed to be the only woman in the country acting as a professional tennis instructor. She has charge of the game in a girls' school and so is interested in sport from the standpoint of the beginner.

"To have a national championship for girls, played in connection with the women's national at Philadelphia, is an excellent idea and I strongly advocate it." Thus emphatically does the present spokeswoman for the Suttons endorse the action of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association in establishing the event, at its last annual meeting. In outlining her ideas for teaching tennis she says that children should have a tennis bat and ball when they are four years old. By starting thus early they become somewhat accustomed to the "feel" of the game's implement, so that they take to instruction much more readily.

Children should begin to learn tennis when they are ten or twelve years old," she says. "For little ones, rackets should weigh about eleven ounces; for the bigger youngsters—10 to 13 years—it is best to use a racket weighing about twelve or thirteen ounces. No girl should play with a racket more than 13 1/2 ounces in weight.

If full benefit is to be derived from the sport wraps should always be put on after playing, and as soon as possible a shower should be taken, followed by a change of dry clothing. Mrs. Doug is chary of "dons," but she does issue this warning to beginners: "Avoid a heavy meal just before playing and don't take cold drinks. This advice is common knowledge to boys, but have been in training, but its importance is often ignored by girls who have lacked this kind of instruction.

"Every school should have, besides a tennis court, a handball court for practicing strokes." With this comment she shows that constant practice is essential if the surmounting of the game is to be developed that make for success on the courts.

Summing up her argument that tennis is a splendid sport for girls and should be encouraged at every opportunity she makes the following points: 1. It is a good, active exercise but not too strenuous.

2. It teaches one to be quick and graceful in footwork.

3. It develops plenty of strength and muscle.

4. It reduces the weight if one is inclined to be too heavy and makes the figure graceful.

5. It teaches quick thinking because one must be alert to an adversary's weakness and place the shots accordingly.

6. It teaches self-control and fine standards of sportsmanship.

Supplementing the opinion of Martin A. Deiney, athletic coach of the Chicago Athletic Association, who writes under the head of "Keeping Fit" the following: "My advice to all frail and nerve shaken girls is to take up the game of tennis as a regular exercise. Right now is the time to make your plans. I believe that tennis is one of the best of all games if played regularly and in moderation. It develops all the muscles, but particularly the arms and legs. It also cultivates accuracy, speed, agility and endurance. Tennis is a game for all—a game for boys and girls as well as men and women.

It is a game which may be made strenuous if so desired by the players themselves, or just a moderate exercise. It gets you out in the open air and sunshine and keeps you jumping around like a grasshopper. It increases circulation and sends you home with a real appetite."

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