

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—By refusing to bestow its holy blessings and official sanction on the proposed bout between young Jack Thompson and Jake Finkelstein, the boxing commission took a drastic step which may have far-reaching effects in the amusement business. By its action the commission implied that Thompson and the gentleman who is known as Finkelstein-Fields having met in two previous fights within the year were not entitled to another meeting. The commission indicated that the two prize fighters, due to their past boxing associations, could not possibly be very friendly and that their main interest in battling again was a sordid one, inspired by pecuniary instincts.

This is a most unusual procedure the commission has adopted because prize fighters as a class are known for their commercial aim than their art and I think a close check-up would show that from time to time a few of these performers have been in the ring doing nothing more malice in their hearts than a little boy blue or a Peter Pan.

THE commission, of course, was influenced in this instance by the fact that Fields the Finkelstein had won both the previous fights from Thompson without any undue exertion, a circumstance which probably made it pertinent to question the necessity of continuing the controversy. Still it is not easy for an old timer to sit back calmly and watch the boxing authorities with their unyielding flair for realism destroy one of the oldest institutions known to the business—namely the brother act. These things have been going on for so many years in so many parts of the country that it seems outrageous that at this late date any attempt should be made to revolutionize the existing routine.

Also it is particularly unfortunate at this time when the amusement business generally is in a chaotic condition and it is practically impossible to tell from one day to another just what is sure fire entertainment and what is not. A smashing brother act that is supposed to work the customers over the big time never has trouble getting bookings as any vaudeville manager will tell you and while that personality pair, Fie and Thompson, may be restrained from delivering a rattle on Broadway, it is quite likely they will be in eager demand elsewhere. Indeed I note by the daily papers that Chicago, always responsive to the cultural appeal of the arts, is already seeking the attraction.

ONE of the most famous of all brother acts in the ring, I am reminded, featured two other welterweights, Ted Lewis, the Englishman, and Jack Britton. I don't recall the exact number of times these gentlemen publicly revealed their offering, but in their twenty-second fight, held at the old Garden, they played to record gate, a matter of some \$65,000, of which Mr. Britton received \$24,000 and his partner, Mr. Lewis, \$13,000.

This was a very vigorous contest and to all appearances was conducted with great earnestness and ardor, and when the customers departed for the exits, after fifteen rounds, there was no unflattering criticism.

Britton and Lewis had been doing their act for such an extended time that they had attained the heights of perfection, and their work was at all times flawless. Mr. Dan Morgan, who managed Mr. Britton and times stage manager of the whole performance, is even to this day very insistent that the two prize fighters always worked on what is known as the up and up and that nothing smacking of sinister or larcenous methods were ever employed.

IN proof of his claim Mr. Morgan seldom fails to tell you of the performance in Cincinnati when the motives of the two principals were impugned by unfeeling critics in advance of the show and he persuaded members of the local boxing board to sit in the corners and take whatever action their sense of justice dictated. This arrangement is similar to the practice of professional magicians who invite the audience to step upon the stage and observe at close range the miracle of a woman being sawed in half.

Such was the artistry of the Messrs. Britton and Lewis that before the fight in question was half over, according to Mr. Morgan, the representatives of the boxing board were leading the cheers. All of which goes to prove that if you make the act look good nobody cares.

Of course in the interest of righteousness an announcement should be made ahead of time that an act and not a prize fight is to be held. I don't believe this has ever been done, possibly due to the common theory that the less the customers are told about such things the better it will be all around—and particularly at the box office.

HIGH-PRICED RIDER

A salary of \$25,000 a year plus a share in his winnings is paid Joecky Laverne Fator. He is believed to be the highest paid jockey in America.

Did You Know That—

THERE are only 1,500 foreign newspaper correspondents in New York City, but applications for passes to the big sports events always run more than 100,000. Babe is Herman, the big Brooklyn ball and bat man, has been in vaudeville this winter with Al Mamaux. The Babe also pulls a few choice vaudeville stunts in the Robins' outfield during the summer. Joe Sewell has played in 1,000 consecutive games of baseball. At short and third for the Cleveland Indians. Everett Scott played in 1,307. Moe Berg, White Sox catcher, is nearly finished with his law course at Columbia university. Nine major league clubs will train in Florida next spring. The Macks, Yanks, Tigers, Robins, Phils, Browns, Cardinals, Braves and Reds.

Butler Five Faces Three Difficult Opponents in Four Nights

Mastro and Taylor Mix in Feature

Victor Tonight Will Strive for Feather Crown of Fistiana.

BY BERT DEMBY, United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Already in possession of the lightweight and welterweight titles and having good potentialities for the heavy-weight crown, the middle west tonight will put forth a challenger for the featherweight championship now held by Bat Battalino.

The challenger will come from a ten-round bout between Buddy Taylor, the best of the bantamweights three years ago, and Earl Mastro, who has risen from "preliminary boy" to a top-notch in less than a year.

The fight is a return engagement, their first match having resulted in a draw. Mastro is favored to win. Taylor surprised everyone by putting up one of the greatest fights of his life in losing Mastro to a draw and he has appeared great in recent workouts. There may be some truth to Bud's statements that he is "coming back." Perhaps he isn't as fast as he once was, but he still is as speedy as most of them.

On the other hand, Mastro is a corner. He has a disconcerting left hook which takes the form of a hook instead of a jab. Earl's trouble has been failure to use his right hand. He learned early that he could beat most fighters with his left, and his managers have had trouble in teaching him to use his right. However, he recently surprised everyone by flooring Santiago Zorilla with a right cross and since then he seems to be learning to put the proper value on his right.

OFF THE BACKBOARD

BY VERN BOXELL

ASIDE from the Newcastle-Cornersville game, tonight's card for Indiana high schools appears just average. But by next Thursday something very definite should be settled as to the outstanding mid-season quietest. Of course, Washington remains the only major undefeated team, but there are others not far behind. The Hatchers' only foe during this period is Cornersville, who are scheduled for victim No. 10. Just how easily the Spartans will submit to this proposed scalping will be seen. If they care to, they could make it pretty tough for the Fridelemons. Maybe too tough, but we rather doubt that.

Columbus, Muncie, Washington, Cornersville, Martinsville, Delphi and Tech each play one game during the next week, and Bedford, Horace Mann, Wiley of Terre Haute, Frankfort, Kokomo, Vincennes and Logansport engage in two.

Shortridge journeys to Shelbyville tonight. The Blue Devils lost to Marion by 11 points and Marion was noosed out by Shelbyville last week by 2 points. Since then, Coach Messersmith brought his charges through to a smashing victory over Elwood. Just how much improvement has been made by the local team will be shown tonight, if you believe in comparative scores.

Tech is idle this week-end, awaiting their battle with the Berries at Logansport New Year's eve. Cathedral, conquerors of Crawfordsburg last week, journey to Anderson Saturday night to meet St. Mary's, the only other game on the books for city high schools this week.

AND DON'T FORGET BUTLER AT THE FIELD HOUSE TONIGHT. HINKLE'S QUINTET WILL MEET THEIR SECOND INTERSECTIONAL FOE, THIS TIME FROM THE SOUTH. VANDERBILT, WITH PRACTICALLY THE SAME TEAM THAT PLACED HIGH IN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE LAST SEASON, WILL BE THE FIFTH VICTIM OF THE BULLDOGS.

Ole Backboard hit two out of three Thursday night to bring his total efforts in picking to eighteen wins and five losses, a percentage of .783. Frankfort and Newcastle came through, but Marion upset the bucket by knocking off Kokomo.

Two of our five misses have been caused by Marion. Maybe they're getting even for what we did to them a few years ago. We picked 'em to stop Shelbyville and they didn't. What next, Horatio?

HORACE MANN OF Gary and Washington of East Chicago, tied for the leadership in the western division of the Northern Indiana Conference, will represent Indiana in the annual Stretator (ILL) holiday journey. The Horsemens are defending champs, winning the title in their first year of competition last December.

SINCE CROWLEY VARIETY WILL BE PLAYING VALPARAISO, THE HORACE MANN RESERVE TEAM WILL SHOULD THE BUSINESS OF TRYING TO WIN THE FIRST GAME AT STRETATOR FROM THE HOST TEAM. COACH CROWLEY WILL TAKE HIS VARIETY TO STRETATOR SATURDAY SHOULD THE HORSEMEN SECURE SURVIVE.

We salute Hazy Silverburg as the fairest scribe in the state. Hazy is the donator on the Muncie Press. In the last number of the recent Newcastle-Muncie game, Rowe, Newcastle center, scored a field goal that probably would have meant victory for the Hookers. Officials called a foul on him, barring the field goal, and as a result, Muncie scored later to hang up a 9 to 7 victory. Somebody asked Hazy for his opinion, and here is what he answered:

Typically speaking, this column breathed a sigh of relief when the referee said the foul was on Rowe, for when the whistle blew we thought the fielder counted and that the Newcastle center was going to be given two chances from the free line. We're none too certain about it ourselves.

Norm Werry, alias Duneland Dribbles of the Gary Post-Tribune, conducted the Washington Hatchets on a five-hour tour of Gary and Chicago after the Fridelemons had walloped Horace Mann last week.

Dallas Host to Pitt Grid Squad

By United Press
DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 27.—Dallas business men will be hosts tonight to the University of Pittsburgh football team, en route to the Pacific coast to meet the University of Southern California in the Tournament of Roses game on New Year's day. The team reached here early today and went for a workout at Ownby Oval, the Southern Methodist university gridiron. Following half a day of rest they will be guests at a banquet and then start on westward.

Grimes Blames Trouble on Wife's Jealousy.

By United Press
CANTON, O., Dec. 27.—Charging his wife's jealousy had handicapped him throughout his major league career, Burleigh Grimes, pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, today filed suit for divorce in Stark county common pleas court.

Grimes home is in Minerva, near Canton, where his petition states he owns property valued at \$21,900. His petition will contest one filed in Pittsburgh last week by Mrs. Grimes. In it she charges desertion. Grimes charges his wife's jealousy was back of his transfer from Brooklyn several years ago and caused him to be filed against him by Commissioner K. M. Landis. He also charges she caused him humiliation in 1928 when the Pittsburgh team went to the west coast to train and she insisted on accompanying him despite an agreement that no players' wives would make the trip. The two were married in 1921.

FAME FOR CHARLOTTE

Captains of football teams at North Carolina university for the last three years and Duke university for two years have been former high school stars of Charlotte (N.C.) high schools.

Tuffy 8 to 5 Favorite to Defeat Risko

Griffiths Needs K. O. Win to Get Miami Bout With Sharkey.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Another of Madison Square Garden's perennial heavyweight elimination contests will be staged tonight with Tuffy Griffiths of Sioux City and Johnny Risko of Cleveland as headliners.

Despite the fact that Griffiths was eliminated rather decisively a year ago through a one-round knockout by James J. Braddock, New Jersey light heavyweight, and that Risko has been "eliminated" the bout is expected to draw a near capacity house.

According to the "ballyhoo," the winner will be in a position to demand the bout with Jack Sharkey billed at Miami Beach in February. Actually the only chance for one of tonight's contenders to secure the Madison Square Garden official's realize that Risko would not be a very good drawing card for their Miami show and unless Griffiths turns in a knockout victory, plan to "build up" Vittorio Campolo as an opponent for Sharkey.

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Giant Stockholders Allege

Stoneham Stole \$500,000

Group Says Club President Used Funds for His Business Enterprises; Renew Fight Monday.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Another chapter of the internal fight among officers and directors of the New York Giants will be made public Monday when attorneys for the rival factions will file briefs and supporting affidavits.

Thursday's hearing on a motion to include Magistrate Francis X. McQuade, former treasurer of the club, as defendant in the action of minority stockholders produced sensational testimony.

Attorneys for the minority stockholders, led by McQuade, charged that Charles F. Stoneham, president of the New York Giants, diverted \$500,000 of the company's money to his own use. The money, it was charged, was taken for Stoneham and for numerous corporations in which he is interested.

Stoneham and his associates were charged with creating a "dummy" company, the Polo Grounds A. C., to divert the club's funds to his private use. The Polo Grounds A. C. was organized in 1927 and has since that time been used to divert the club's funds to his private use.

"When the clique realized the profits from the Dempsey-Firpo fight were going to figure up to \$118,000 they voted themselves a contract whereby the Polo Grounds A. C. was to be paid \$50,000 a year, so that then and there they swindled the minority stockholders of the National Exhibition Company (the Giants) out of about \$75,000, which Stoneham and his dummies were able to put in their own pockets," said James A. Delehanty, counsel for the minority stockholders.

GABBY'S ARM IMPROVED

Hartnett Works Out in Gym and Gets Results.
By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Gabby Hartnett, Cub catcher whose arm failed him last spring, now believes he has it in shape again, following a month of treatment. Gabby has been trying his peg in gymnasium workouts and getting good results, he said.

MOON BAKER WINS

By Times Special
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Moon Baker, Los Angeles heavyweight, knocked out Eddie O'Day, Scranton, in the first round Thursday.

Tonight's H. S. Card

Horace Mann (Gary) at Valparaiso. Gardiner (Terre Haute) at Elkhart. Wiley (Terre Haute) at Rushville. Bedford at Columbus. Jefferson (Lafayette) at West Lafayette. Newcastle at Cornersville. Alumni at Columbus City. W. Palm Beach (Newburgh) at Huntington. Shortridge (Indianapolis) at Shelbyville.

Ouch! Well, to start with, we'll try a comeback by picking the Cardinals to beat Roosevelt of East Chicago tonight at Greencastle. That's giving a small town the break over a big one. And don't forget, our picking average still hovers near the .800 mark.

Indianapolis.
Dear Backboard—I'm glad to see you giving Shortridge more space in your column. Since last Friday this whole darn town has begun to see which is the best city team. If you want to see Shelbyville come down a notch or two, watch S. H. S. repeat the Elwood game tonight. From now on, our game is not going to blow up in the last five minutes. If you don't know it, as for Mr. Joe Clutch, you should throw his letters out the minute you open them.

Here's the way I lineup the city teams: Shortridge, Tech, Washington, Cathedral, Broad Ripple, Park School, and Manual. This list is pretty good now, but there's no telling what may happen between now and sectional time. FELIX.
Sorry, but—

Triangles Nose Out Old Rivals

A successful free throw in the overtime period gave Indianapolis Triangles a 16-15 victory over their old rivals, Indianapolis Flashers, Thursday at East Tenth street gym. Trailing 10 to 6 at the half, the Flashers knotted the count at 15-all at the end of regulation time.

Just as the gun ended the overtime play, a foul was called on Van Morgan, Flashers' all-state guard, and Bob Ball made the winning toss.

Thirteen fouls were called on the Triangles and seven on the Flashers. Triangles made good on six of seven attempts, while Flashers were able to connect on five in thirteen tries. The teams are members of the Indiana Junior Basketball Conference.

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Moss Rounds Out Law Course



WITHIN the next few weeks Malcolm Moss, southpaw pitcher recently purchased by the Chicago Cubs from Louisville, will become Attorney Moss. And doubtless his first case will be to prove that he is worth the \$35,000 the Cubs paid for him. Moss is rounding out his course in law at the University of Chicago law school.

IRISH MENTOR BETTER

By United Press
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 27.—Knute Rockne, Notre Dame coach, who is able to sit up at his home here after a three months' seige with an infected leg, expects to leave for Florida about Jan. 15.

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Vanderbilt Is Opening Foe Here Tonight

Southerners Have Strong Team; Bulldogs Play Danville Saturday.

MEET HUSKERS MONDAY

Three difficult games in four nights face the Butler Bulldogs. Two are with intersectional foes and the other is with the only other undefeated college quintet in Indiana. The Hinklemen open tonight, entertaining Vanderbilt university of Nashville, Tenn. Saturday night the blue and white play their first road game, opposing Central Normal at Danville, and return here Monday night to take on the Cornhuskers from Nebraska university.

Tennis Star on Team

Vanderbilt is heralded as the favorite to capture the Southern Conference court title this season. The Tennessee quintet is composed of veterans, headed by Captain Cram, a guard. In addition to his hard-won honors, Cram was among the first ten in national tennis rankings last season.

Other stars on the quintet are Richard Abernathy, 220-pound guard, who played the same position on Vanderbilt's grid team; Chalfant, sophomore center, and Coffee, a forward.

Danville, led by the Reeves brothers, hopes to avenge the defeat handed them by the Bulldogs last season at the fieldhouse on their home court Saturday night. Last season the two teams raced throughout the campaign for conference leadership. Butler finishing first and Danville second.

Purple Impressive

The Purple warriors were impressive in their victories over Franklin and Wabash, and have spent most of the past week developing a defense to stop Hinkle's sharpshooters. In addition to the Reeves brothers, Coach Cook has a trio of stars in Johnson, Schultz and Smith. G. Reeves is one of the leading scorers of the state.

With the same quintet that created an enviable record last season, Coach Charley Black will bring his Nebraska Cornhuskers to Butler Monday night. Included in the westerners' lineup are Grace and Fisher, forwards; Maclevey, center, and Witte and Lervandowski, guards.

As a preliminary to tonight's game, a group of former stars will oppose the Bulldogs reserves. Wally Middeworth, now assistant coach at Indiana university, is organizing the alumni squad, which will include Chandler, Bug, Jackman, Nipper and other former pastimers. The preliminary will start at 7:15, with the main attraction slated for 8:30.

SHIRES UPSETS BAILEY

Art Flattens Easy Opponent Before 5,000 Buffalo Fans.

By United Press
BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—"Right now I'm a great ball player—better than a fighter, but I'll get around to the top notch at this game, too," Art Shires said in discussing his one-round knockout of Wild Bill Bailey of Cleveland here Thursday night.

The White Sox first baseman flattened Bailey in one minute and twenty-two seconds. Bailey, whose boxing career has been confined to meeting "tenth rate amateurs," showed little fight and was an easy victim. Attendance was estimated at 5,000.

Skill in Field Fails to Help Earl and Andy

Supporting Bouts Are Announced for Next Show.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Fielding may be an important factor in major league baseball, but Earl Sheely, former Pittsburgh first baseman and Andy High, St. Louis Cardinal third baseman, are finding the distinction of leading the National League in fielding an empty honor.

Sheely, recently released to the minor leagues, today was officially named the high average fielder of the 1929 season. High is slated to be displaced by Frankie Frisch. Champion fielders, among the regular players, in the various positions were: Sheely, Pittsburgh, 10, 996; Critch, Cincinnati, 2b, 974; High, St. Louis, 3b, 967; Jackson, New York, ss, 969; Allen, Cincinnati, cf, 988; P. Waner, Pittsburgh, rf, 987; Stephenson, Chicago, lf, 984; Lorian, Philadelphia, c, 986; Vance, Brooklyn, p, 1,000.

Four Rounds—Jimmie Burgess, Indianapolis, vs. Soldier Coolsby, Ft. Harrison, junior lightweight.
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The Konerman brothers of Cincinnati, who have places in the first two prelims, have been winning all their matches in the Queen City since they emerged from the simon pure ranks a few months ago, and they have come in for lots of attention by Cincy sports scribes. Billy Moore, one of Bud Taylor's boys, Jack Carbone, Jimmie Burgess and Soldier Coolsby all won their last fights at the Armory this winter.

HOPPE TAKES LEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Willie Hoppe took a lead of 100 to 87 over Welker Cochran, Thursday in the first two blocks of their 400-point three-cushion match. Best run was thirteen by Hoppe. Play lasted thirty-nine innings in the afternoon and forty-one in the night.

GOPHERS PLAY CHICAGO

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The University of Minnesota hockey team, mid-west college champions, will meet the Chicago Athletic Association's sextet here Saturday night.

THURSDAY H. S. SCORES

Frankfort, 15; Martinsville, 10. Advance Varsity, 25; Frankfort Reserves, 21. Marion, 32; Kokomo, 30. Delphi, 34; Roosevelt (E. Chicago), 24. Delphi Reserves, 30. Elkhart, 15. Newcastle, 26; Wiley (Terre Haute), 24. Newcastle Reserves, 30; Kennard, 48. Attica, 21.

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